

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Blossom and her Family

Ruth

Bob and Sylvia Garri-
son.

Shirley.

Those have Fallen
Away

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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Caretakers

“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:1,2).

In October 2006 the elected government of Bangladesh had completed their five-year term of office and resigned, handing over administration to a caretaker government. The term and authority of this administration are strictly limited, with its primary responsibility being the conducting of elections within a specified period of time. They have no jurisdiction or power to engage in other functions except those particularly designated and necessary to the ongoing administration of the country during this period.

When Jesus, having been crucified for our sins and raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, he "gave gifts to men ... for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:8,12,13). All authority was and is

vested in Jesus himself (Matthew 28:18). In his absence, however, he has designated limited authority and function to believers, that his work might be done and his and the Father's names be glorified.

The concept of a "caretaker government" seems very close to Paul's self-designation in 1 Corinthians 4. "Consider us ... stewards" (i.e., overseers, manag-



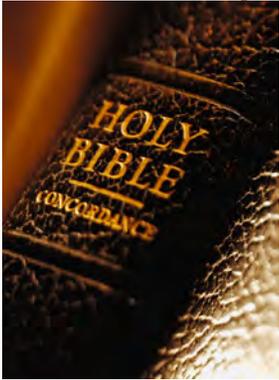
ers), he says. And remember that stewards are required to be faithful. Caretakers are watched closely. They are not allowed to overstep their bounds or exceed their authority. Neither are Christians. God has taught us carefully how we are to live, what we are to do in his service, and how we are to conduct ourselves towards others. We must stay within those

limits.

Whether we use the term caretaker or steward or servant, we also are reminded that we are given oversight of that which belongs to another. Nothing for which we have responsibility is truly ours. It all belongs to Christ (Colossians 3:3,4; 1 Corinthians 6:20). This applies to our possessions, our talents, our relationships, our opportunities, our bodies, and our lives. Jesus is returning, and when he does he will claim all as his (Philippians 2:10,11). At that time our faithfulness will be examined and we will be judged "according to what (we) have done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10b). If we have squandered that which belongs to him, or even if we have neglected to use it profitably (Matthew 25:26-30) we will be held to account.

The caretaker's job may seem to be somewhat unfair. He has great responsibility with only limited authority and not much prospect for personal gain. Why should he accept such a position? There are many answers to this question, but two take precedence. First is his regard and commitment to the one who commissions him. **CON.....**

Bible Studies for the Week of February 10th 2008



AM Sermon.....	Judgment Day Now?? (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon	I Sam. 3:1-19
Adult Bible Study	The Church (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Ezekiel 3; Rev. 10
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Daniel (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class	No Details Given
Men's Bible Class	

Caretakers (cont.)

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Caretakers are selected by the departing prime minister or similar head of state. It is an act of trust, and from the caretaker's perspective, a declaration of loyalty and devotion. One serves his prime minister out of respect, duty and, possibly, friendship.

The second primary motivation is devotion to the population (nation). Government must continue. Certain functions must be carried on or all will suffer. Elections must be held and stable, permanent government assured. Any patriotic citizen should be stirred by such need, and, if one has the ability and opportunity to serve, that need compels acceptance

of the responsibility.

Surely the application is obvious.

There is no head of state more loved than our Lord, Jesus. There is no need more compelling than that of the billions of lost souls yearning for the Gospel of peace.

Given a similar commission, the prophet Amos responded, "The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8). May we answer likewise!

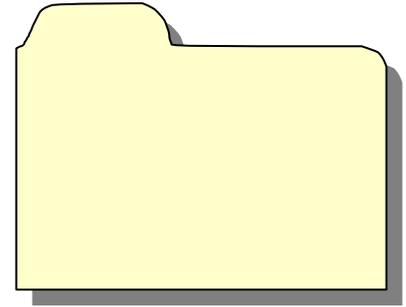
"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10).

We at Summer Lane would like to thank Bob and Sylvia Garrison., a dear brother and sister in christ, who have sent \$1000 to help in the cost of the stair lift. Please keep them in your prayers please.

For The Files: Week Beginning February 3rd 2008

Sunday Bible Class	8
Sunday AM Worship.....	31
Sunday School.....	No Class Today
Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	No Details Given
Thursday Evening Study	No Details Given
Contribution.....	No Details Given
Budget	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner. (Foolish Anger)

“God, I’m going to ignore what you say, but if things don’t work out in life, you can bet I’m going to blame you.” People may not actually verbalize it in that way, but the sentiment is reflected in the life of some. They will accept the Scriptures that refer to the love of God and expect to be recipients of that love regardless of what they do. Then when following their own way gets them into trouble or produces adverse consequences they wonder why God’s love has failed.

Solomon stated, “When a man’s folly brings his way to ruin, HIS HEART RAGES AGAINST THE LORD.” (Proverbs 19:3 ESV)

The New Living Translation reads, “People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD.”

It makes me think of a child who refuses the help of a parent in putting something to-

gether and then gets angry when it doesn’t turn out right. When correct directions are ignored why should there be an expectation for things to work out properly? This is no more true than with regard to spiritual matters and living life in accordance with the right standards.

Things not working out well is not always linked to wrong we have done. There are many variant causes of challenges and misfortune in this life. However, when it is our improper actions that have brought about the bad results, instead of being angry with God we should turn to Him in REPENTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of our sin and seek His guidance in returning to the path He would have us take. Experiencing the failure of going our own way can be a good thing if it directs our focus away from our own will to that of God.

God has lovingly provided the best guidance for life possible, but He is not going to force any one to follow His Will. When that Will is disregarded, it is foolish to blame Him when the wrong choices have been made. Rather than getting angry, let us rejoice that the vast distinction between His Way and ours can be seen. Then let us allow a REPENTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT to accept His Will so that we may continue to receive the blessings associated with His Way.

Have a great day ADHERING TO GOD’S DIRECTIONS FOR LIFE!



24:02:08 Sermon:
Break up the Ground.
Jeremiah 4:3



“However, when it is our improper actions that have brought about the bad results, instead of being angry with God we should turn to Him....”

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 Activity: 13.02.08,
1-2.30pm.

Look at the Notice board for up and coming events. Located in the coffee lounge

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 Second Monday 12:30 PM
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

February 10th 2008

February 17th 2008

Sunday Morning

President

Trevor

Edwin

Preaching:

Ricci

Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Trevor

Norman

Lord's Table

Richard

Eric

Roy

Ricci

Edwin

Philip

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening.

Flowers

Georgina

Blossom

Tea

Georgina

Blossom

Building clean for Feb: 08

All Please

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