

Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 21st June 2009

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Kevin Gordon – Preacher: David Evans
“How can I make the most of the rest of my life?”

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

Monday 10.30am–1.00pm: “Monday Munch” in the Church Foyer
2.00pm: House Group at Connie’s home
3.30pm: Cream teas in Martin & Katie’s garden

Tuesday 7.00pm: Aerobic praise in the Church
7.45pm: Light meal & prayer at Martin & Katie’s home

Wednesday 9.30–11.30am: “The Triangle” Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer and fasting in the Church Quiet Room
7.30pm: Churches’ Joint Management Committee
7.30pm: Bible Society Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate
Including a brief report on the work of the Crawley Action Group and an illustrated talk, “Let the Light Shine – Nepal 2009” by Heather Clements, Bible Society Regional Manager

Thursday 12.30–2.30pm: **Alpha** in the Small Hall
How can I resist evil?
7.30pm: House Group at Caroline’s home
Continuing the studies from the life of David: 1 Samuel 30:7-25

Friday 5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal in the Social Hall
9.00pm: Prayer for Street Pastors at Crawley Baptist Church

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: The youth – Preacher: Katie Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Proverbs 18:8 “The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man’s inmost parts.”

The other evening I was on the phone to a friend, we were near the end of our conversation when I started to tell her something which I knew instinctively was gossip but instead of stopping there I carried on anyway. It may have seemed liked a tasty morsel but it turned out to be a chocolate with a disgusting centre and I felt terrible. I rang my friend back to apologise and ask her to correct me when I do that again. It spoilt my evening because I then felt I had let myself, Jesus and my friend down. Of course we need to share information about people at times, otherwise how will we help them. “How do you know the difference?” you may say – well usually you will just know, but bearing in mind that we can so easily deceive ourselves (we can be experts at making things seem oh so spiritual and right), if you are not sure, just ask the Lord, “what is my motive behind this conversation?” You see, gossip is tasty because it makes us feel momentarily better about

ourselves but what the enemy will do is “egg you on,” saying, “oh, go on, it won’t do any harm and now you have said this much you may as well finish,” then when you have done it he will say, “call your self a mature Christian – you can’t even get the basics right, you haven’t really grown at all, have you?”

That is why self-awareness is so important to our growth (remember Katie’s sermon) and is part of our “working out our salvation with fear and trembling.” (Philippians 2:12) When we are born again our spirit is immediately changed and made alive and new, but our will, mind and emotions are not, it’s there that the battle and the working out happens. God doesn’t wave a wand over you and make you all he wants you to be, you MUST play your part or you will only be saved but you won’t grow.

Since I asked God to make me aware of myself and what needs to change all sorts of junk has come to the surface but its not “navel-gazing” that’s pulling me down, it’s like scraping the fat off the mince when you have cooked it, making it healthy and better for everybody that shares your meal.

Advance Notices

On most Wednesdays in July, August and September, a “Health Walk” is being organised from Broadfield Community Centre at 10am. This is being organised through “Gatwick Greenspace Patnership” as part of their Crawley Health Walks. These will be suitable for all, less than an hour long on made-up paths. See Martin or Katie if you want to know more.

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

Saturday 5th September: Broadfield Community Celebration in and around the Community Centre.