



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley. Charity no. 1081321

(0845 22 66 498 – Email: fellowship@broadfield.org.uk – Web site: www.broadfield.org.uk

NewsFlash!

Sunday 18th May 2008

This morning 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Debby Hopkins; Preacher: Katie Johnson.

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

Monday 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home
Tuesday 7.45pm: Church meeting in the Small Hall next to the Church – see below
Wednesday 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
Friday 5.00–6.30pm: 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
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Simon Taylor.

Church Meeting – this Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Small Hall

The Fellowship has a “business” meeting twice a year, when we review our activities, finances and vision. All who worship with us regularly are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available.

The agenda will follow the usual pattern – please see one of the Leadership Group (Dave, Katie, Kevin, Irma) if there is something specific you would like to raise.

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Hebrews 3, verses 7-8: “... Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts ...”

Sometimes there will be something I think or say that I know is not good. This happened this week and I said to God, “why did I say that? I don't want to be like this, what is the root of it?” It was not something that anybody else could have detected because it was very subtle, but it was a black spot on my character. It wasn't part of my personality but it was a patch of poison on my character spoiling me rather like mould building up on yoghurt. God did tell me what the root was, so I got a pebble and wrote on it what it was and put it at the foot of a wooden cross a friend gave me. I also put five other pebbles with it with things written on them. I need to give God these things and ask him to help me and soften my heart.

Doctors will tell you that hardened arteries are caused by the build up of plaque in the arterial wall resulting in decreased blood flow. If this is left unchecked the chances are there will be a blockage that will ultimately stop your heart and you will die.

Spiritual plaque can be the little patches of poison, for example anger, pride, bitterness, etc. which, left unattended and not given to God, will harden your spiritual heart and block the flow of the Holy Spirit.

But, once you have given the ‘pebbles’ to God, they can be used as stepping stones to greater faith.

You will really need to seek God about these patches of poison because we are very good at deceiving ourselves. The root that God showed me this week was jealousy which surprised me a lot because I have always said that, although I have many flaws, I have never ever been a jealous person. I didn't want to tell you that but if it helps you then it's OK.

There are many references in the bible to the affects of a hard heart, so today ask God to soften your heart so that you can hear him even better.

Advance Notices

Saturday 7th June, 1.45–10.00pm: Worship training day followed by evening concert and celebration at Crawley Baptist Church, with Phatfish. Cost £15 for the whole day, £10 for the afternoon session, £8 for the evening concert. See Kevin for more details.

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