

## 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

Our government.

All CoC.

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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## Spreading the Gospel Message

Is the glass half-empty or is it half-full? I believe that the glass is half-full and that this is the attitude that God wants the faithful Christian to have. We have so many in our community, some of whom are members of the church and are not coming; some of whom are not members, but want to be members somewhere.

It is our responsibility to reach out to all of these with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We could, on the one hand consider the glass half empty in their regard, but wouldn't you rather consider it half-full? I sure would!

It is not hard to invite someone to our worship services.

Ask them where they go. Let them know they would be welcome if they wanted to come over and visit with us. Give them a tract or two to encourage their interest. There is at the back of the building short tracts/survey sheets that I made specifically for the purpose of introducing the church to those who want to learn a little about the church.

I have handed a few of these out to some of our members already. I encourage everyone to use these to help evangelise our community. I am sure that the leadership would love to have the problem of having too many Bible studies and not enough people to lead the study.

Jesus said, "Say not

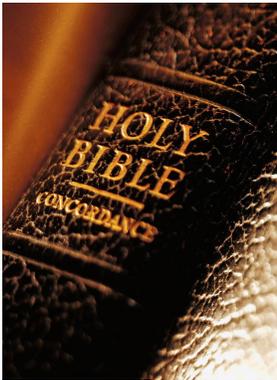
ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:38).

Let us teach and pray and then teach and pray some more.

There are souls who are ready to be added to the church (Acts 2:48). **What are you doing to help them?**

Let's resolve to try and talk to one person this week about the church of Christ.

# Bible Studies for the Week of April 6th 2008



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| AM Sermon .....                     | Is it a Sin to miss church?( <b>Ricci</b> ) |
| Scripture Reading for Sermon.....   | Hebrews 10:23-27                            |
| Adult Bible Study.....              | Ecclesiastes( <b>Ricci</b> )                |
| Scripture Reading for service ..... | Isaiah 13; Rev. 18:1-20                     |
| Sunday School Class .....           | No Details Given                            |
| Thursday Bible Class .....          | Daniel ( <b>Trevor</b> )                    |
| Ladies Bible Class .....            | No Details Given                            |
| Men's Bible Class.....              |   |

## (THE "COUCH POTATO SYNDROME")

*" And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"*

It seems that the average Britain, after a long day at work, ignores their spouse, yells at the kids, kicks the dog, stuffs their face, and flops on the couch in front of the television spending the rest of the evening glued to that squawking square box. It has been said, and rightfully so, that Britain's have become a nation of "couch potatoes." Britain no longer seems to have the time to read or converse with their family because of that infamous Britain squawk box. Many Christians are sadly falling into the same "couch potato" syndrome that is plaguing Britain. Too many of God's people are spending every free moment in front of their "electric Baal." One realizes, of course, that watching television in not sinful, in and of itself, the

sin comes into play when we watch programs that are not wholesome, and/or leave important tasks undone because we are mesmerized by the "zombie box." It is critical that we realize that anything we place above God in importance has become our idol, and idolatry is a sin (Exodus 20:3). Let us not consider a couple of important duties that will suffer if we are guilty of the "couch potato" syndrome. It is seven o'clock, we have just finished our evening meal, and have cleaned the kitchen.

What are we going to do now? Are we headed directly for the television? Or, are going to spend some quality time with our children in instruction and relationship building? Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

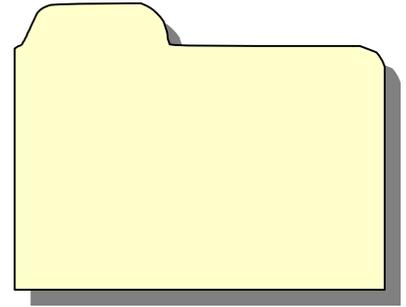
Paul in similar fashion

states, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

In light of these two passages, should we spend every free moment in front of the television, or should we spend substantial time in the training of our children? Our children have very impressionable minds, they have many seemingly unanswerable problems that confuse them, they have temptations and confrontation which trouble them. If we do not talk with our children, REALLY TALK with our children, how will we ever be able to help, encourage, and advise our children in the way they should go? If children are unable to go to their parents with problems, they will go somewhere else. Do you really want your children to seek advice from someone else - especially if you are unaware **CON>>>>>>>>>>>>**

# For The Files: Week Beginning March 30th 2008

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| Sunday Bible Class .....                      | 12               |
| Sunday AM Worship .....                       | 30               |
| Sunday School .....                           | 1                |
| Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month ..... | 4                |
| Thursday Evening Study .....                  | No Numbers Given |
| Contribution .....                            | £103.00.         |
| Budget .....                                  | £100.00.         |



## Ricci's Corner. (THE "COUCH POTATO SYNDROME")

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where the advice is coming from? Should we not turn the television off and spend some quality one on one time with out children?

Another duty that is often neglected because of the television is our personal Bible study. It is an hour before bed time - so what are you doing?

Are you going to watch television, or studying your Bible?

How many hours do you spend watching television compared to the time you spend studying your Bible? Would you be embarrassed to say?

Paul instructs, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Jesus said that "the truth will make you free" (John 8:32), and later informs us that God's word is truth (John 17:17). Realizing, then, the great importance of God's word (John :23-24), and how we will be judged by these words (John 12:48), should we not want to know the words of God? The Bereans

studied the word of God daily (Acts 17:11). Should we not do the same?

Many are "couch potatoes" soon to become "baked potatoes" in the day of judgment. Will you turn off the "electric Baal" a little more often so as to spend the time needed with your family and the word of God? Set a good example, don't spend so much time in front of the television.

### Fellowship Meal.

Brethren as its been a while since we've had a fellowship meal here at the building, so I thought we would have one on the 27th April 2008. As this is the last Sunday in the month, again I thought we could stay on at the building ready for the evenings study which starts at 6pm. The afternoon could be spent in study, singing and praising our God.

Bring a friend/s along and make the whole day a day of worship.

### Home Church

Brethren a few weeks back I made mention that myself and Joe would be starting "Home church" study nights.

We thought we could alternate between our two homes.

Well after getting together we have come up with the first two sessions.

The first **Home church** will be held at my home on 20.04.08 at 6.30pm. Hot/cold drinks will be available with snacks.

The second session of the **Home church** will be in Joe's and Angela's home on 11.05.08 at 6.30pm

### All Classes will START ON TIME!!

Dates will be given to you all in good time. These studies will be in addition to those already under way at Summer Lane held on Tues/Weds/Thurs/Sun, AM+PM. Throughout the week/month.

I encourage you all to attend to study Gods word. Why not invite friends, neighbours and family to come along to these studies, set in a formal homely setting.

### Sadness

Brethren I take it from the numbers of survey sheets left at the back of the building that you feel its not worth handing them out. That saddens me!! Saints you don't even have to preach the gospel with these. Just hand them out, and ask them to tick no more than **5 boxes**, then request they hand you back the sheet. When they have, hand it to me and I will do the rest if you would like.

I thank the two sisters who have already handed them out.

### Date for the Diary

Brethren also a date to write in your diary, "**NOW**"! Gospel afternoon on the 26th July 2008.



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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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Ladies Class: 09.04.08.

11.00pm– 1.30 pm

Door Knocking. 19.04.08

10am at the building.

Study Night at the Gambino's.  
20.04.08: 6.30pm

Fellowship Meal 27/04.08

At the building, after services.

Date for diary: 26/07/08

Gospel Afternoon. See Christian worker also for details.

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 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

*April 6th 2008*

*April 13th 2008*

### Sunday Morning

**President** Norman Ricci

**Preaching:** Ricci Trevor

**Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture Reading:** Trevor Eric

Richard Philip

**Lord's Table** Eric Roy

Philip Norman

### Closing Prayer

### Sunday Evening: Preacher

**Flowers** Hazel Trinidad

**Tea** Hazel Trinidad

### Building clean for April: 08

**All Please**

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