

## 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

Yemi

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Roy

Summer Lane

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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## Foundation Being Laid

Some time ago I read of a conversation with a retired school Head master and a parent. He had asked the parent the names of his children who had gone through the school system where he taught. He stated he did not recall them, but that was not a bad thing because it meant they were not students who had spent time in his office. Then he mentioned with some sadness the trouble with the law some of those who did spend time in his office had continued to encounter following their school years. These were young people who for some reason had not learned to get their life on a good track.

Good parental guidance and good mentors play a significant role in the growth process. However, PERSONAL CHOICES must still be acknowledged. CHOICES made in youth are important. It is in the days of youth that the foundation of acceptance of personal responsibility, character, ethics, learning right from wrong and practicing discretion, etc. is being laid. To fail to recognize respect for boundaries in youth does not help prepare one for stepping out into society and life. Teens, don't under-

estimate the importance of a serious focus on the CHOICES you are making now. Don't think that it is only later that you have to be responsible and that youth is the time for being free and wild. To do so will only mean the ultimate facing of responsibility for the pains and scars of a regretful past.

One of the psalmists expressed the following: "(5) FOR YOU, O LORD, ARE MY HOPE, MY TRUST, O LORD, FROM MY



YOUTH." (Psalm 71:5 ESV)

Then dropping down a few verses. "(17) O God, FROM MY YOUTH YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. (18) So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come." (Psalm 71:17-18 ESV)

Is God's teaching being accepted? Is that the foundation

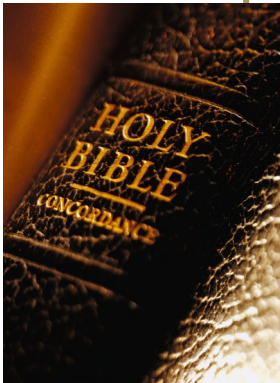
on which the life is being laid and built upon? Are today's CHOICES being made based upon God's Wisdom rather than our own or that of our peers and the world? It is foolish to think there will be time to take care of the important stuff later? Later opportunity is not guaranteed. Also, what is being embedded in the life today may not be so easily changed later on.

Paul exhorted Timothy. "So flee youthful passions and PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE, along with those who call on the Lord from A PURE HEART." (2 Timothy 2:22 ESV)

Listen to Paul's exhortation. Leave youthful passions behind and instead pursue that which is in accordance with the desires of God. Approaching life in this way will lead to making CHOICES that will provide a later look back with fewer regrets.

Have a great day GROWING UP GOD'S WAY!

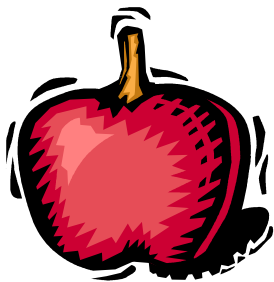
# Bible Studies for the Week of Dec 23rd, 2007



AM Sermon.....	Sardis (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for Sermon .....	Rev. 3:1-6.
Adult Bible Study .....	Salvation (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Joel 2:1-14; Revelation 3:14-22.
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Night Class .....	Daniel ( Trevor )
Ladies Bible Class .....	No Class Till Jan 9th 2008
Sunday Night Bible Class .....	Autopsy. The Church . (Ricci)

## Life is like eating an Apple!

*“This fine and fabulous fruit isn’t all that large, but it makes up in flavor and crunchiness what it lacks in size.”*



I enjoy eating apples from time to time.

One must have a pretty good set of chompers, however, if one is going to bite into one of these; to be as crunchy as they are requires a certain hardness and a determined bite from the eater. The reward, however, is a satisfying crunch and the release of the apple’s sweet juices—a delicious end.

Life is kind of like eating an apple. There are several things that we must do in life similar to the process.

**First**, choose wisely. Depending upon what kind of result you are looking for in eating an apple, you want to choose carefully. Some apples are sour, some mushy, some wormy, even. Our choices determine what consequences will follow. Know the conse-

quences and then make your choice. Moses said, “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19). Choose wisely!

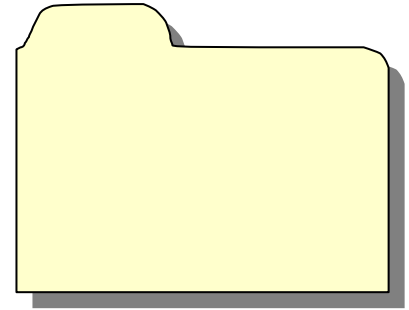
**Second**, bite hard. Some apples are tough; some are not; regardless, one must bite hard to get at the meat of the matter. In life also, we must “bite hard.” We live in a world that requires us to work if we are going to survive. Half-heartedness and an apathetic attitude will not get us very far in life. We must be willing to put our nose to the proverbial grindstone and get with it. The wise man wrote “Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy

might....” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Bite hard!

**Finally**, chew thoroughly and enjoy. There’s nothing like enjoying the sweet juices that flow from a successful bite! So also in life. The more effort we put into something, the more we are going to get out of it. If we “spit out” whatever it is we are working on without giving it a chance, then the likelihood is that we’re not going to enjoy it. However, if we have patience and steadfastness, we will know pleasures that others can only dream about. Jesus said, “In your patience possess ye your souls” (Luke 21:19). Chew thoroughly and enjoy. Life is like eating an apple!

# For The Files: Week Beginning December 16th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	12
Sunday AM Worship.....	33
Sunday School.....	4
Sunday Prayer Time .....	12
Thursday Evening Study .....	9
Sunday Evening Study.....	
Contribution.....	£155.65
Budget.....	£100.00



## Ricci's Corner.

Moses wrote long ago, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment" (Exodus 23:2). Jesus said, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26). In the last election we heard much from the media about how the country was sharply divided; we will no doubt see the same division in the next election as well. Nevertheless, truth doesn't change; righteousness doesn't change; principles don't change. Right is still right and wrong is still wrong regardless of who is in power and we have an ongoing obligation as Christians to continue to do what is right and oppose what is wrong even if 99.99% of the people in the world are against us. Victory belongs to the faithful, so long as they remain faithful (1 John 5:4). And while we ought to

fight in this life for what is right, this life is fleeting and will one day be naught. Jesus said in John 6:27 "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." So we have our work to do and we must continue to do it.

I'm continuing in my day job, working for the West Midlands Police force. We live in a land that is governed by law. We've heard the expression that we are under the "rule of law" in our country, as opposed to the rule of a monarch now, oligarch, or dictator. Being ruled by law requires that we, as citizens, abide by the law.

But just as in the times of the Bible, the law isn't given for those who are lawful, but for those who seek to break the law (1 Timothy 1:9). As Christians we strive to obey the laws of the land knowing that we serve One who is greater than any law, knowing that He has vested authority in those laws (Romans 13:1-7) provided they

do not contravene His will (Acts 5:29). We are under law to Christ (1 Corinthians 9:21).

Let us obey it.

### Tuck Shop!

**Brethren can I ask if you put the "Tuck Shop" away on Sundays to cover it up please.**

**On the 9th this was not done. It was just placed in the class room and items then went missing .**

**So if you put this away when Mandy is not around, can you make sure you cover it up please.!**

### Paper Request

**I need More Plain paper for the news letter please, can you help?**

**See You ALL at 6pm tonight.**

**"Christians ... continue to do what is right and oppose what is wrong even if 99.99% of the people in the world are against us."**



## 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 TODAY: 11AM AND 6PM**

**New Years Eve.**

**10pm at Building.**

**Birthday: Rita.**

**Ask A Bible Question, Log onto;**

**ScripturesSay.com**

***Need A Bible Study?***

***E Mail Or Ring—Ricci.***

## 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 23rd 2007*

*December 30th 2007*

### Sunday Morning

**President**

Trevor

Norman

**Preaching:**

Ricci

Trevor

**Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Ricci

Trevor

Philip

Eric

**Lord's Table**

Norman

Philip

Eric

Ricci

**Closing Prayer**

### Sunday Evening: 6PM

Ricci

**Flowers**

Mandy

Irene

**Tea**

Margaret

Sue

**Building clean for Dec : 07**

**ALL PLEASE**

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