

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Those persecuted for
the faith in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Those have Fallen
Away

Trevor and Irene.

Rita and Richard.

Those coming to teach
us next week.

All congregations of the
Lords church.

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.

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You Need To Listen!

"O earth,

earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD" is the great proclamation of Jeremiah (22:29). When we look on all the problems that the world faces today. Whether we should still be inside Iraq and Afghanistan or whether we should spend money on this building. whether an individual will stop drinking, smoking and change their life.

We should shout from the rooftops with Jeremiah "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!" Herein lies the solution to all of earth's problems regardless of how great or small the problem may be. Do we truly listen to the word of the Lord? Do we truly read it for what it is worth and bow ourselves in obedience to it? Therein lies the greatest problem for all mankind—the attitude of not listening to God's word. And listening implies obedience from God's standpoint. If one has not obeyed,

one has not truly listened. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

I remember as a child being asked the question, "If you were granted one wish, what would it be?" You see my answer today would be different to the one I gave as child. I now know exactly what to wish for. My wish would be for the world to listen to God's word and obey it. What a simple, but profound solution to all the problems of mankind whether big or small.

In truth, there is only one problem that is truly a problem, the refusal of man to listen and obey to the word of God. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

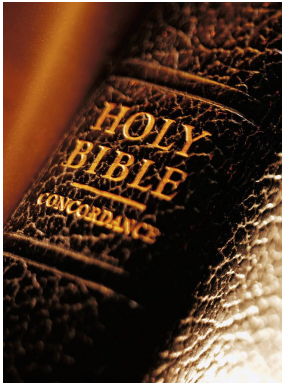
Does not God look down upon this earth as an experienced father would look at his teenage children and say, "If they would only listen to me, I would be able to help them." But in rebellion ahead and take up God's challenge. Hear his word and obey it and see if he won't bless you!

Don't you believe that every good father who has ever had teenage children wants them to understand this, that life for them would be so much easier if they would just listen! This is the message that God has for us as His creation. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!"

Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. . ." (Matthew 7:24). The wise man listens to Jesus and acts upon what he hears.

Who does Jesus define as the foolish man? "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. . ." (Matthew 7:26). Wise or foolish--the choice stands before us today. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!" Lets listen and obey Jesus' words? Ricci

Bible Studies for the Week of October 19th 2008



AM Sermon.....(**Trevor**)
 Scripture Reading for Sermon.....
 Adult Bible Study.....1,2,3 John (**Trevor**)
 Scripture Reading for service Deut. 32:19-35; Romans 12
 Sunday School Classes (**Rita/Mandy**)
 Thursday Bible Class1,2,3 John (**Trevor**)
 Ladies Bible Class
 Sunday Night Bible Class

Nail.

"A ghastly deed
 Could people be so low;
 So full of selfish lust and greed,
 To make Him suffer so?"



Our Loving Lord was crucified By cruel hands of old; In agonizing pain He died; Betrayed, deserted, sold, Insulted, beaten, spit upon With thieves on either side; A victim killed by brutal brawn Inspired by jealous pride. We say today, "A ghastly deed Could people be so low; So full of selfish lust and greed, To make Him suffer so?" In looking back, it's hard to see How men could be so mean; To kill our Lord 'mid shouts of glee, and think their hands were clean. Yet, every day, we crucify Our Lord with pains anew, When careless deeds of ours deny The only Name that's true -- Each wilful sin become a nail --

Each act of hate, a spear; A crown of thorns when thoughts prevail That bring a bloody tear. The vulgar words that pass our lips Is spit upon His face; When hoarding wealth in miser's grips, Like thieves, we bring disgrace. So friends, it's time we knew each wrong That causes us to fail Will once again His pain prolong, And drive another nail!

Unknown

The Lord Needs You

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." (Luke 19:33,34 NET).

Jesus had sent two disciples into Bethany to get the colt

for what we call today the triumphal entry. He told them where to find it and what to say to the owners: "The Lord needs it."

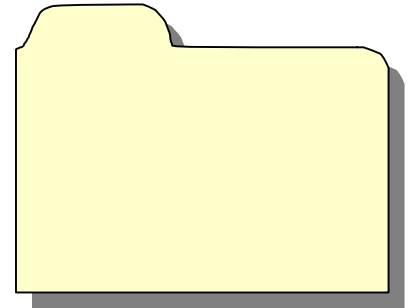
In one sense, the Lord needs nothing of ours nor of us. To an Israel addicted to formal religion he declared: "I do not need to take a bull from your household or goats from your sheepfolds. For every wild animal in the forest belongs to me, as well as the cattle that graze on a thousand hills. I keep track of every bird in the hills, and the insects of the field are mine. Even if I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all it contains belong to me." (Psalm 50:9-12).

He wanted sincere worship from Israel, not because he needed it, but as adoration of the heart on the worshippers' part.

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For The Files: Week Beginning October 12th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	
Sunday AM Worship	
Sunday School	2
Sunday Night Study - Once A Month	11
Thursday Evening Study	13
Contribution	£174.00
Budget	£135.00.



Ricci's Corner.

There is nothing I can do for God. He has no personal need that I can fulfil. As God he is self-sufficient and complete.

In another sense, however, the Lord has seen fit to use our lives and acts for his kingdom. Jesus told the Twelve:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you" (John 15:16).

What Jesus says to the Twelve here is also true of every Christian. By his graciousness, he has made Man a part of his work to save others. In this sense, then, it is appropriate to say, as Jesus did of the colt, that he needs us.

So when a mother is discouraged about her children, the Lord needs you to cheer her.

When a child is frustrated or sad or hungry in this world, the Lord needs you to care for him.

When you meet someone who has yet to obey the divine commandment, the Lord needs you to teach that person.

When false teachings creep into the church, the Lord needs you to stand up and speak the truth clearly and lovingly.

When funds are in short supply to do the work, the Lord needs you to

be generous.

When tempers flare and harsh words begin to fly, the Lord needs you to act as a peacemaker.

In the family, the Lord needs you to fulfil your role. In society, he needs you to be salt and light. In the church, he needs you to be a pillar for truth and platform for peace.

To be co-workers with God, as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 6:1, is a humbling and glorious thought.

To have been chosen by him to go and bear fruit in this world as a part of his great mission leaves our heart in great awe, gives speed to our feet, and strength to our hands when we hear him say, "The Lord needs you."

J. Randal Matheny

This and That.

Can you believe that it is only two approximately 2 months 'til Christmas? Seems like that time of the year always creeps up on us all.

Mandy has already requested my seasonally Christmas card list.

This is perhaps the most hectic part of the year and that is exactly the way our announcements look as well for next few weeks. We have a lot going on. First, since I mentioned Christmas already, let me remind you that as family we asked you all if anyone would like to join

us in a day of fellowship. Unfortunately no one has. In light of this We as a family have made our own arrangements now for Boxing day.

Next week we have our long weekend campaign. Brethren I cannot emphasise enough how very important it is for us all to pull our weight. Age will not be an excuse. We will need all hands on deck for the whole weekend. Not just in making plenty of tea and coffee etc, but in attending all meetings which have been lovingly arranged.

This weekend has been planed for many weeks, so I am sure we can trust on you to be here for all classes.

Also note that there is a "**Half Marathon**" next Sunday, organised by the local council. Be sure to adjust your route to church, so as to be on time for worship Please!!!

Home Church.

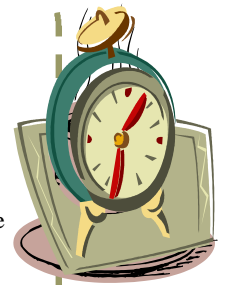
Dear brethren can I just say a few words to those of you who don't come to the home churches? "You don't know what you are missing"!!

We have some great study, and some great food.

Mandy even said "We seem to get to know one another even more at these studies". To that I agree.

To those of you who don't attend, I encourage you to do so, come and be blessed in the Lords word, come have some good food, come and have fellowship with your brothers and sisters in the Lord. Come!!!

Ricci



Clocks Go Back next Week!

There is a "half marathon" next Sunday, organised by the local council. Be sure to adjust your route to church, so as to be on time for worship Please!!!

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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CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEK.

Building Clean, 22.10.08:

1.00pm-2.30pm

Gospel Weekend

Oct 24th-26th 2008, See Notice Board For Details

Birthday: Stan.

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

October 19th 2008

October 26th 2008

Sunday Morning

President

Eric

Ricci

Preaching:

Trevor

G/Speaker

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Norman

Trevor

Scripture Reading:

Philip

Joe

Lord's Table

Richard

Roy

Lord's Table

Joe

Jin

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening: Preacher

G/Speaker

Flowers

Grace

Ann

Tea

Val

Rita

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All Please

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