



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 20th September 2009

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Katie Johnson; Preacher: Andy Slater

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

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 2

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
12.00–1.00pm: Leadership Group prayer
6.45pm: JMC meeting with the Trustees
7.30pm: General Council meeting with the Trustees

Thursday 7.30pm: House Group for men at Stacey's home
"Father and Sons" (2 of 4)

Friday 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal 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
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Stacey Hopkins

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Blunted Sensibilities

Mark 14:32-34

"... he began to be deeply distressed and troubled." (v33)

Selwyn Hughes writes this in *Every Day with Jesus*. If you have already read it it is well worth reading again:

Now that we have seen the importance of the mental aspect of life, we move to consider the importance of the opposite end of the spectrum—the emotional. Some, it has to be said, are all head and no heart. I have heard such people described as tadpoles—a tadpole is a creature with a huge head and not much else besides! The mind has to be developed but so do the emotions if we are to be thoroughly integrated people.

A psychologist claims that killers who murder for gain or gratification are almost always lacking in affect, that is, the capacity for entering into the feelings of others. Pamela Johnson in her book *On Iniquity* says of our present generation, "We are in danger of creating an affectless society in which nobody cares for anyone but himself or herself, or for anything except instant gratification. We

demand sex without love, violence for 'kicks' ... we are encouraging the blunting of sensibility."

People can be emotionally flat for many reasons. Sometimes the problem stems from the developmental years. Some were never encouraged to show emotion as children, or have been taught to suppress their emotions. Others have a fear of emotion. They are afraid to feel emotions that arise because they are not sure how to handle them. And some believe God is incapable of emotion. This doctrine is known as the impassibility of God. This view is held despite the fact that we can be certain His Son was capable of emotions. All through the Bible we see God touching the whole gamut of emotion, from joy to sadness, from deep inner peace to the turmoil of soul that our text for today talks about. To be fully human and fully alive one must feel.

For further study: Gen 6:5-6, Mark 3:1-6, 10:21, John 11:35, 15:11.

Prayer: Father, You have made me to be a feeling being, yet some emotions scare me. Teach me how to feel without being frightened, how to experience my emotions without being intimidated by them. In Jesus, name I pray. Amen.

Advance Notices

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

Monday 19th October, 7.30pm: Church Meeting.

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.