

# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 13th April 2008

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall  
*Led by students from IBTI.*

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

**This evening** 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home  
7.45pm: Ian Edgson and Paul Gruet in concert in the Church  
*Entry is free but donations are welcome in aid of the "Building Hope – People's Project" fund. Copies of the new Edgson Gruet CD "Forward In All Directions" will be available.*

**Tuesday** 7.30pm: House Group at Martin & Katie's home  
*Session 2 of "God is closer than you think."*

**Wednesday** 9.30am–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

**Friday** 5.00pm: Drop-in meal with tea or coffee in the Social Hall

**Next Sunday** 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship  
9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall  
10.00am: Tea and Coffee and an opportunity for prayer  
10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Katie Johnson.*  
*Gift Day to help with funds to enable Anderson & Claudia to visit their family in Brazil – please be praying about what you could give.*  
8.00pm–9.15pm: The C of E is holding a session aimed at all those who lead services, worship or Sunday School, to which we have been invited

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Joshua 15-19**

After the children of Israel came in and possessed the land, they wisely established clear boundaries. Likewise, it is smart for us to draw healthy boundary lines in our lives and relationships.

Just as a person puts up a fence around his property to keep intruders out, so you must establish limits and margins – invisible lines you draw in your life to protect yourself from being used and abused. If you had a fence around your garden and on a sunny afternoon you looked out into your garden and saw your neighbours sunbathing there while their children played on your swing set without your permission, what would you do? You certainly would not just say, "Oh my, I do wish those neighbours would leave me alone." You would probably inform them, maybe quite forcefully, that your garden is off-limits to them for their leisure without your permission. You need to be just as lovingly forceful in letting people know you expect them to respect the limits and margins you have established around your personal life.

People-pleasers do not live within limits or margins. In their efforts to please people, they push themselves beyond reasonable boundaries. Let's face it – people often expect us to do things we either should not or cannot do. People-pleasers will push beyond the bounds of reason if they think it means everyone will be happy with them.

Some people will take advantage of us if we let them: that is just human nature. And if they do take advantage of us, often we become bitter or resentful toward them: we do not realize that we are just as guilty as they are, if not more so. It is impossible for others to keep taking advantage of us unless we allow them to do so. We need to be the ones to take responsibility for ourselves and make sure we do not let people treat us inappropriately.

My responsibility is to manage my life under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and so is yours. Clear-cut boundaries will help keep it that way. If you have a problem setting proper boundaries in your life, ask the Lord to help you set boundaries with grace and balance. He will do it because He knows that boundaries are a good thing!

*Joyce Meyer commentary in the Amplified Bible.*

## Advance Notices

**Sunday 11th May, 2.00–6.00pm:** Global Day of Prayer at Millwall Football Stadium. Tickets cost £8 (£5 for children under 16 and other concessions) if bought in advance or £10 on the day. The train costs £9.10 adult return to South Bermondsey. See [www.gdoplondon.com](http://www.gdoplondon.com).

**Tuesday 13th May, 10.30am–12.30pm in the Church:** "The Money Revolution" — seminar on how to apply Christian principles to handling your money, covering issues such as ethical spending, credit and debt, savings, generosity, insurance. Refreshments from 10.00am. See [www.themoneyrevolution.net](http://www.themoneyrevolution.net).

**Saturday 2nd – 9th August:** Revive! 2008 at Ashburnham Place — "Seeking Immortality." With guest speakers Jackie Pullinger and George Verwer. Book and pay by 31st May for a 5% discount.