

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Fummi

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Roy

Great Barr

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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## Sexual Desire.

Recently I read this about a woman who had practiced anorexia for years. She defended her decision to be anorexic. She spoke about how she used to be fat and didn't want to go back to being that way. She talked about her health. However, at the end of her article she said that she didn't want to lose what it felt like to be desired by men.

Sexual desire is one of the most powerful emotions experienced. Over the years we have seen many politicians here in the UK fall to due to this illicit sexual desire. Such behavior is reprehensible but hardly uncommon. It is anything but new to our nation. Even in the USA they have had the same problem. Benjamin Franklin was a known philanderer as was Thomas Jefferson and others. The world, in general, holds little, if any, aversions to such behavior.

It would not be all that strange, therefore, for someone to say that they want to be desired by others. In fact, it is perfectly natural and normal to desire and want to be desired; it is biological. There are, however, appropriate ways to go about such business; there are also inappro-

priate ways. The Bible teaches us that between husband and wife is the appropriate way to satisfy our sexual desires. Genesis 2:24-25 states, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 7:2 "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." And Hebrews 13:4 says, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled...." Nothing is more beautiful than sexual relations between a lawful husband and wife. In such a relationship, sexual activity is right and holy.

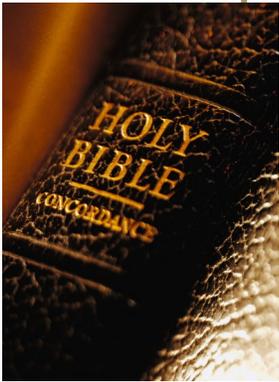
Anything less than such a relationship, however, becomes degenerate. The balance of Hebrews 13:4 says, "but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Sexual activity prior to marriage is nothing more than whoremongering. Sexual activity of the married with one not their spouse is adultery. God's word couldn't be more plain on the matter. Paul wrote:

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8).

Of all of our basic human desires, sexual desire, if gone unsatisfied, will not end our life.

If we fail to eat, drink, clothes ourselves adequately, or find appropriate shelter, we could lose our life for our failure, but not so with sexual desire. As Christians, we must fight each day to keep ourselves pure, sanctified, holy, and clean. To do so, we must control our desires recognizing our spouses as the appropriate outlet for such desires. I don't know of anyone who doesn't want to be desired. Such, however, must take place within the proper context God has set for such desires. Let us resolve to live within that context.

# Bible Studies for the Week of Dec 2nd, 2007



AM Sermon.....	Satan (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon .....	1 Peter 5:8
Adult Bible Study .....	The Need For Christ (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Numbers 31:1-20; Rev 2:1-17.
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Night Class .....	Daniel ( Trevor )
Ladies Bible Class .....	
Men's Bible Class .....	Men's Meeting

## Jesus Promised

*“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)*



Jesus promised to build His church; It was what God had willed. And as He died and then arose, His promise was fulfilled.

The kingdom had been preached abroad, It's coming prophesied. The gospel preached on Pentecost, Told why our Savior died. God added to the church that day,

Those who obeyed His word. They heard repented and were baptized, When they believed the truth they heard.

The word says there's one body, The which we're members of. God wants us to have unity, And teach the truth in love. May we be about our Savior's work, Waiting for the day He'll come.

When we'll be gathered to Him, To dwell in Heaven's home.

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Gospel Meeting Here;  
08.12.07

Have you helped in advertising this yet?

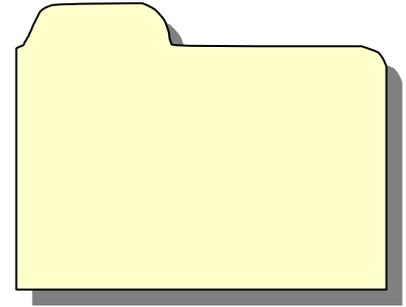
If you have not, why not??

### O.A.P's

Some weeks back I asked for a volunteer to contact a local O.A.P's home. It was in the hope that perhaps we could once a month go and sing songs, and be able to hold a bible study. Has anyone yet done this? Can I again for the last time ask for a Volunteer????

# For The Files: Week Beginning November 25th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	No Class
Sunday AM Worship.....	No Details Given
Sunday School.....	No Details Given
Sunday Prayer Time .....	No Prayer Time
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study .....	11
Contribution.....	£92.00
Budget .....	£100.00.



## Ricci's Corner. Real Men Love Jesus.

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). His name was Bill, and he was a Builder, a hard working man on a construction site. His eyes were narrowed from squinting at the sun; he was sunburned, tough as a crowbar, strong.

This was a man's man. And this real man loved Jesus.

He didn't have much to say -- he let his wife do the talking, but you knew that the Lord came first by the way he acted. He was faithful to his wife - real men are. He took his wife and kids to church regularly; real men do that, too. He read his Bible daily and prayed, like a real man does. Christianity is not for the weak and dependent. It takes courage to stand up for what's right, and determination to stay with one's commitments. It takes man-sized self-control not to respond to an insult or a slight. It takes real Christian men to lead children, and churches, to serve Jesus

better. Real men forgive. Real men don't quit on their Lord. Even if others fail to live up to their responsibilities in the church, a real man will live up to his.

Real men love Jesus.

### Are you a real man?

Their faces are kind and time worn. Often beneath the aged brows eyes still sparkle. On this autumn day they have come to sit on leather padded chairs around scattered tables in a sitting room for another weekly Bible study in their retirement home.

Representing something of the landscape of Christendom, common agreement resonates from pensioner to pensioner regarding what is needed. Christ crucified provides us with hope. People need to respond to Jesus' death upon the cross by depending upon him for salvation. Clearly, these white-haired residents understand "the what" of the gospel. People need to trust in what Christ has done for them.

Unfortunately, they are ignorant about how the gospel calls us to trust in Jesus. Although scripture calls to rely

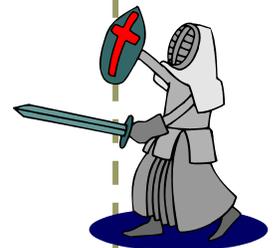
upon Jesus through immersion, years ago, perhaps it was a family member or maybe a Sunday school teacher taught them that they could depend upon Jesus for salvation by inviting Jesus into their heart through a prayer. So, just how significant is it that we trust in Jesus as the Bible prescribes?

Do we become the judge? Judging involves affirming/ accepting what God has not approved as well as condemning where God has not condemned. To avoid judging, we must simply speak where the Bible speaks. In this case, we are instructed to rely upon Jesus through being baptized.

BUT! Some Seem like such good people. Lives filled with good deeds in service to God - does it matter how they relied upon Jesus or is simply the fact that they did rely sufficient? Not by works, by faith!

Precisely, they do have faith in Jesus. We expose our shallow understanding of faith. Nature of faith.

*We are in a  
great culture  
war for the  
hearts and  
minds of  
mankind.*



## 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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Men's Meeting; 04.12.07,

7.30pm-9pm

Gospel Meeting Here; 08.12.07

Men's Study; 11.12.07,

7.30pm-9pm.

Ladies Meal At The Building;

10.12.07; 6-8pm.

Fellowship Meal, 14.12.07.

At Building:7pm

Birthday: Mattribelle.

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 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

*December 2nd 2007*

*December 9th 2007*

### Sunday Morning

**President**

Trevor

Roy

**Preaching:**

Ricci

Trevor

**Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Norman

Trevor

Eric

Philip

**Lord's Table**

Edwin

Ricci

Philip

Gareth

**Closing Prayer**

### Sunday Evening.

**Flowers**

Val

Blossom

**Tea**

Margaret

Rita

**Building clean for Dec : 07**

**ALL PLEASE**

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**The building needs to be**

**cleaned, can I ask for**

**volunteers please?????**