



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 27th May 2007

**This morning:** 10.30 am Morning Worship in the Social Hall

*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Ian Johnson*

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

**Tuesday/Wednesday:** **Freedom in Christ** groups as arranged

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

**Next Sunday:** 9.00 am Open up and set up hall for worship

9.30 am Prayer meeting in the Social Hall

10.30 am Morning Worship in the Social Hall

*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: David Cook*

7.00 pm Joint churches' celebration at Crawley Baptist Church

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Sex before Marriage — it is impossible to put all the implications into a thought for the week so I will just touch on it.

Genesis 2, verse 24: “Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife. They become one flesh.” (From *The Message Bible*.)

So, if you have had many sexual partners you have become one flesh with them all and are therefore spiritually and emotionally bound to them all. This will have its effect on every following relationship you have and was not how God intended it to be for you.

Sex is a good thing created by God to be fun, exciting and pleasurable. When God creates something, he creates it with purpose and design, but mankind has a history of distorting what God has made.

Nowhere has Christian morality come under greater attack than in the whole area of sex outside marriage. The world view may have changed but God has not and fornication (sex outside marriage) is still a serious sin just as adultery is, but even Christians are giving in to the argument “love makes it right.” People just do not realise the spiritual and emotional damage of pre-marital sex (a softer way of saying fornication). In its wake it leaves insecurities, sexual problems and, in time, an inability to be intimate, lack of trust, guilt, not to mention life-changing diseases, hang-ups galore and strongholds, etc.

God does not want you to experience unnecessary emotional pain. Apart from the obvious purpose in producing children, God designed sex in order that two people would be deeply intimate with one another in a lifelong commitment to each other.

Marriage licences and ceremonies are **not** just legal formalities; they are symbols of responsibility. They say publicly, what is affirmed privately, without reservation, that I am responsible for my mate, responsible not only in all those lovely emotional and spiritual areas of married life, but responsible also in the down-to-earth problem-filled areas as well. God will reward you if you choose to honour him and save sex for its proper time and place – your marriage.

WHO IS TELLING THAT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE? ARE YOU?

## Advance Notices

**Wednesday 6th June at 7.30 pm:** Bible Society celebration at New Life Church, Furnace Green led by the New Life worship group and Pastor Jim Cottington. There will be a brief report on the work of the Crawley Action Group and an illustrated presentation, “Ethiopia – I was there” by Beth Read of Bible Society. Refreshments and fellowship afterwards. There will be an offering in aid of the Ethiopia Millennium Project.

**Sunday 10th June at 1.00 pm:** Afternoon of prayer in the Church, followed by hour of worship at 4.00.

**Saturday 14th July:** Coach Trip to Littlehampton – more information later.

**Saturday 21st July at 11.00 am:** Broadfield Community Centre Fête.

**Saturday 11th – Saturday 18th August:** Revive! 2007: “Faith, Hope and Love Remain” – annual Ichthus camp at Ashburnham Place, near Battle, East Sussex. With George Verwer, Derek Brown, Elaine and Alan Storkey, Roger and Faith Forster. **Book by 31st May for a 5% discount.**