



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 3rd May 2009

<b>This morning</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Kevin Gordon – Preacher: Stacey Hopkins</i>
<hr/> <i>We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today</i> <hr/>	
<b>Later today</b>	2.15pm: Youth4kids (ages 8 to 15) meet in the car park for walk, picnic and pot-holing 7.00pm: Joint churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church
<b>Monday</b>	2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home 7.30pm: Community night at YWAM Holmsted Manor <i>Tea, coffee and sweet snacks will be served – please join us to lift up our area and the nations together (Psalm 67)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00pm: Aerobic praise in the Church <i>Please use the Coachmans Drive entrance</i> 7.45pm: Bible study in the Church Quiet Room <i>Continuing the studies from the life of David: 1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30–11.30am: <i>The Triangle</i> Coffee Shop in the Social Hall 12.00–1.00pm: Prayer (and fasting) in Church Quiet Room
<b>Thursday</b>	12.30–2.30pm: <b>Alpha</b> in the Small Hall <i>Who is Jesus?</i> 7.30pm: Light meal & prayer at Linda's home
<b>Friday</b>	5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal in the Social Hall 9.00pm: Prayer for Street Pastors at Crawley Baptist Church
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	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 <i>Worship: Katie Johnson – Preacher: David Evans</i> 7.45pm: EdgsonGruet + Sue the Diva playing live in the Church <i>Entry free – donations welcome in aid of Habitat for Humanity</i>

### Sunday School

Last week at a meeting of Sunday School teachers and helpers it was suggested that we divide the Sunday School into two groups based on age. We will, in due course, name the groups.

This morning, children up to school year 5 will be with Rachel and Carol in the Youth Hall as normal. Children in year 6 and over will be with Viv and Tony in the Reception area. We trust that this arrangement will be beneficial for all.

### Leadership Team

At our recent Church Meeting, the existing leadership team of Dave, Katie, Kevin and Irma was reaffirmed. They brought the following proposal to the meeting: *"The present leadership team have seen in Stacey a heart to serve people and emerging leadership qualities. We would like to invite him to serve with the leaders, and develop his leadership role over the coming months. We trust that Stacey and the leaders will learn from each other as we serve Broadfield together. At the next church meeting we would like to review this."* This was agreed by all, so welcome aboard, Stacey!

### Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team comprises Pat, Martin & Katie, Dave, Linda and Caroline. If you would like someone to visit to talk or pray with you, please let one of them know.

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## Thought for the Week – from Caroline

*John 16:7 “However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor will not come to you, but if I go away, I will send Him to you.”(Everyday Life Bible amplified)*

When I first became a Christian I had numerous problems and a lot I didn't know I had at the time as well. I would go to everybody and anybody seeking help, opinions, guidance, direction, etc., thinking that all Christians had the answer. All it did was cause me more confusion and in some cases a lot of hurt. Not everybody understands your problems and in fact some people do not have a clue. Also, sometimes it is very inappropriate to share. It is always best to pray first, asking the Lord whether it is His will that you go to another human being for counsel, or whether He desires to counsel you Himself. Remember also that even if someone has been through the same things as you it may not be them that is God is wanting you to seek help from.

Joyce Meyer says this:

In my own life I have had many, many problems, yet I never went to anyone else for counsel with the exception of one time. On this occasion I visited a lady in ministry who had been abused herself. I do not mean to discredit her, but she really was not able to help me. It was not her fault; she simply was not anointed by the Lord to do so.

God is not obligated to anoint what He does not initiate. When you are in trouble, go to the throne before you go to the phone.

I do not mean to suggest that it is wrong to seek counsel. I am just suggesting that you pray and allow the Lord to lead you and guide you through the Holy Spirit.

## Advance Notices

**Monday 11th May**, 3.30pm: Cream teas in Martin & Katie's garden, weather permitting.

**Wednesday 13th May**, 7.45pm at Crawley Baptist Church: Induction evening for new **Street Pastors**.

**Saturday 16th May**, 9.00am–3.30pm: First training session for new **Street Pastors** (venue to be confirmed). If any of you want to train, please speak to Dave and get in touch with Sarah Davis, Crawley Street Pastors coordinator at [sarah.davis@yfc.co.uk](mailto:sarah.davis@yfc.co.uk) or mobile 07714 722204.

**Saturday 1st–8th Aug**: Revive! 2009 at Ashburnham Place, “Seedtime and Harvest: Bear Much Fruit” with guest speakers Greg Boyd and Che Ann – booking forms on the tables.

## Apology

Due to technical problems, there is no recording of last week's message.