

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Susan.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Norman.

Joel's work in India

Joel's Father.

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Yemi and family

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

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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## The Sin of Delaying or Postponing.

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring” (Proverbs 27:1 ESV).

Procrastination is the act of putting something off until a later time. There is an old proverb, "Never put off 'til tomorrow what you can do today." The procrastinator turns that saying on its head in a weak effort to be amusing and says, "Never do today what you can put off 'til tomorrow." People in our society procrastinate often. We may put off appointments with our doctor. We may put off meetings at work to a later day or time. We may opt for exercising a day later or put off going to the shop until tomorrow. Certainly we've all done such things at one time or another in our life, and so much as such things have no eternal significance on the state of our souls, it is more or less unimportant. Let us be clear, however, that while it is one thing to procrastinate with the business of this world which may be eternally inconsequential, it is quite another thing to procrastinate with the business of the Lord where there are eternal consequences.

It is funny (in a sad way), however, how many will get

priorities confused. Many understand the importance of not procrastinating when it comes to matters of money. They will get their bills paid on time and in the post. They will not be negligent to transfer money out of stocks and into bonds before the market changes. They will go to the petrol station at midnight if it will save a few pence on the gallon before the price increases the next day. Funny (!?) how we see the importance of not procrastinating



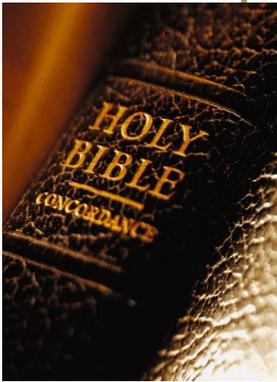
when it affects our pocket-books! How much more important are our souls and the souls of those around us? Such actions expose our true priorities and will leave us without excuse in the judgment.

In the scriptures we find several procrastinators. There was a young man who told Jesus he would follow Him, only he first needed to tend to family matters (Matthew

8:21, Luke 9:59-62). There are those who will procrastinate doing good because of their lack of faith in the second coming (Matthew 24:48-51). Perhaps the quintessential example, however, is that of Felix, who said in response to Paul's preaching, "Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me" (Acts 24:25). J.W. McGarvey, in his Original Commentary on Acts said regarding Felix indecision, "It is a sad warning to all who thus procrastinate, that to neither Felix nor Drusilla did the season ever come which they thought convenient to listen to such preaching. Felix was soon dismissed in disgrace from his office; and Drusilla, with a son by Felix, perished in that eruption of Mount Vesuvius which engulfed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum."

Paul declares in 2 Corinthians 6:2 "...now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation...." Putting off the Lord's work to some future day may temporarily resolve whatever problem we think we have, but it will not resolve that problem eternally, it will only create greater, insurmountable problems.

# Bible Studies for the Week of Aug 19th, 2007



AM Sermon.....	No Details Given
Scripture Reading for Sermon .....	No Details Given
Adult Bible Study .....	Fundamentals (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Jeremiah 7:1-20; Luke 19:28-48
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Galatians (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class .....	No Details Given
Men's Bible Class .....	

## The Time To Act: Church Growth.

**“Putting off the Lord's work to some future day may temporarily resolve whatever problem we think we have, but it will not resolve that problem eternally....”**



When business of the Lord comes 'round, yes, needing to be done, And eager souls around desire the work to have begun, Some say just for the present time that we procrastinate, And put that business off until some more "convenient" date.

How sad that such an attitude prevents the work of God, Discouraging those eager hands to hang their heads and nod.

For time will come when work is done and no clock can be turned, To days when opportunity and willing hands were spurned.

To judgment such will go in grief; the past won't be interred, For in that day no longer will decisions be deferred.

Oh let us not deceive ourselves and this day's deeds erase, And so dismiss the Lord's business to other time or place.

The accepted time is now, my friend, to do the Lord's good work. So let us do so cheerfully, our charge no longer shirk.

Churches That Grow  
George Barna, the church growth researcher, listed things that growing churches do not do in his book, "User Friendly Churches":

Growing churches do not:

- Limit God
- Maintain failed programs
- Embarrass visitors
- Become insulated from their communities
- Alienate those who are different
- Have cold-call evangelism
- Apologize for asking members to sacrifice
- Avoid confronting wrong behaviour

I am bothered by some of his language. The church is not a company, and thus does not "market" the gospel in the way a company might conceive of the term. We preach the gospel,

we offer it, but we don't "package" it and market it. The methods of Madison Avenue do not meet the high ethical standards of the Master.

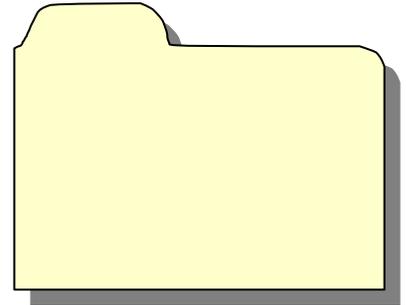
But Barna has a point. Jesus himself declared that "nothing is impossible for God" (Mark 10:27). Most CEO's have human flaws, but the God whom we serve is without limitation! Peter declares that "God does not show favouritism" (Acts 10:34). And the church can and should ask members to sacrifice, based on Christ's absolute sacrifice for us (Romans 12:1,2).

Yes, these principles work, and they are Biblical. The gospel message is one that our "market" (our community) needs to hear. It is one that is very desirable, for it offers forgiveness, meaning, and

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## For The Files: Week Beginning August 12th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	14
Sunday AM Worship.....	30
Sunday School.....	5
Sunday Prayer Time .....	14
Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	4
Thursday Evening Study .....	10
Contribution.....	£103.50
Budget .....	£100.00.



### Ricci's Corner. Sin Remedies.

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 unconditional love. We ought to "package" this product attractively. Not in the sense of cheap marketing and advertising, but in our lives! We cannot contradict our message of hope and mercy by being grim and un-forgiving ourselves! We must make the gospel "attractive" by the way we live (Titus 2:10).

This product should be shown in the very best light. The Gospel is too vital a message to be left on a warehouse shelf.

#### Welcome

Brethren the Lord is truly blessing us here at Summer Lane.

Welcome to **FOUR** new visitors who have said they want to worship with us every week.

On behalf of Summer Lane we welcome you all. I am glad you are here to hear the truth being preached and practiced.

Our sister in christ, "ELLA" Is with us for **4 years**, what a blessing she will be to us all. Let us all give praise to him who

is truly blessing us.

#### Building Work.

Brethren you will have noticed that the workman have resumed work on the building after a two week break.

They are now stripping various rooms to plaster and paint. Again we have so much to be thankful for. If you have chance why not pay a visit on a Saturday to say hi, and offer a word of thanks.

A word of thanks should be given to **Richard** who has repainted one of the signs which hangs outside the front door. Richard has also fixed the cupboard door which has been broken for quite a while.

#### Sin Remedies.

Sin is a transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). Sin is neglecting to do God's will (James 4:7). Sin brings guilt for our conscience and damnation for our soul.

Many remedies are used to ease the pain of guilt and calm the

fear of judgment. Some try to ignore it. They try to hide the evidence and put it out of their mind. But God knows.

Some try to deny the sin. They lie about it. They think if they can convince others that they are not guilty, God will also be deceived. But you cannot fool God.

Some try to redefine sin to make it a mere mistake or a cultural taboo. But God's will cannot be changed to conform to the times.

Some try to excuse sin. They feel that what they did was caused by other people or a bad environment. God does not accept excuses.

Some think that grace will cover their sins without their repentance. They think, "**God is so gracious he will overlook my sin.**" Such is a perversion of grace. God is both gracious in his goodness, but also severe in his judgment.

There is only one remedy for sin -- the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He bore our sins in his own body.

The only way for this sacrifice to be effective in covering my sins is by repenting and doing the Lord's will. This alone removes our sins from the mind of God and lifts the guilt from our convicted soul.



**"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God...." (Romans 11:22).**

**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; 20.08.07, At 12.30pm-2.00pm**

**26th August "NO" Adult Study; Study will still be at**

**6pm:**

**Future Date To Note;**

**1st Sept 6-9pm Gospel Meeting Here at SL.**

**Birthday: Philip**

**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

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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 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

August 19th 2007

August 26th 2007

**Sunday Morning**

**President** Edwin Roy

**Preaching:** Gareth Trevor

**Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture Reading:** Trevor Norman

Eric Gareth

**Lord's Table** Roy Eric

Ricci Edwin

**Closing Prayer**

**Duties**

**Flowers** Kay Val

**Tea** To Be Arranged To Be Arranged

**Building clean for Aug:07**

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