

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.

Blossom and her Family

Lynnette

Ruth

Bob And Sylvia

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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Sharing In The Power of God

Food is the fuel that keeps our bodies running. Without it we become sluggish and weak.

Spiritually, we must also feed or grow too weak to go through life.

Peter wrote, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:22-23.).

As Peter teaches, when we "obey" our souls are "purified" through the process of being born again (John 3:1-5). We stay purified through loving and fellowshiping our brethren and staying connected to God. Since we are born "through the word of God," we endure in it forever. Cultivation of this word in our heart is the most important way to prevent the withering of faithlessness.

In Ephesians 1:15-23 we read Paul encouraging the Ephesians brethren because of their strong faith. He instructs them in how they can increase their faith and how they are blessed because of their faith.

First, the power is given only to the faithful. Paul writes,

"and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power" (Ephesians 1:19).

Rechargeable batteries are a marvellous invention that illustrate the power of God. Batteries are worthless on their own. They provide power and then when the power has dissipated, they are discarded.

With rechargeable batteries they are plugged into the power source and become renewed. When the power is gone, the batteries are worthless again until they are returned to the power source. The power is not in the battery but in the charger. To have the power God wishes for us to have, we must be in Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27).

When we become a child of God we gain access to this renewable power source, by the grace of God. We are simply tools, not the source of the power. Without God's power we begin to fade until we are lifeless.

Second, the power results from the Word. David Dewitt writes, "Many years ago a woman in a remote area went to great expense to have electricity installed in her home. She was the first one in her area to do so. A few

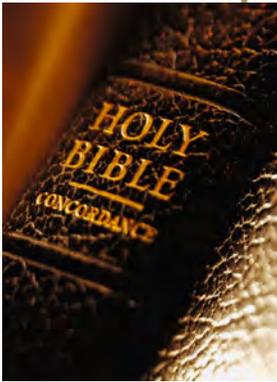
months after the wiring the electric company prepared her bill and noticed that she had hardly used any electricity.

They sent out a repairman thinking something was wrong. He noticed that the meter was running and asked her if she used her electricity. She said, Of course we do. We turn on the lights every night so we can see to light our lamps and then we turn the lights off.' Doesn't that sound ridiculous? Having all of the power that you need and the ability to tap it all of the time but only using it enough to get by."

We have an even greater power through the Word of God and we neglect it and futilely try to make our own light. This "power" of God is in the "glory" which is through the "knowledge of Him" which was "worked in Christ" (Ephesians 1:18-20). This power comes from Christ and it is renewed in Scripture.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Bible Studies for the Week of February 24th 2008



AM Sermon.....	Farming (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon	Jeremiah 4:3
Adult Bible Study	The Church (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service	Daniel 10; Rev. 11:19 to 12:17
Sunday School Class	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Daniel (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class	No Details Given
Sunday Night Bible Class	Beatitudes (Trevor)

TWas A Sheep

**"What do you think?
If any man has a
hundred sheep, and
one of them has gone
astray, does he not
leave the ninety-nine
on the mountains and
go and search for the
one that is straying?"**



*Twas a sheep, not a
lamb, that strayed
away, In the parable
Jesus told—A grown
up sheep that had gone
astray, From the ninety
and nine in the fold.
Out on the hillside, out
in the cold, 'Twas a
sheep the Good Shep-
herd sought;
And back to the flock,
safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the
Good Shepherd
brought.
And why for the sheep
should we earnestly
long, And earnestly
hope and pray?
Because there is dan-
ger if they go wrong,
This may lead the
lambs astray.
For the lambs will fol-
low the sheep, you
know, Wherever the
sheep may stray;*

*When the sheep go
wrong, it will not
be long Till the lambs
are as wrong as they.
And so with the sheep
we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the
lambs, today;
If the lambs are lost,
what terrible cost,
Some sheep will have
to pay.*

A Childs Prayer

A mother walked past her young daughters room before bedtime and observed her kneeling beside her bed, with her head bowed and her hands folded, repeating the alphabet.

“What are you doing?” she asked.

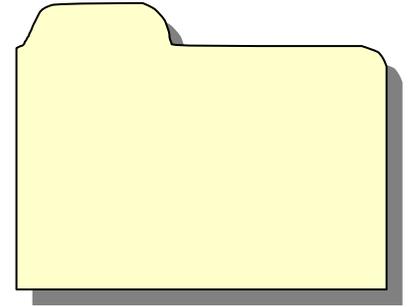
“I’m saying my prayers,” she explained, a sweet smile across her face, “But I couldn't think of just what I wanted to say. So I’m just saying all the letters of the alpha-
bet, and God can put them together however he thinks best.”

ATTENTION!!

Brethren the soup kitchen is coming up, again and as such its vital that as many ladies come and help out. Please can I ask that these dates are pencilled in and that you make the time to come and help. Practical help is vital on days like this. Can I also ask that one of the ladies stays to lock up and make sure all is tidy please? Mandy normally has to get off to pick the children up from school so can I ask that one of you does **NOT RUSH OFF** but stay to do this task!!!

For The Files: Week Beginning February 17th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	8
Sunday AM Worship.....	32
Sunday School.....	No Class Today
Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study.....	10
Contribution	£169.00
Budget	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner. (Bend the Tree)

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

One parent recalls making a mistake as a parent that plagued him for decades. Finally he picked up the phone and apologized to his son. "Of course I forgive you," the now grown son declared, "but to tell you the truth, I don't even remember the incident!"

The two most important factors in a relationship are humility and forgiveness. We must have sufficient humility to admit our mistakes, and enough maturity to forgive others their mistakes. Parenting is not an easy task, for several reasons.

1. The "Birmingham Institute of Parenting." Of course there is no such institute! Most parents receive little training for this vital task. We send policemen to academies and engineers to engineering school, but expect parents to direct their little ones with no preparation!

2. The "Advice-is-Free" Hot-line. Do you want unsolicited advice? Just have a baby. Aunties and confirmed bachelors, strangers in the supermarket, and grandparents will all offer advice! Most of the advice is worth what you paid for it.

3. The "One Size Fits All" Uniform Factory. Children are individuals. What worked for one child might not work for the next. Older children put terrible pressure on younger children when they achieve certain things. We're not manufacturing matchboxes, we're moulding human beings.

4. The "Free Fall School of High Diving." This is the theory that parents have only one chance to do it right. That's a lie! While children grow and mature, so do parents! We can study and learn from our mistakes. Any relationship is a dynamic, growing, living thing. It's never static. Our problem is that we get our parenting advice from Oprah,

the self-help shelf, practically any source of help except the word of God! We forget that when we bend the tree in a certain direction, it affects not just his next twenty years, but his eternal destiny! When you bend the tree, make sure you also bend the knee!

Kids are spiritual beings with eternal souls! The direction of this bent tree will extend for an eternal lifetime!

Adult Sunday study

Brethren we are coming to the end of our studies on "The church" in adult Sunday studies.

I am about to get to work on our next topic, and as such I'm going to ask you what you would like to study? Two topics to choose from are;

1. The book of Ecclesiastes.
2. A Christian life.

These particular lessons (Topic 2) will involve many questions for you to answer at study and some question which will be set to do in your own time. So, let me know NOW, so I get on with preparing them.



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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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Sunday night study 6pm Tonight.

Ladies Soup Kitchen: 27.02.08,

ALL PLEASE

11:15 am- 1.30 pm

Praise Afternoon. 22/03/08,

12.30-4pm.

Birthday: Hazel

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto;

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

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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 24th 2008

March 2nd 2008

Sunday Morning

President Roy Ricci

Preaching: Ricci Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading: Trevor Ricci

Philip Eric

Lord's Table Eric Roy

Richard Edwin

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening.

Flowers Mandy Val

Tea Mandy Val

Building clean for Feb: 08

All Please

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