



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 24th February 2008

This morning: 10.30 am Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Katie Johnson; Preacher: David Evans

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

This afternoon: 5.00 pm Meeting at Stacey & Debby's home for all those who help – or would like to help – with the Friday evening meals

Monday: 10.45 am Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home

Wednesday: 9.30 am Coffee Shop in the Social Hall (*until 11.30 am*)
8.00 pm Becoming a Contagious Christian – week 3 of 5 (in the Church)
"Evangelism is for the Jehovah's Witnesses? What is their faith like?"
– Hovan Catchatoor

Friday: 5.00 pm A light meal with tea or coffee in the Social Hall

Next Sunday: 9.00 am Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30 am Prayer meeting in the Social Hall
10.00 am Tea and Coffee and an opportunity for prayer
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
Worship: CBC; Preacher: Ian Phillips

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

ISAIAH 30:19-22 – THIS IS THE WAY; WALK IN IT

When my husband left me and I was to continue on my own without a partner God gave me these verses to help and encourage me. You may think that because I write these things each week I have "arrived" but you would be very wrong and those who know me well chuckle to themselves at my thoughts because they know how much I need them.

This week I was on a "roller coaster" of emotions facing two big fears, I have learnt through them that there are two different types of fear. There is the fear where we take our Father's hand (Jesus) and walk with him through it and grow stronger because of it and a second kind of fear when we have let go of our Father's hand and suddenly find ourselves in turmoil. Well here's what happens to me in that second fear.

You know the game where you have a handle with a hoop that goes along a metal bar and if you touch the bar it buzzes loudly? Well, I am learning that when I venture away into an unwise move without the Lord's backup I first have a very real sense that something is wrong followed by losing my peace and going into panic mode, just like that buzzer.

Well, I had decided on a plan to meet my needs and that of my family MY way. However, as the plan began to unfold I suddenly had a very strong sense that it was not right followed by panic, indecision and

nerve-rattling fear and it wouldn't go away. Now I know the Holy Spirit would not make me fearful but I believe that first sense of unease was him because I have had it before in situations and have ignored it at my peril. I hate decisions and will try to avoid them but I had to make one on my own (without other people telling me what to do, although they were there to bounce things off) and God gently nudged me until I did, and it was not until I put a stop to the plan that my peace was restored. The devil immediately told me I was a failure for running away and not facing my fear, but I KNOW I wasn't and that I had done the right thing to put a stop to my plan and I am so pleased I have .

The last time when I carried on in spite of my lack of peace in a situation I nearly had a breakdown So, devil, I am not a coward, I did it right for once. As parents we hold our children's hands and encourage them to grow and walk on their own but it is different with God; he keeps hold of our hands and encourages us to stay dependant on him, but at the same time we have responsibility and consequences for our actions. His way is not the way of the world. By the way, I did walk with him through the other fear and it turned out fine. I also want to add that there was nothing ungodly about my plan and it might be fine for someone else but it definitely wasn't right for me.

It was hard to explain all this in writing so if you want me to explain it more I am happy to do that.

Church Weekend 2008

Once again this will be at Oak Hall Manor in Otford, Kent, from **Friday 28th (pm) to Sunday 30th March**. This is the weekend after Easter and a week before the end of the school term. The cost will be £70 for adults and £45 for children aged 4-15. Please fill in the form below and hand it to Pat with a deposit of at least **£5 per adult** in cash or cheque payable to Broadfield Christian Fellowship and the balance as soon as you can. If you have any problem paying this, have a word with Dave or Kevin and we'll sort something out.

Names: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children aged 4-15: _____ Number of children under 4: _____

Payment enclosed: £_____