

WELCOME! TO THE  
SUMMER LANE CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

# The Announcer.

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## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Trevor; Irene.

Eric and Family.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Those have Fallen  
Away

Regent ( John )

To all our members who  
are not here for one  
reason or another.

That God may open  
people's hearts to the  
gospel and that God will  
add to our number.

### Study

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## What Does It Take?

**W**hat does it take for a congregation to grow? What does it take to have a successful gospel meeting? What does it take to have any successful endeavour within the church? These are questions that have been thought about since the beginning of the church. They are questions that the members think about. They are questions that the preacher thinks about. They are questions that deacons and elders think about. The Bible has the answers to these questions, and in this article I would like to look at three things that it takes for the church to be successful.

**First**, their must be a yearning on the part of each individual to do God's will. We must want to please God and practice his word in our life more than anything else in the world. This must be our number one aim in life and should embody our greatest efforts of thought and action. Jesus said in Matthew

6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." We can and MUST seek first God's kingdom. There were some in New Testament times, however, that did not seek God's kingdom first. We read about them in Revelation 3:15, 16. There Jesus says to the church at Laodicea, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Here were some that did not seek God's kingdom first and Jesus couldn't stand the taste of them. Let's not be like the Laodiceans, but let's have that yearning that we need to have to seek God's kingdom first in our lives.

**Second**, we must take advantage of our opportunities. Jesus said that the field was white unto harvest (John 4:35). There were opportunities before the disciples that they had not begun

to ponder. We must pray that God will open our eyes to the opportunities that are before us. We certainly don't want to be like that one talent man who went and buried his talent in the sand (Matthew 25:24-30). We also want to remember the words of James in speaking of the man who sees an opportunity to do good yet fails to do it.

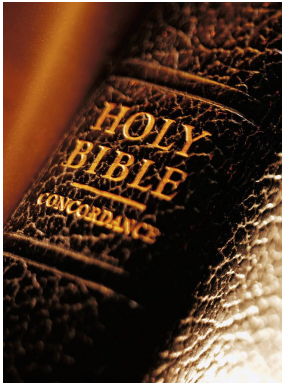
James says that this is a sin (James 4:17). Let us pray for opportunity and then pray that we will use our opportunities wisely.

**Third**, members of the church need to be ubiquitous. This means that we are everywhere. (Oxford Dictionary) People in the world know us when they see us.

We go into the community and let people know what we are doing. We speak to our neighbours regarding the gospel. This is what those in the first century did. We read in Acts 8:4 ". . . they went everywhere preaching the word."

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# Bible Studies for the Week of April 20th 2008



AM Sermon.....	Temptation Vs Sin ( <b>Ricci</b> )
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	Hebrews 4:15, Matthew 4:4, Romans 12:19-20
Adult Bible Study.....	Ecclesiastes( <b>Ricci</b> )
Scripture Reading for service .....	Psalm 2; Rev. 19:11-21
Sunday School Class .....	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class .....	Daniel 11 ( <b>Trevor</b> )
Ladies Bible Class .....	Soup Kitchen
Sunday Bible Class: PM .....	To Know Him By Name ( <b>Ricci</b> )

## What Does It Take?

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Will you let God's power work through you?

### CON>>>>>>>>

It was said of the Christians in the first century that they had turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

Everyone knew who they were; they knew where they were; they know what they taught! Do people in our community today know about us? Are we ubiquitous?

These three things are just a few that help the work of the church. There are many, MANY more that we could discuss.

But there is a **fourth** that stands out among these three that we need to recognize. It comes from these three things itself, **Yearning**, **Opportunity**, **Ubiquity**.

Do you see it? That's right, the fourth thing is **YOU**.

Ask yourself today, what have I done to help the church? Do I have that yearning that I need to have.

Have I given proper attention to the opportunities that are before me? Do people know who I am and what I stand for in the community—am I ubiquitous? Yes, **YOU** are the key to success in the church. God uses men and women just like you and me to work in His kingdom, but we must choose to work.

Paul wrote to the brethren at Ephesus, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,

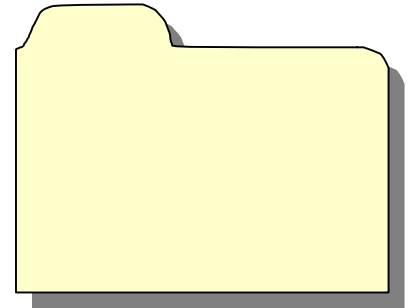
according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20, 21).

God's power works "IN US!" His glory is "IN THE CHURCH!" We must seek to glorify him through our lives and let His power work through us toward the salvation of souls in the world.

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## For The Files: Week Beginning April 13th 2008

Sunday Bible Class .....	8
Sunday AM Worship .....	31
Sunday School .....	3
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month .....	
Thursday Evening Study .....	10
Contribution .....	£167.00
Budget .....	£100.00.



### Ricci's Corner. Salvation Outside the Church

"What is the meaning of the affirmation: 'There is no salvation outside the Church'?"

There are two extremes to avoid here. One, that the church herself saves. The church is composed of those people who, by faith and obedience, have been saved. The church is the saved, not the Saviour. The saved are added to the church (Acts 2:40,41). She has no power of her own to save others. She is, on the other hand, God's instrument to save. It is her mission to proclaim the gospel in order that all people might be saved. Hers is not to merely be a good example and do good works, but to "speak a good word for Jesus," as Joe Gray put it. Hence, it is appropriate to speak of individual Christians saving others (see 1 Corinthians 7:16; 9:22; 1 Timothy 4:16; James 5:20; Jude 1:23).

The second extreme to avoid is to consider that the church has no relation to salvation.

This is the common denominational view. But redemption is in Christ (Romans 3:24), as is eternal life (Romans 6:23), justification (Galatians 2:17), son ship of God (Galatians 3:26), every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3). To be in Christ is equivalent to being in the one body, in the church (Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:14). To be baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27) is to be baptized into Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:13).

One must also consider, in this question, the nature of the church. For it is not the popular idea of a building, a hierarchy, a conglomeration of denominations and divisions which teach differing doctrines, nor some associa-

tion which people may call a church. The church was established by Christ (Matthew 16:18); the saints bear his name as Christians (1 Peter 4:16); they follow his lead as the one with all authority (Matthew 28:18); they speak only the gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2); they carry out his mission of world evangelism (Matthew 28:19,20); they worship according to his instruction (John 4:24). Amen!

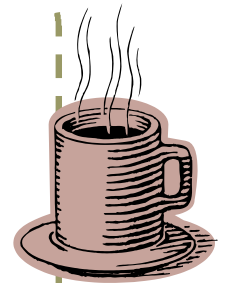
#### Study Night.

Brethren tonight is study night at our home. You are more than welcome to bring family or friends along. The study will start at **6.30pm sharp**, otherwise we will not get finished until late.

There will be tea/coffee and soft drinks, as well as snacks.

We pray you will be able to attend and enjoy this study night.

My lesson will be entitled "To Know Him By Name".



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## IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Soup Kitchen: 23.04.08.

11am- 1.30 pm

Study Night at the Gambino's:

Tonight 6.30pm.

Fellowship Meal 27/04.08

At the building, after services.

Birthday: Eliot

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

**ScripturesSay.com**

## God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship .....	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study .....	10:00 AM
Sunday School .....	10.00 AM
Ladies Bible Class .....	Every Wednesday 1:00 PM
Thursday Evening Bible Class .....	7:30 PM
Men's Bible Study Class .....	First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

## Serving Each Other

*April 20th 2008*

*April 27th 2008*

### Sunday Morning

President

Eric

Edwin

Preaching:

Ricci

Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Trevor

Trevor

Norman

Eric

Lord's Table

Edwin

Ricci

Richard

Philip

Closing Prayer

### Sunday Evening: Preacher

Ricci

Trevor

Flowers

Rita

Elle

Tea

Rita

Elle

### Building clean for April: 08

**All Please**

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