

WELCOME! TO THE
SUMMER LANE CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Margaret and John.

Joel's work in India

Those persecuted for
the faith in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Sue

Those have Fallen
Away

Irene.

Roy Daly

Val And Family.

All congregations of the
Lords church.

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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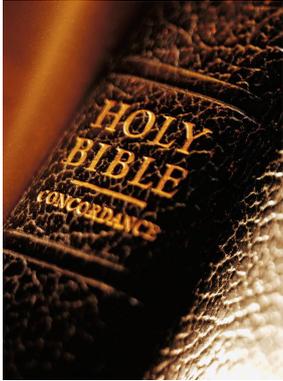
Have you

talked with anyone regarding coming to the services? A friend of mine explained that he was going to a denomination church because he liked going to this Place, and his family would not really like him coming here. In fact his family don't even go with him, only at Christmas time. But Perhaps we are not Church of England posh enough. Anyway this thought crossed my mind. Would I leave any other major decision in my life up to my family? Now take the fact that the soul is the most valuable commodity that man owns today and then ask yourself, "Would you put the decision for what to do with your soul in the hands of your family, merely based upon your families likes and dislikes?" This seems to me to be a very irrational thought. However, immediately we realize that people are often very irrational when it comes to matters of religion. Take for example the

popularly used sentiment, "I just feel it in my heart." This is one of the all time great irrationalities of religion. This is used to justify just about every sort of practice known to man on the planet. However, take this same sentiment into the corporate boardroom and put it in front of a president and a board of directors for how to spend money and you will get laughed out of the business. Take a few salesmen and set them before potential clients and tell them to say, "You need to buy my product because I feel in my heart that it is right for you" and they will leave empty handed. The soul is much more valuable than any amount of money to be spent by a business or any product to be sold, yet people often sell their own souls short in matters of religion by expressing this inadequate measurement of truth. Another great irrationality is this, "If it was good enough for my mother and father, it is good enough for me" or "That is where my family goes, so I just go

with them." This is one that I know people use in religion but seldom use in every day life. For example, when someone is asked why they believe a certain doctrine, they might give this sentiment. However, when it comes to the type of job one has, or the type of car one drives, or the house one lives in, it just isn't good enough. How many would abandon their new cars for the old broken down wreck that their parents drove years and years ago. How many would abandon their new houses for the old houses of yesteryear? If anything, we here in the UK live by the principle that parents should create a better life for their children, yet, when it comes to religion that evidently doesn't apply. Again, the soul is so much more valuable than houses, cars, and jobs. Why should we not hold religion to the highest standard of rationality? How many times have you heard this one, "It doesn't matter what you believe." Whoa! Now there's one that CON>>>>>>>>>>

Bible Studies for the Week of November 23rd 2008



AM Sermon.....	(Trevor)
Scripture Reading for Sermon.....	
Adult Bible Study.....	Revelation 6 (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service	Genesis 33; Romans 16:1-16
Sunday School Classes	(Rita/Mandy)
Thursday Bible Class	1,2,3 John (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class	
Sunday Night Bible Class	

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Ask yourselves this question. "Is the Bible Gods word"? If you said "Yes". Can I ask you then, "Do you obey it"?



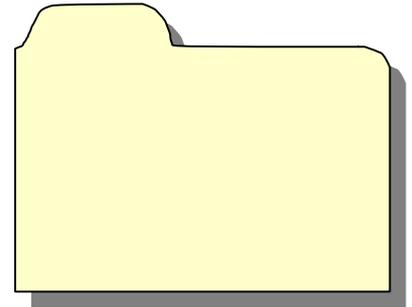
that you better not take with you to driving school. That sentiment is just not going to pass there. "I know that sign says 'STOP' but it just doesn't matter what you believe." When is the last time you told a police officer that after he stopped you for speeding. "Officer, I know I was doing 70 in a 30, but you know, after all, it doesn't matter what you believe." I don't think that you will find a deaf ear when that ticket is written. And don't even try that one in a court of law. How about, "I know I wrote a false cheque, judge, but after all, it doesn't matter what you believe." I am sure you will hear the judge reply, "30 days, and if you don't believe that it is wrong

after that amount of time, you can have another 60." However, when it comes to religion, this ranks in the top five excuses for not doing what is right. How much more valuable is the soul! Yet we don't hold those who claim to care for it to the high standards that we hold our driving instructors, Police officers and judges. Each of these sentiments represents a different flavour of irrationality. It is obvious to all that regarding matters of practicality that these sentiments would never be able to pass. However, when it comes to religion, people expect the irrational. So they excuse themselves in irrational ways. However, the religion

of Jesus Christ is NOT irrational. In fact, when Paul went to preach the gospel to others, the scriptures say that he "reasoned" with them (Acts 17:2; 18:4; 18:19; 24:25). We are admonished by Paul to "prove all things" 1 Thess.5: 19. John tells us to "try the spirits" (John 4: 1). In dealing with matters of religion, we are to "speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). None of these things involves the types of excuses that are given above. And when it all boils down to it, that is the bottom line, these are just excuses. The religion of Jesus Christ is not irrational as popular culture would have you to believe. God desires us to think and CON>>>>

For The Files: Week Beginning November 16th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	12
Sunday AM Worship	25
Sunday School	2
Tuesday Night Study - Once A Month.....	6
Thursday Evening Study.....	
Contribution	£143.00
Budget.....	£135.00.



Ricci's Corner.

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act correctly in regard to His word. There is nothing more valuable or important than one's own soul (Matthew 16:26). We should apply the same standards of rationality toward it as we would toward any other matter of importance in this life. "Come let us reason together, saith the Lord..." (Isaiah 1:8a).

Are You A Worker In The Fields?

The church in the first century grew very rapidly because ALL Christians (not just preachers, elders, deacons, visitation team leaders, etc) worked, prayed and laboured in the vineyard of the Lord everyday. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three

thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.... And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:41-42, 46-47).

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." (Acts 8:4). What was the last thing you actually did for the Lord? Have you visited those needing visiting? Taught those needing teaching? Remember every man will be rewarded according to his works (Matthew 16:27).

The night is coming when no man can work (John 9:4). Faith without works is dead (James 2:14ff). The Lord knows if we are working or not (Revelation 2:9, 13). We may lie when we sing, but the Lord speaks the truth. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:1, 2). "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2).

Power of the Word

Brethren did you notice we had a man walk into services last week? This man got the wrong building, or did he? He did not walk out, but instead sat and listened to the word being preached. The word of God is a powerful thing. Amen!



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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: 26.11.08

1pm-2.30pm.

For The Xmas Meal details, See Margaret.

Birthday: Non Noted

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

ScripturesSay.com

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

November 23rd 2008

November 30th 2008

Sunday Morning

President	Ricci	Trevor
Preaching:	Trevor	Ricci
Opening Prayer:		
Scripture Reading:	Ricci	Norman
Scripture Reading:	Joe	Jin
Lord's Table	Roy	Philip
Lord's Table	Norman	Eric
Closing Prayer		

Sunday Evening: Preacher

Flowers	Trinidad	Blossom
Tea	Trinidad	Angela

Building clean for Nov: 08

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