

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Those have Fallen
Away

Regent (John)

Mike Scott And family.

Bob And Sylvia.

Val And Family.

Sue.

Joe And Angela.

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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Stand In The Gap

On the night of April 14th, 1865, a man named John F. Parker was assigned to be a bodyguard for President Abraham Lincoln. On this fateful night, Parker reported to the white House at 7:00 P.M. (which was three hours late). He was then told to go to Ford's Theatre and wait for the President's party to arrive.

After Mr. Lincoln and his guests arrived and were seated, Parker took a seat just outside the State Box of Mr. Lincoln's. From this seat Parker could only hear the play—he soon left so as to find a better seat. At the intermission of the play, Parker and Charles Forbes (Lincoln's footman) invited Francis Burke (Lincoln's coachman) to join them for a drink at a tavern next door to Ford's Theatre. During this time, John Wilkes Booth entered Ford's Theatre, walked straight into the State Box of Mr. Lincoln, and shot him in cold blood. If John F. Parker had been at his post, more

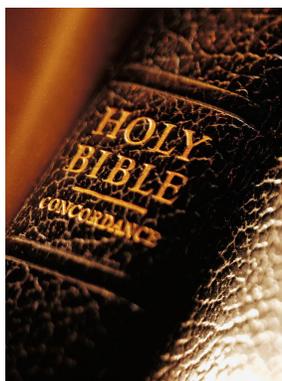
than likely, a great man would not have lost his life.

There has always been a need for men of God to "Stand in the Gap." Ezekiel penned these words by inspiration: *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none"* (Ezekiel 22:30). At this time in history, the kingdom of Judah had gone from bad to worse. It was completely run down—even to the death of the righteous Josiah. The following men who ruled on David's throne after him (his three sons and one grandson) were not righteous, nor did they care if they were. The people became just as depraved and God allowed them to be taken into Chaldean captivity (606 B.C., 597 B.C., 586 B.C.). The young prophet Ezekiel was taken in the second captivity at twenty-five years of age and began his prophecy at thirty three years of age. When Ezekiel was called to his prophetic

ministry, God described his future hearers as rebellious, impudent, stiff hearted, hard-hearted, and with foreheads hard to dent with the Truth (Ezekiel 2:3,4; 3:7-9). With people to work with such as these, is it any wonder there were no men who could make up a hedge and stand in the gap?

In the entire twenty-second chapter of Ezekiel, one can see the depravity of God's people. They were far removed from God and were involved with so much immorality, it was not surpassed by the most heathen nations in the land. Jerusalem had become the bloody city filled with abominations. It was mocked by all of its heathen neighbours because of its rebellion toward God. They were guilty of not helping the fatherless and the widow. This city of peace had now become a city of blood and abomination to God. There was a dire need for faithful men to stand in the gap and defend God's revelation against all who would disobey it. What about today? **CON**

Bible Studies for the Week of April 27th 2008



AM Sermon	No Details Given (Trevor)
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	No Details Given
Adult Bible Study.....	Ecclesiastes(Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service	Ezekiel 38; Rev. 20
Sunday School Class	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class	Daniel (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class.....	No Details Given
Men's Bible Class.....	

Stand In The Gap:

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 Where are the men to stand in the gap and defend God’s Word—no matter what others may say? There are those who preach today who will not declare “All the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). They are more afraid what the members may say if they speak too harshly against sin and its consequences than speaking what is true. These men do not spend enough time in preparation for their sermons and Bible classes. They are afraid to stand in the gap when the Truth of God is being torn down and ridiculed by the religious world. When the church for which our Lord died and shed His blood is being attacked, they will stand idly and

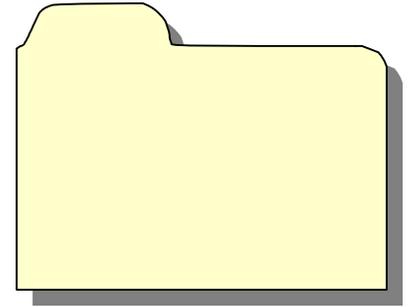
watch her be ripped apart by men and their doctrines. Woe be unto any man who would dare to sit back and do nothing when the beautiful bride of Christ is being attacked! It is not the members, the elders, or anyone else we should be afraid of—but the living God (Hebrews 10:31)! Had John F. Parker been doing his duty, President Lincoln would not have been shot. John F. Parker was not standing in the gap. He let other things take his mind away from his duty, and the result was the loss of the life of a good man. Where will we stand when the Lord’s church is being attacked by men? In the shadows—or in the gap?

Happiness:

Where is TRUE HAPPINESS FOUND? If you randomly selected ten individuals walking down the street, you might get ten different insights. The world certainly has a variety of ideas on the subject. The world says it is found in forgetting about God and doing your own thing. After all, if you think about God you are liable to feel the twangs of guilt from time to time and that is a real killer of joy. The world also says happiness is found in wealth, position, and notoriety. Or it is suggested that happiness is found in dominance over others so that you can have your way and what you want. But if these things truly bring **CON**

For The Files: Week Beginning April 20th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	12
Sunday AM Worship	31
Sunday School	1
Sunday Night Study - Twice in the Month	10
Thursday Evening Study	11
Contribution	£165.00
Budget	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner.

Happiness.



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happiness, why is there so much sadness in the world? Why are we surrounded by so much discontent about life?

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in unbelief. "Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: I wish I had never been born."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in pleasure. "Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone.

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in money. "Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in position and fame. "Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed

more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in military glory to conquer nations. "Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

What is the TRUE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS? It is found in having a proper connection with God.

The Psalms begin with these verses: "(1) BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO DOES NOT WALK IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED OR STAND IN THE WAY OF SINNERS OR SIT IN THE SEAT OF MOCKERS.

(2) BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW

HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT. (3) HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER, WHICH YEILDS ITS FRUIT IN SEASON AND WHOSE LEAF DOES NOT WITHER. WHAT-EVER HE DOES PROSPERS."

(Psalm 1:1-3) Isn't that a grand picture. Rather than "blessed" some have translated this "happy". It is the picture of an individual so connected with God where true wisdom is followed so as to provide a life marked by stability and continuing fruitfulness. God's Ways are what truly lead to the truest and most lasting HAPPINESS we could possibly experience. What the world offers is fleeting and often for only the moment. What God offers is eternal. (Note also Jesus' description of the "blessed" or "happy" individual in Matthew 5:3-10).

May we live in such a way that others will seek the TRUE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS we have found -- or rather, that has found us. Praise God!

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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: 30.04.08.

1.00 pm-2.30pm

Door Knocking 03.05.08. At the building 9.30am. 10am start till Noon.

Fellowship Today.

Study Night 6pm.

Ricci's next sermon: "Words of Terror", Luke 16:23-31. 11/05/08.

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.

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 27th 2008

May 4th 2008

Sunday Morning

President

Edwin

Roy

Preaching:

Trevor

Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Trevor

Norman

Eric

Ricci

Lord's Table

Ricci

Roy

Philip

Richard

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening: Preacher

Trevor

Flowers

Elle

Georgina

Tea

Elle

Georgina

Building clean for May: 08

All Please

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