

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

Regent (John)

Mike Scott And family.

Bob And Sylvia.

Val 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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Some Common Misconceptions About Evangelism

When you mention the phrase, "Personal Evangelism" some people just cringe. It is an awesome and daunting responsibility to take the gospel to other people in an up close and personal kind of way. The Past couple of years, I have been tried several efforts to get the word out about one event or another that the church was having. I have also done some door knocking and speaking to people about the gospel and while I don't know everything about personal evangelism (and do not think that I am really that good at it), I have come to learn that I had several misconceptions about personal evangelism. **Misconception number one: Most people hate to talk about the Bible.** While there are some that try to avoid subjects such as this, many people will be happy to have a discussion with you about it. Most of the time the problem is that we ourselves are not comfortable talking about it and that makes

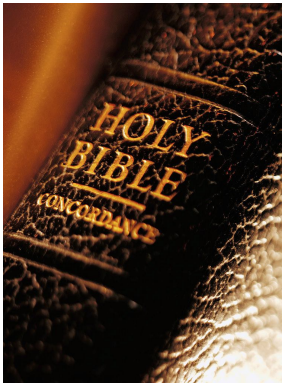
the other person uncomfortable talking about it as well. If we demonstrate a comfort level of talking about the Bible, and smile and are generally pleasant, you will find that people will open up to you in the conversation.

Misconception number two: I just don't know enough to talk to someone else about the Bible. You would be surprised to find out how much we really do know in respect to most people in the world. Out of all the "churches" in the world, the church of Christ emphasizes regular Bible study. Most others simply do not emphasize this and as a result their membership is very weak in knowledge of the Bible. Again, a lot of times, it is our own personal comfort level that is the barrier. We need to get in the position to teach others the basics and then get out there and teach. One more thing—there is nothing wrong with telling someone that you don't know the answer to their question but that you will find out and get back to them. The church at Corinth

had many questions that they wanted answered so they wrote a letter to Paul to get them answered. Sometimes we need to get answers from someone who knows a little more about God's will. This is OK and people will understand if we need to do this. **Misconception number three: I just don't know how to do personal work.** Oh, but you really do. Personal work does not necessarily have to be a personal Bible study every time you go out to do it. It can merely be visiting the nursing homes, hospitals, passing out flyers, or visiting the sick. Simply getting out into the community, getting involved, and making contacts is often the best personal work that one can do. There are PLENTY of things to be done and that need to be done that anyone can do. We can find something for EVERYONE to do in regard to personal work.

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Bible Studies for the Week of May 4th 2008



AM Sermon	No Details Given (Trevor)
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	No Details Given
Adult Bible Study.....	Ecclesiastes(Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service	Psalms 69:13-28; Rev. 21
Sunday School Class	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class	Daniel (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class	No Details Given
Men's Bible Class.....	No Details Given (Trevor)

Some Common Misconceptions About Evangelism, CON.

Obedience.

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Misconception number four: Nobody is going to respond anyway. The problem with this is that it is a defeatist attitude. Of course nobody is going to respond if we don't go out and work. You never know who is going to respond to the gospel until you go out and do some work. And I don't mean just a little work either. Many people think that one Saturday of door knocking per year is enough, and then they deem the effort "unsuccessful" because of the little results that it generated. If we were out in the community knocking doors once a month, people would take notice of that and wonder what's

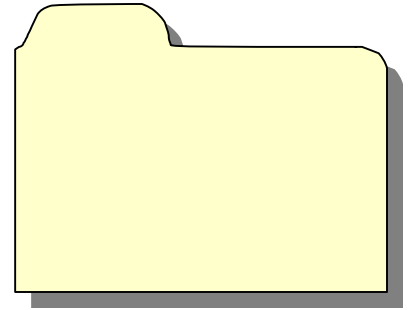
going on. Consistent steady efforts are the key to any successful endeavour. How many successful salesmen do you know who gave up after their first pass through the community? Any good salesman will tell you that it takes time, effort, and consistency to gain a new client. Why should we think that it would be any different in our spiritual work as well? We can do personal work in our community. The biggest barrier to this is ourselves. We need to determine to get out and start evangelizing for Christ. The stakes are too high and the souls of men hang in the balance to do anything less. Let's resolve to redouble our efforts and

make a greater determination to evangelize our community than we have in the past. The fields are white unto harvest!

High in the mountains of North Wales in a place called Llany-mawddwy, lives a shepherd named John Jones with his wife Mari and his black and white dog Mack. A visitor stood one misty summer morning in the window of their farmhouse watching John on horseback herding the sheep with Mack. A few cows were quietly chewing their cud in a nearby corner while perhaps a hundred sheep moved across the dewy meadow toward the pens where they were to be dipped. CON>>>>>

For The Files: Week Beginning April 27th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	12
Sunday AM Worship	28
Sunday School	1
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month	10
Thursday Evening Study	11
Contribution	£125.00
Budget	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner. (obedience.)

Mack, a champion Scottish collie, was in his glory.

He came from a long line of working dogs, and he had sheep in his blood.

This was what he was made for, this was what he had been trained to do. And it was a marvelous thing to see him circling to the right, circling to the left, barking, crouching, racing along, herding a stray sheep here, nipping at a stubborn one there, his eyes always glued to the sheep, his ears listening for the tiny metal whistle from his master, which you can't hear.

Mari took the visitor to the pens to watch what John had to do there. When all the animals had been shut inside the gates, Mack tore around the outside of the pens and took up his position at the dipping trough, frantic with expectation,

waiting for the chance to leap into action again.

One by one John seized the rams by their curled horns and flung them into the antiseptic.

They would struggle to climb out the side, and Mack would snarl and snap at their faces to force them back in.

Just as they were about to climb up the ramp at the far end, John caught them by the horns with a wooden implement, spun them around, and held them -- ears, eyes, and nose submerged for a few secondsWhen the rams had been dipped, John rode out again on his horse to herd the ewes which were in a different pasture. Again the visitor watched with Mari as John and Mack went to work, the one in charge, the other obedient. Sometimes, tearing at top speed around the

flock, Mack would jam on four-wheeled brakes, his eyes blazing but still on the sheep, his body tense and quivering, but obedient to the command to stop. What the shepherd saw the dog could not see -- the weak ewe that lagged behind, the one caught in a bush, the danger that lay ahead for the flock.

"Do the sheep have any idea what's happening?" the visitor asked Mari.

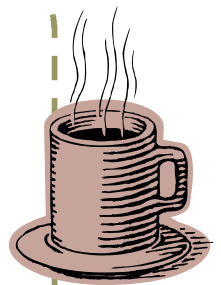
"Not a clue!" she said.

"And how about Mack?" the visitor never forget Mari's answer.

"The dog doesn't understand the pattern -- only obedience." Should this not be our attitude toward our Shepherd as He instructs us by His written word?

Remember, Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:9).

Think About It!
Have a Great Day!



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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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Men's Class: 06.05.08.

7.30pm-9.00pm

Ladies Class: 07.05.08.

1.00 pm-2.30pm

Study at the Daley's. 11.05.08:
6.30pm Start.

Men's Day 17.-05.08.

Ephesians 4:1-16 In depth study.

Birthday: Non Noted.

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

May 4th 2008

May 11th 2008

Sunday Morning

President	Roy	Trevor
Preaching:	Trevor	Ricci
Opening Prayer:		
Scripture Reading:	Norman	Philip
	Ricci	Richard
Lord's Table	Roy	Norman
	Richard	Eric
Closing Prayer		

Sunday Evening: Preacher

Flowers	Georgina	Blossom
Tea	Georgina	Blossom

Building clean for May: 08

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