

WELCOME! TO THE  
SUMMER LANE CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

# The Announcer.

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## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Those have Fallen  
Away

Stephen, Susan's son.

Trevor Wellsberry.

Astle, Rita's grandson.

Elle.

Heather Daly.

Trevor and Irene.

Stan and Georgina.

Val And Family.

Grace and Family.

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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## Another Way To Know Our God (?)

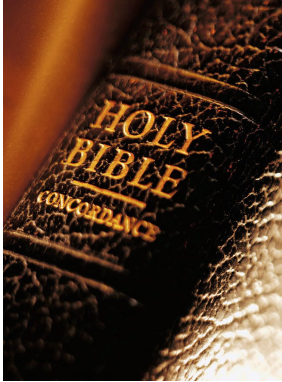
**R**ecently I read of a sign that hung outside a denominational church. It said, "Experience a new way to know God." Think about it for a few minutes. If God wanted me to know Him, the Creator, the Sustainer, the Giver of life and salvation, how would He reveal himself to me? Are there any new ways to know God--ways in which God has not revealed Himself to us? Better ways than the ways He reveals Himself to us now? Let's think about this question together. According to Hebrews 1:1, God revealed Himself to people of old times by the prophets in diverse portions and diverse manners. Sometimes God used dreams to reveal things as in the case of Joseph. Sometimes God used divine messengers (we call them angels) as in the case of Lot at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorra. Sometimes God revealed Himself directly in the form of a person such as in the case of

Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15). Most of the time, however, God spoke through prophets--men who preached His word to the people. According to Peter, this involved the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Peter wrote regarding these prophets: "...holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). This was the way in which God once made Himself known to men. Today there is only one way that God makes Himself known to us--it is through the person of Jesus the Christ. The Hebrew writer continues the thought in Hebrews 1:2 that in these last days God has spoken to us by His Son. Jesus is the **only** means through which we can come to know God today. The best way for one person to reveal himself to another person is to TELL that person **in person** what he or she wants the other to know. This is what God has done through Jesus. He has told us, in the person of Jesus, what He wants us to know. I recently Heard of a

story about one of the presidents of the United States who was standing on the edge of a yacht. He had been there for some time just staring intently into the ocean. The people around wondered what great thought was pulsing through the president's mind. At last he turned around, looked at the crowd and spoke. "Do you see that seagull over there?" he asked. The crowd listened intently. "I do believe," he said, "that it is dead." Oh the disappointment that must have swelled through the crowd to think that their president would be considering such low thoughts. Disappointment, however, only due to the fact that he had not revealed his mind to them; they assumed him to be thinking great things. All the speculation of those around could not reveal what he alone could. God reveals himself through the person and life of Jesus Christ--His Son.

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# Bible Studies for the Week of July 27th 2008



AM Sermon.....	Man has Three States (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	Psalms 8:4
Adult Bible Study.....	Ecclesiastes( Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service .....	1 Kings 8:44-61; Romans 3:19-31
Sunday School Class .....	( Rita )
Thursday Bible Class .....	Matthew 24 ( Trevor )
Ladies Bible Class .....	
Sunday Night Bible Class .....	The Soul; Q+A. ( Ricci)

There are no "new ways" to know God today.



## Another Way.. CON

To know God we merely need to know the Son and He has revealed the Son to us in His word. John boldly states, " No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*" (John 1: 18).

While there will be some who will enter that denomination which tells a "new way to know God," I will not be one of them. God has given us the only way to know Him today--the Bible. The Bible contains the history of the preservation of the people from which His Son arrived. The Bible contains the story of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son. The Bible con-

tains the continued story of the kingdom of God's Son through the efforts of the apostles and prophets in the church. It is complete in its revelation (Jude 3; 2 Peter 1: 3; James 1:25). There are no "new ways" to know God today.

God has revealed Himself to us in the greatest possible way personally through His Son, Jesus the Christ. And through the excellencies of His knowledge we can come to know Him (Philippians 3: 8-10).

## Provide.

One of the worst words that can be applied to a Christian is "unfruitful."

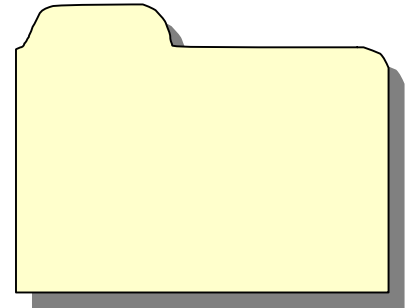
Whether it be the mind engaged in unproductive activities -- even in church! -- (1 Corinthians 14:14), or the heart choked by worldly cares and the seductiveness of wealth (Matthew 13:22), to produce nothing of spiritual worth chills my soul.

Paul tells Titus what "our people" (what a charming phrase!) can do to avoid fruitlessness.

"Make every effort to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; make sure they have what they need. Here is another way that our people can learn to engage in good **CON**>>>

## For The Files: Week Beginning July 20th 2008

Sunday Bible Class .....	10
Sunday AM Worship .....	25
Sunday School .....	3
Sunday Night Study - Once A Month .....	
Thursday Evening Study .....	9
Contribution .....	£160.00
Budget .....	£135.00.



### Ricci's Corner.

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works to meet pressing needs and so not be unfruitful" (Titus 3: 13-14 NET).

To help someone on their way means "to provide funds or means of travel for someone." It includes hospitality and tickets. Hospitality in the New Testament was a missions activity.

Paul urged Titus to spare no effort to help Zenas and Apollos. This was priority! They were engaged in the Lord's business and deserved full attention by God's people.

This is why John would write a whole letter (3 John) to make sure travelling preachers got the support they needed. And why the apostle names Diotrefes as a trouble-maker.

Refusing to help God's

evangelists is a high crime. Forbidding others from doing so is the height of insolence.

The needs are pressing, says Paul to Titus. Urgency demands action.

Perhaps Zenas and Apollos carried Paul's letter to Titus and were heading for a new phase of their journey. Whatever their task, it was God's work and deserved the churches' support. The churches Titus worked with should take note of these men.

Part of being fruitful in God's kingdom is supporting the pressing needs of his messengers.

How wonderful to know how to avoid being unfruitful!

#### The Three Stages Of Man!

Brethren as you can see from the pervious page my sermon today will be on the "**Three stages of Man**" Last weeks sermon on the "**SOUL**" I pray got your appetite wet?

Today I'm looking deeper at the various states of man.

"The flesh;  
The intermediate state;  
and finally The Eternal state".

Brethren this has been a topic of much discussion in recent weeks here at Summer Lane. Trevor has presented two lessons on this subject already. As stated above I'd like to take it a little further today.

We are intending to hold question and answers to the these two sermons. This will be held Tonight at the evening study. **6PM start** right here in the building.  
Ricci



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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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Ladies Class, 23.07.08

1.00pm-2.30pm

Study Night, Tonight

27.07.08, 6pm start.

Night Study At the Gambino's

17/08/08; 7pm start

Special collection Sunday (2).  
31.08.08

Birthday: Blossom

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

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## 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

*July 27th 2008*

*August 3rd 2008*

### Sunday Morning

<b>President:</b>	Joe	Norman
<b>Preaching:</b>	Ricci	Trevor
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Ricci	Trevor
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Phillip	Joe
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Roy	Eric
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Norman	Richard
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>		

### Sunday Evening: Preacher

<b>Flowers</b>	Georgina	Blossom
<b>Tea</b>	Georgina	Blossom

**Building clean for Aug: 08**

**All Please**

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