

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Those have Fallen  
Away

James Bryson.

Bob and Sylvia.

Trevor and Irene.

Val And Family.

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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## Enthusiasm or Zeal For the Word of God.

**H**ave you

ever looked at the word "zeal and enthusiasm"?

We have been created in Christ Jesus, and called into Him by the Gospel, to be a people zealous of good works (Titus 2: 14). In that same connection the apostle Paul made use of the expression "maintain good works" (Titus 3: 8). God determines the area of good for us, and His children then must be zealous to learn of the good, do the good, and keep on doing the good! But we often show we do not understand real, scriptural zeal (or enthusiasm). A showman can get in the pulpit, virtually know all the Bible, wave his arms, do hand stands, and use the platform as a running track, and brethren marvel at his "enthusiasm for

God!" Some of the same type behaviour exhibited by one called a "youth minister," when appealing to the young people, results in parents turning the souls of their youngsters over to the man, for he has "such zeal!" Really now, don't we confuse showmanship, or bragging, etc. with zeal and enthusiasm?

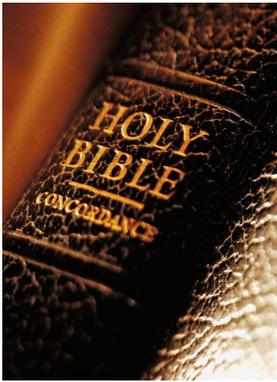
We need enthusiasm in the work of God, but where do we get it? How do we come by it?

First, we do not get it from denominationalism!

Norman Vincent Peale, in his enthusiasm for promoting error, will not give the child of God enthusiasm for truth! Well, where does it come from? What is its base? Back we come to the permanent theme: The Word of God, and our own personal dedication to it. More than that, real enthusiasm one that does-

n't have such a short life is based on true conversion! If I am truly converted, I can be, and will be, enthusiastic in the work of God. If I am truly converted, I love the Lord, love the Word, love the kingdom, value my own soul, and I love the souls of others – and enthusiasm is thus rooted. No one then, will have to whip me to get my participation in the things of the kingdom. And, I will not be fooled by entertainment passing for "spiritual enthusiasm!" Here is real enthusiasm: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ." (Mat.6: 33). And here is more of it: ". . . be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the word of the Lord" (1 Cor.15: 58).

# Bible Studies for the Week of June 15th 2008



AM Sermon .....	(Trevor)
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	
Adult Bible Study.....	Ecclesiastes( Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service .....	1Kings 18:30-46; James 5
Sunday School Class .....	
Thursday Bible Class .....	( Trevor )
Ladies Bible Class .....	
Men's Bible Class.....	

## Young women, Listen!

Be a teacher and example to your family and friends. Your soul is to save, and you are responsible to help save family and friends.



Older women are taught in the scriptures to teach the younger women. Titus 2:3-5 says, "The aged women likewise . . . that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." Recently, I heard of a letter that an older woman lovingly wrote to a young mother. It impressed me with the simplicity of the advice and values taught; I've decided to print it especially for the benefit of you all. The older woman wrote:

1. Behave always as a lady becoming to the Lord.

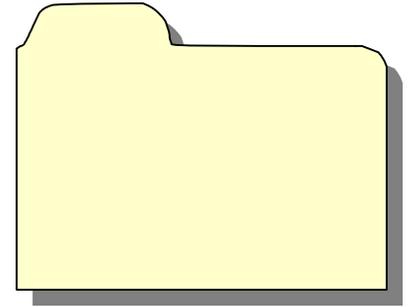
2. Be a teacher and example to your family and friends. Your soul is to save, and you are responsible to help save family and friends.
3. Be serious about your responsibility as a wife.
  - a. Love your husband! Show him respect and consideration. Apply the golden rule.
  - b. Listen to your husband. Fulfil his needs.
4. Love your children enough to discipline them. That means setting rules and sticking to them.
5. Be honest, open, and modest.
6. Keep your home.
  - a. Keep it clean.
  - b. Keep the refrigerator stocked with good nutritious food that will keep them healthy and help them maintain their weight

- properly.
- c. Help your family be disciplined in their eating habits.
7. Keep a home that is well ordered, and a husband who is loved. Make sure your children are cared for spiritually and physically.
8. Pray every day—often—for strength and wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-7 says "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. IN all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct they paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
9. Don't run from or shirk your responsibilities.
10. Always remember that I love you.

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# For The Files: Week Beginning June 8th 2008

Sunday Bible Class .....	12
Sunday AM Worship .....	27
Sunday School .....	3
Sunday Night Study - Gambino's .....	13
Thursday Evening Study .....	9
Contribution .....	£127.00
Budget .....	£100.00.



## Ricci's Corner.

### Young Women, Listen! Con.

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 This older woman clearly knows what Paul was saying too Titus about teaching the younger women. Many young mothers could richly benefit from the sound advice of older women if it was only given and heeded. May God bless us as we try to help one another please our Father. (Editor's note: I ran across this article several weeks ago and I believe it will never fail to be relevant. I am very thankful that we have several older women in our congregation from which our younger ladies/ mothers can draw wisdom.)

### Jewel.

A man visited a jewellery store in London. He was shown a magnificent diamond with its gleaming yellow light and many

## Jewel.

other splendid stones. But he observed one stone that was perfectly lustreless and said, "That has no beauty about it at all."

The friend who was with him put the stone in the hollow of his hand and held it there for a few minutes. When he opened it, the man said, "What a surprise! There is not a place on it the size of a pinhead that does not gleam with the splendour of the rainbow. What did you do with it?"

His friend answered, "This is an opal. It is what we call the sympathetic jewel. It only needs contact with the human hand to bring out its wonderful beauty." How many lives there are that need only the warm touch of human sympathy to make them gleam with opalescent splendour!

Aquilla and Priscilla ran into Apollos, who needed to know the way of the Lord more perfectly. With love and kindness, they touched him with the truth, and Apollos became a brilliant apologist for Christianity.

Saul of Tarsus was a much-feared persecutor of the church, but a friend named Barnabas ("son of encouragement") stood at his side and defended him to the other Christians. As you know, Saul the persecutor became the apostle Paul, touched by a messenger Ananias and an encourager, Barnabas. A confused Eunuch rode along, not understanding what he was reading. What a blessing that the Spirit urged Philip to join the Eunuch's chariot and to preach the gospel of Jesus to him. The confused man found answers and went on his way rejoicing. The hopeless jailer, fearing the worst from the earthquake, thought to take his own life. But two beaten and imprisoned men, who knew the grace of God, cried out, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!" They kept him from taking his life by giving him the Lord Jesus Christ. That very hour, the man who had no hope found great joy in Jesus.

Do you know a downcast and discoloured soul you may touch? The warmth of your love coupled with the truth of the gospel can turn a dull soul into one of the lights of the world, like a city set on a hill. Don't hide your light under a basket.



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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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Soup Kitchen, 18.06.08  
11.00pm-1.30pm

Study Night, HERE  
29.06.08 6pm start.

**Birthday: Non Noted**

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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

*June 15th 2008*

*June 22nd 2008*

### Sunday Morning

President Roy Trevor

Preaching: Trevor Ricci

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading: Trevor Ricci

Eric Phillip

Lord's Table Ricci Roy

Phillip Richard

Closing Prayer

### Sunday Evening: Preacher

Flowers Irene Sue

Tea Irene Sue

**Building clean for June: 08**

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