



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 25th February 2007

**This morning:** 10.30 am Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Led by students from the International Bible Training Institute.*

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today*

**Tuesday:** 7.30 pm House Group at Martin & Katie's home

**Wednesday:** 9.30 am Coffee Shop in the Social Hall (*until 11.30 am*)

**Thursday:** 9.30 am "Freedom in Christ" in the Social Hall

**Next Sunday:** 9.15 am Prayer meeting in the Social Hall  
9.45 am Set up Social Hall for Morning Worship  
10.30 am Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: David Cook.*  
7.00 pm Joint churches' meeting at Crawley Baptist Church

### Women's Worldwide Day of Prayer

This Friday, 2nd March, is Women's Worldwide Day of Prayer. Christian women (and some men!) all over the world will be meeting to pray, praise God and focus particularly on the needs of Paraguay. You are invited to St. John's Church in the Town Centre at 10.00 am, when the speaker will be Jonathan Mortimer, Rector of St. Mary's parish, and to Greenfield's Baptist Church in Tilgate at 8.00 pm, when the speaker will be Captain Gordon Kitney of the Church Army.

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

*The following is taken from a section in my Bible headed "Spiritual Answers to Hard Questions" (Spirit Filled Life Bible, NKJV).*

**Question: When should a Christian disobey the civil government? (Romans 13:7; Acts 5:27-29)**

When a civil government refuses people the liberty to worship and obey God freely, it has lost its mandate of authority from God. Then the Christian should feel justified in disobeying.

Thomas Jefferson believed that when a government began to be tyrannical, it was the right and even the duty of the citizens to rebel against that government. The Christian, however, is called to bear with his government wherever possible. Jesus did not call for revolution against Rome, even though it was an oppressive conqueror of Israel. On the other hand, the apostles refused to obey an order not to preach and teach in Jesus's name (Acts 5:27-29). Whenever the civil government forbids the practise of things that God has commanded us to do, or tells us to do things He has commanded us not to do, then we are on solid ground in disobeying the government. Blind obedience to government is never right. However difficult or costly it may be, we all must reserve the right to say NO to things we consider oppressive or immoral.

### Advance Notices

**Friday 9th – Sunday 11th March:** Church Weekend at Otford Manor, Kent.

**Saturday 11th – Saturday 18th August:** Revive! 2007: "Faith, Hope and Love Remain" – annual Ichthus camp at Ashburnham Place, near Battle, East Sussex.