

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.

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Why Give The Invitation?

Many preachers today no longer give the invitation. In fact, some congregations don't. Recently I read that a preacher had refused to give the invitation. The eldership asked him to give the invitation. They then ordered him to give the invitation. But he would not. He refused in a written letter to the eldership to give the invitation. The invitation is that final five or ten minutes of a sermon in which the preacher invites anyone who needs to come forward to confess fault, or to become a Christian to do just that. But it is not upon the authority of the preacher—it is upon the authority of the word of God that the invitation is offered.

Jesus gave an invitation in Matthew 11:28-30. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We come to Christ by obedience to His word (Hebrews 5:9). Peter gave an invitation in Acts 2:40, "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." And there was a

response!

In verse 41 it says that they that gladly received his word and were baptized!

Paul gave the invitation in Acts 17:30,31. He said, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." There was a response here as well. In verse 34 we read that certain men clave unto him.

The Spirit and the bride both give the invitation to come and drink of the water of life. We read in Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." The very ending of the New Testament contains an invitation!

Now, if Jesus, Peter, Paul, John, the Spirit, and the Bride gave an invitation, who am I to say that I am NOT going to give an invitation?

The disciple is not above his Master (Matthew 10:24)! The basic truth of the matter is this. We either believe that people need to respond to the

gospel of Jesus Christ or we do not. If we do not, then there is no use in giving an invitation.

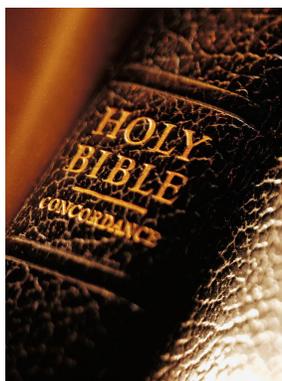
If we do, then we must make every effort with all of our heart, soul, and mind, to appeal to that person who needs to repent. We are finite humans who are limited in knowledge. We just do not know if there is someone listening who needs to respond to the gospel of Jesus. Do you want to gamble with someone's soul by not offering them the opportunity to respond to the invitation? I sure don't.

The invitation of Jesus is basically this. If you are a Christian and you need to publicly repent, then please come forward now and we will pray with you and for you. If you are a Christian and are in need of the prayers of the church for any other reason, then the church stands ready to receive you and pray for you.

If you are not a Christian, then you need to become one by hearing the gospel (Matthew 7:24-27), believing it with all your heart (John 20:30,31), repenting of your sin (Luke 24:47), confessing Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 16:16) and being baptized for the remission of your sins (Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:18,19). This is God's invitation.

Let's give it!

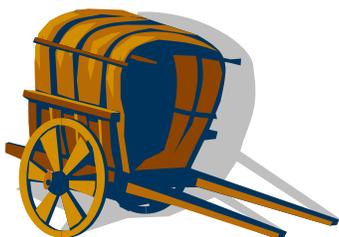
Bible Studies for the Week of March 9th 2008



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| AM Sermon | Worship Practice (Ricci) |
| Scripture Reading for Sermon..... | 1Cor.16:1-2 |
| Adult Bible Study..... | The Church (Ricci) |
| Scripture Reading for service | Jeremiah 51:1-14; Rev. 14 |
| Sunday School Class | No Details Given |
| Thursday Bible Class | Daniel (Trevor) |
| Ladies Bible Class..... | Ladies Activity |
| Men's Bible Class..... | A Years Wages (Ricci) |

Flying Away On a Sin Wagon(To Hell)

“Sin Wagon.” This song glorifies the concept of sin like none other before.



I don't know if it is still popular, but the message is still true. God does not tolerate immorality or the love thereof. (Romans 1:32).

I don't know if many people listen to “country” music in our congregation. I don't listen to this music, but there is a song by the Dixie Chicks called “Sin Wagon.” This song glorifies the concept of sin like none other before.

We have all heard songs that glorify specific sins such as fornication or adultery—these are bad enough. But this particular song praises and glorifies the concept of living a life of sin. In the song, a woman leaves her husband because she does not want to submit to him. The woman subsequently seeks debauchery and profligate extra-marital sex. In the song, the woman asks for forgiveness, but with no intention of repenting. The last chorus of the song, the woman refers to sex as salvation and says

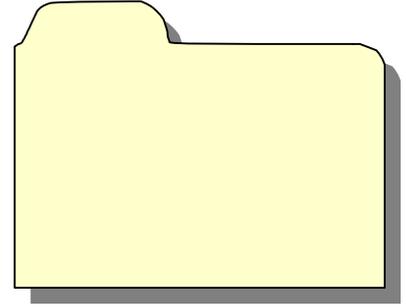
that the Lord will have to “take me with my feet dragging” presumably to heaven. And in the very last line of the song, the woman vociferates, “I'll fly away, on a sin wagon.” The words “I'll fly away” are sung to the melody of the well-known hymn. The very concept of a “sin wagon” filled with debauchery and licentiousness should repulse and nauseate every moral person alive. However, the more deadly thought in this song is that people can live a life of rancorous sin and expect to go to heaven when they die. This is, however, an old doctrine. Every true Calvinist believes the doctrine of once saved always saved. Perhaps the Dixie Chicks will help every Calvinist realize just how wrong and sinful this doctrine is. The Bible plainly teaches otherwise. God hates sin (Proverbs 8:13; Isaiah 59:2; Zech.8:17). Satan is the father of all evil (John

8:44). Those who die in sin will earn the wages of sin—spiritual death (Romans 6:23). Sinning is falling short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. . .” (1 John 3:8). Jesus said, “Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin” (John 8:34). Jesus came to the earth to take away sin (John 1:29). He lived a sinless life (Heb.4:15; 1 Pet.2:22; 1 John 3:5). He died on the cross so that we might have forgiveness from our sins (Rom.5:8; Rom.8:3; Heb.9:26). Those who wilfully sin against him spit in his face and despise His death (Heb.10:26-28).

The Dixie Chicks and every person who listens to this song will die. It is sad, but if they are unrepentant, they will be kindling for the fires of hell (Rev.21:8). “Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame” (1 Corinthians 10:34).

For The Files: Week Beginning March 2nd 2008

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| Sunday Bible Class | 12 |
| Sunday AM Worship | 31 |
| Sunday School | 2 |
| Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month | |
| Thursday Evening Study | 8 |
| Contribution | £124.15 |
| Budget | £100.00. |



Ricci's Corner. (Wisdom)

If any of you is lacking wisdom, ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5

When you last begged God for something, what was it? Wisdom? Or something a little more physical, and earthly?

Solomon prayed for wisdom to govern God's people. One suspects that his request was something of a surprise to the Lord. God, who had dealt with several materialistically-minded people before seems to have expected Solomon to ask for "long life, or riches or the life of [his] enemies" (1 Kings 3:9-11). For the Lord, it must have been a refreshing change!

Now wisdom should be distinguished from a mere accumulation of facts. Education and book learning has its value, but these are not synonymous with wisdom. You might be a rocket scientist and not attain Biblical wisdom. But James speaks of a particu-

lar kind of wisdom. He writes of wisdom in the context of trials and difficulties. In the three verses previous to these words on wisdom, he urges his readers to "consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds." In just a few more verses (verse 12), he will declare, "Blessed is the man who endures trials." In a word, James is saying that when in times of trial, duress and suffering, if we cannot see the benefit or the meaning in it, ask God for the wisdom to see it! This particular kind of wisdom will help us to learn the lesson of suffering. Trials do not have to be senseless wallops that send us reeling. They can be the occasion for learning, growing and maturing.

You don't see that? Then ask God for the wisdom to see it!

LADIES PLEASE READ!!!

Ladies I am encouraged by your commitment to the soup kitchen, but again I must ask you **ALL** to pencil these dates in and not plan other things on these dates.

This is very important work of the church and it shows how committed you are to that work by being there to help. So **PLEASE** can we have you **ALL** committed and not plan other things for these days. We have to thank those ladies for last weeks soup kitchen, boy we had at least **TWENTY** people come and receive free food. They also took away literature on the Lord. Amen!

Disabled Toilet Now Available!
Brethren last week I mentioned the stair lift had been finally placed in the building. This week I also have to mention that the "**disabled toilet**" has also been added. Stair lift and disabled toilet, boy we are moving forward. Thank you Lord!

Welcome Visitors!
We would like to say Hi to our visitors from across the pond. Matt and his wife Ashley have come to see us from Jacksonville AL. They are only here to see us today so brethren make them feel very welcome this morning.



John 4:24, Jesus said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

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: 11.03.08: 7.30pm-9pm

Ladies Class: 13.03.08.

1.00pm- 2.30 pm

Praise Afternoon. 22/03/08.

12.30-4pm.

Special Collection: 30.03.08

Birthday: Non Noted

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.

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| 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

March 9th 2008

March 16th 2008

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday Evening.

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| Flowers | Margaret | Rita |
| Tea | Margaret | Rita |

**Building clean for March:
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