

Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 13th September 2009

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Pouya

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

This afternoon 4.00pm: Sunday School leaders' meeting at Dave & Viv's home

Monday 2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home

Tuesday 7.00pm: Aerobic praise in the Church
7.45pm: Bible Study in the Quiet Room
Ephesians chapter 1

Wednesday 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
10.00–11.00am: Health Walk starting from the Recycling Centre
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer and fasting in the Church Quiet Room

Thursday 7.30pm: House Group for men at Stacey's home
"Father and Sons" (1 of 4)

Friday 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

Saturday 3.00pm: Youth4Kids one-mile race – return at 6.00pm

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
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Katie Johnson; Preacher: Andy Slater

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Proverbs 3:6 "... in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight."

All your ways, that's everything you do, say and think. People become Christians at any age and at any time along the path of their lives and can become very established in their ways. People, as a rule, don't relish changing or admitting that their set opinions or ways could well be wrong. In fact, some lives are so out of alignment with God's ways that you wonder how on earth God's going to do it, but He can and does.

I was thinking about this when I was gardening last week. I have a large tamarisk tree at the bottom of my garden, which I have had for many years since it was a young tree. I noticed that the main trunk is now leaning into my shed and some big branches are beginning to cut into the roof and unless I did something the tree was destined to destroy my shed. I put a length of rope around one of the branches and with every ounce of my strength (which isn't a lot) pulled the tree away from the shed and fastened the other end securely. The tree didn't like it and made groaning, protesting

noises and I knew that if it had feelings or could talk it would be saying, "I don't like this, you are hurting me and I was quite all right as I was." But it was far from all right, it was going to ruin my shed and be all bent over itself. If I had foreseen what was going to happen it would have been so much easier to redirect it when it was little, just as Proverbs 22:6 says, "train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

When people give their lives to the Lord, they can be like my tamarisk tree and the redirection that needs to take place in their lives can be painful and they may well resent the "pull of the rope" but it is necessary and for their ultimate good. My tree (if it could talk) could also have said, "why have you put the rope around me, you not doing this to the other plants in the garden" and I would have answered, "this rope is what YOU need, the other plants are not your business and I will care for them in the way that's best for them."

So when God needs to direct you don't say, "well, I can change when my wife/husband changes or when you have done this or that, God," just concentrate on what God wants YOU to do. Your husband/wife or whatever are God's business, trust God with them.

Advance Notices

Saturday 10th October, 8.00–10.00am: Men's breakfast at Crawley Baptist Church.

Monday 19th October, 7.30pm: Church Meeting in the Small Hall.

Friday 26th–Sunday 28th March 2010 (the weekend before Easter and end of term): Church Weekend at Annan Court, near Uckfield, East Sussex. The cost is expected to be £80 for adults and £48 for children aged 4 to 12. If you would like to start saving weekly towards this, please see Pat. If you are able to pay in full in advance it would help our cash flow – please see Kevin.