

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Yemi

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Roy

Marg, Dave Jessup and  
family

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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## “No Pain, No Gain”

There is an expression among those who exercise regularly, "No Pain, No Gain." The expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don't challenge one's body won't lead to lasting results. The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. In our personal relationships also, we understand this to be true. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be. The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn't. The husband who spends more time with his wife will have a better relationship than one that is always gone.

Should it cause us to wonder, when we come to the spiritual world, that if we don't make an effort at serving the Lord that we're not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. "No pain, no gain." Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax



and have fun in the glow of God's goodness. While I certainly believe that coming to church can be rewarding, it doesn't quite work like a playground.

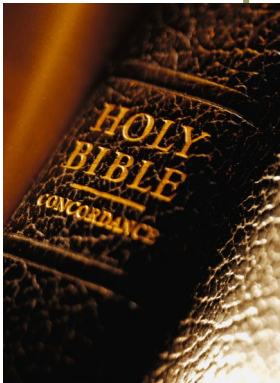
Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and

service, the greater our relationship with God will become.

Our efforts must start with our attendance. If we don't attend services or if our attendance is sporadic, then we're not going to get very much out of it. Attendance to the worship services is where we get our encouragement to continue to live godly lives and be faithful to the Lord (Hebrews 10:25). It is absolutely critical to our relationship with God. It is as important as families having dinner together on a regular basis. To miss such an appointment is to undermine one's relationships.

We continue our efforts with how we worship. We must engage our minds to worship God (John 4:24, Matthew 22:37). That means we need to listen attentively to the prayers and the sermon (1 Corinthians 14:15). We need to sing with all of our heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16). We need to give

# Bible Studies for the Week of Dec 16th, 2007



AM Sermon..... No Details Given (Gareth)  
 Scripture Reading for Sermon ..... No Details Given  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Salvation (Ricci)  
 Scripture Reading for service..... Exodus 32:15-35; Rev. 3:1-13  
 Sunday School Class..... No Details Given  
 Thursday Night Class ..... Daniel ( Trevor )  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... No Class Till Jan 9th 2008  
 Men's Bible Class .....

## “No Pain, No Gain” (cont.)

***“We cheat ourselves out of a relationship with God when we don't engage our minds in worship.”***



with purpose and thanksgiving in our hearts (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). And we need to remember the death of Jesus as we partake of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19). How many times do we catch ourselves thinking about what is for lunch or what we're going to do later in the day instead of focusing on the worship. We cheat ourselves out of a relationship with God when we don't engage our minds in worship.

When we leave the church building our efforts must continue. If we simply leave what we've done at the building behind, then we are going to limit our relationship with God.

However, if we take what we've learned and tell others about it, we will not only help others but ourselves as well. This may mean doing good to those who are in need (Galatians 6:10); it may mean being a good example to our children (Ephesians 6:4); it may mean teaching someone about the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20); it may mean setting an example of model behavior for our coworkers (Ephesians 6:6). Regardless who we influence, there must be the effort of influence.

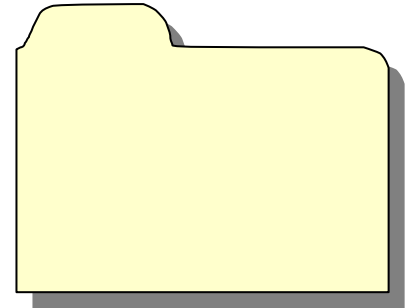
What will happen if we engage ourselves in the work of God? We will grow as individuals. The church will also grow

also; others will see the wonderful things working in our lives and they will want to be part of it. Our efforts will not go unnoticed, and we, as individuals Christians, will not be the only ones to benefit from our work. "No pain, no gain" means that if we want more out of our relationship with God we need to work harder at it. Let us all resolve to renew our efforts to serve God in all things.



# For The Files: Week Beginning December 9th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	20
Sunday AM Worship.....	28
Sunday School.....	4
Sunday Prayer Time .....	28
Men's Night Study - Once in the Month .....	4
Thursday Evening Study .....	8
Contribution.....	Not Known
Budget .....	£100.00



## Ricci's Corner.

(Out Reach.)

( Next Weeks Sermons)

### Gospel Meeting.

Brethren I hope you will all agree that our gospel meeting was very encouraging to those of us who attended? Many brethren arrived from other congregations which was a blessing. We thank them for their participation. You can all see that when we come together to worship our God and give him the glory how he in turns repays this devotion with uplifting our spirits.

Glory to him!

Lets get planning the next one Summer Lane!

### The Year A Head.

Its time brethren to be thinking of the year a head. And as such I would like you all start thinking of ways to

reach out to our community here at Summer Lane.

We need to be thinking of social events, time tables and activities in connection to outreaching those who are not covenant Christians.

We need to be thinking about social events for ourselves.

We need to get the children's classes back on track, not only on Sundays but in the holiday times.

We need to have goals brethren!!

We need to set our sights on encouraging each other to work as labourers in the vineyard.

So can I ask you ALL to start thinking and praying on these topics please, in good time for our next congregational meeting.

Trevor will be presiding over the Congregational meeting to be held on January 27th 2008

**Next weeks sermons will be entitled: "The church of the Living dead" Revelation**

**3:1-6. Part 1.**

**Brethren At 6PM I will preaching again at the building.**

**Topic: "Autopsy, The church of the living dead" Revelation 3:1-6. Part 2.**

Scripture passages Taken From Today's reading.

### New Years Eve.

Brethren please find attached to the news letter your volunteered roles for News Year Eve.

If you have any questions please see the coordinator, **Yemi.**

Not Me or Mandy!



## 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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**Two part Sermon next week;**  
**11am AND 6pm.**

**New Years Eve.**

**10pm at Building.**

**Birthday: Agnes, Edwin, Sisi,**  
**Nong-You.**

**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

*December 16th 2007*

*December 23rd 2007*

### Sunday Morning

<b>President</b>	Ricci	Trevor
<b>Preaching:</b>	Gareth	Ricci
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Trevor	Ricci
	Gareth	Philip
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Roy	Norman
	Edwin	Eric
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		

### Sunday Evening: 6PM

<b>Flowers</b>	Hazel	Mandy
<b>Tea</b>	Mandy	Margaret

**Building clean for Dec : 07**

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