

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joel's Father.

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Yemi and family

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Rosaely

Margaret Jessup

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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## Necessary and Indispensable.

That which is essential is that which is fundamentally necessary and indispensable. Cereal boxes talk about essential vitamins and minerals. These are things the government says are necessary and indispensable for our physical well being. There are other things that are essential as well, such as a drivers license for legal driving, flour in a recipe for cakes, or a car seat for a new born. Essentials are things that must be.

The charge has been leveled against us "...that the Church of Christ is the one and only church in human history that is 100% correct on everything, and everyone single other person, every single other church that has ever existed, is wrong and hell bound." Such an assertion is misrepresentative and misleading concerning what many churches of Christ truly believe.

Consider first of all that there has never been any mere mortal in human history that has been 100% correct on everything. We can all say with absolute certitude, "I am correct about some things," however, we would be wrong to say, "I am correct about everything" because some

things are beyond our knowledge and hence our ability to be either correct or incorrect. The assertion that the "Church of Christ ... is 100% correct on everything" is exaggerative and factually incorrect.

On what, then, must we be correct? There are things that are essential and there are things that are optional. In things that God has made essential, we must be right and cannot be wrong. In things that God has made optional, we are allowed to be either right or wrong. So the question becomes: what things has God made essential? This is where the discussion ought to begin. If God tells us something is essential, then it is my obligation to get it right.



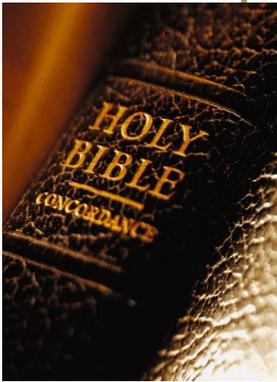
How does God tell us? He does that in His word, the Bible (2 Timothy 3:15-17). How can I know that what God says is essential? The Scriptures will tell us of its essentiality. A good example is Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all

men every where to repent." Repentance is something that is essential. Therefore, we must be correct on that point; we don't have the prerogative to be wrong.

Second, the churches of Christ today don't claim to be the only church in human history that is correct. The church that the apostles established in the New Testament was correct. Other churches that have existed throughout the ages have been correct also. So, what is the "beef" that the churches of Christ today have with other churches? It is that many are incorrect in matters that God has made essential. In that regard, failure to be correct is to place one's soul in jeopardy and because we love our fellow man and want him to be saved, we feel the obligation to warn him regarding his error.

Yes, there are some things on which we must be right! God has told us what is essential and what is optional in His word. Let us read it, study it, learn from it, and know it so that we can be right where we must be right and so that others may know wherein they must be right as well.

# Bible Studies for the Week of Oct 21st, 2007



AM Sermon.....	Service Around Baptism
Scripture Reading for Sermon .....	Mark 16:15-16.
Adult Bible Study .....	The Bible (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Psalms 22:1-11; Luke 32:1-25
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Galatians (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class .....	No Details Given
Men's Bible Class .....	

**Are we taking care to surround ourselves with what is best for our ears to be listening to so that our THINKING and LIFE will be properly POWERED?"**



## Plugged In

It amazes me how popular iPods have become. I see young and old involved in various activities with the earphones of their iPod stuck in their ears.

It's almost as if the music they are listening to is what is POWERING THEIR LIFE. If we were to slip up behind someone and pull the earphones (or ear buds) out of their ears, would it stop them in their tracks?

Would they be unable to function? I see skateboarders, bicycle riders, drivers of cars (which is a definite no no), people outside work, walkers, runners, etc., all seemingly POWERED by what is programmed into their iPod.

Among all these listeners, I'm sure there is great diversity in what kind of music is being listened to, but there is a sense in which

they are plugged in and being fed something that appears to help them move on through their day.

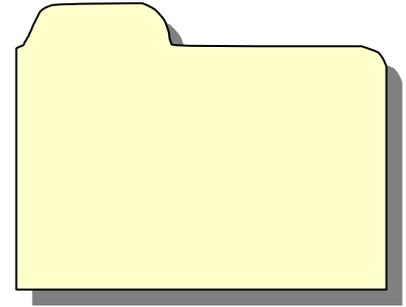
Consider how in a real sense we are all plugged into an "i-think-Pod." What we have chosen to listen to (books and other written media we read, movies, music, peers, etc.) becomes a source of what POWERS our THINKING and ultimately our LIFE. We need to be very careful of that which we have plugged into our ears. Paul referred to those who would surround themselves with teachers who would teach what their "itching ears" wanted to hear. (2 Timothy 4:3) Are we taking care to surround ourselves with what is best for our ears to be listening to so that our THINKING and LIFE will be properly POWERED?

Paul exhorted the church at Philippi: "Finally, brothers, whatever is TRUE, whatever is HONORABLE, whatever is JUST, whatever is PURE, whatever is LOVELY, whatever is COMMENDABLE, if there is any EXCELLENCE, if there is anything WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS." (Philippians 4:8 ESV)

These are the things we need to keep streaming into our ears. If we are listening to and allowing our LIFE TO BE POWERED by thoughts that do not fit into one of those categories, such should be unplugged and turned off. It is not for us. What we THINK soon turns to actions and can ultimately impact our LIFE destiny. May our "I-think-Pod" bring us continuous streaming of wisdom from above.

## For The Files: Week Beginning October 14th 2007

Sunday Bible Class .....	10
Sunday AM Worship.....	39
Sunday School.....	8
Sunday Prayer Time .....	10
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study .....	9
Contribution.....	£162.00
Budget .....	£100.00.



### Ricci's Corner. ( Baptism Today. )

#### Can You See Me?

"The sunrise, of course, doesn't care if we watch it or not. It will keep on being beautiful, even if no one bothers to look at it. It illuminates and blesses our lives, expecting nothing in return." - Gene Amole

"No one really sees the real story of the gospel or the great drama of Christianity until one sees it from the inside. It is like stained glass windows. One cannot get an idea of the beauty of the windows by standing on the outside looking at them. From the street, they look dull. Only from the inside do the marvels show up in all their beauty. The same thing is true of Christianity. We never see its wonder until we see it from the inside."

Even though I do not have stained glass windows in my home, I have learned a wonderful lesson from this illustration. As most people pass by my house, they have no knowledge of my purpose, nor do they

know that I am concerned for them (Romans 10:1-15). I cannot expect them to become faithful believers in Jesus simply because I'm a Christian.

My concern for them can only be communicated when I get involved with them (Matthew 5:14-16). When's the last time you've had a heart-to-heart talk with your neighbour? When's the last time you've invited someone into your home for a meal? Have you shared your story?

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, All His wonderful passion and purity; May His spirit divine all my being refine, Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." Albert Orsbom

#### Baptism Today.

Brethren what another great day in heaven and at Summer Lane. "Udueyin Roy Rewane" who is originally from Lagos-Nigeria is today being immersed in the waters of baptism for the forgiveness of sins today. Please

Summer Lane welcome your new brother in christ.

#### Away next Sunday.

Brethren just to let you know next Sunday I will be away preaching and teaching at the Lords church in

#### "Milton Keynes".

I will be back for the evenings study at 6pm where I will be teaching on the topic, "The purpose of the church." I encourage ALL of you to attend and be blessed in Gods word.

#### Men's remarks!

Can I refer to the news letter two weeks ago where I detailed that the men had discussed points raised in the "Suggestion Box".? Well to date I have had **NO** feed back, so either those who asked the questions are happy with the answers, and if that's the case can I have volunteers for the those points//decisions made please??

If you were not happy, or wish to add to anything raised then please make your comments known, as we cant go forward if nothing is said or acted upon.



**"If we wish to go forward then WE ALL have get our hands out of our pockets"**

## 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; 24.10.07;**

**1pm-2.30pm.**

**MEMBERS PARTY;**

**At the building; 02.11.07;**

**7PM.**

**Gospel Meeting Here; 08.12.07**

**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 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

*October 21st 2007*

*October 28th 2007*

### Sunday Morning

**President**

Trevor Will lead Service

Norman

**Preaching:**

Baptism Today

Trevor

**Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Reading Around Baptism

Trevor

Reading Around Baptism

Philip

**Lord's Table**

Edwin

Roy

Philip

Gareth

**Closing Prayer**

### Duties

**Flowers**

Rita

To be Arranged

**Tea**

To Be Arranged

Margaret

**Building clean for Oct:07**

**ALL PLEASE**

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