



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 25th Oct / 1st Nov 2009

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

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

There will be no Coffee Shop and Friday meal this week due to the re-flooring of the Social Hall

Monday 10.30am: Pastoral Group meets
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home
6.30pm: Community Centre General Council

Tuesday 7.30pm: House Group at Martin & Katie's home

Wednesday 12.00–1.00pm: Prayer and fasting in the Church Quiet Room

Friday 2.00–5.00pm: *Light Party* for children aged 4–11, cost £2 – see flyers
Contact Jeremy Brown on (01293) 541275 for more information

Sunday 1st Nov 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: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Ian Johnson
7.00pm: Joint churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church

Monday 2nd 10.30am–1.00pm: *Monday Munch* in the Church Foyer
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home
7.00pm: YWAM Community Worship evening at Holmsted Manor
8.00pm: Leadership Group meets

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm: House Group at Frances's home

Wednesday 4th 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer and fasting in the Church Quiet Room

Friday 6th 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

Sunday 8th Nov 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
(Remembrance Sunday) 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall
10.00am: Tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Led by students from the International Bible Training Institute (IBTI)

Credit Union

Crawley Credit Union was started in 1998 at Christ the Lord in Broadfield and has been running very successfully ever since.

We have helped many people over the years by getting them to save and offering very low interest loans. We thought you may like to join our present 400 members and get into the saving habit, especially now that Christmas is just around the corner. For details ring our office on (01293) 400820 between 9am and 12 noon, Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday or out of hours call Kate on (01293) 402125.

See overleaf for the "Thought for the Week" which will be used in this week's House Group

Advance Notices

Sunday 22nd November, 6.30pm: Annual Bible Society "Songs of Praise" in the Church.

Friday 26th–Sunday 28th March 2010: Church Weekend at Annan Court, near Uckfield, East Sussex, led by Graham and Sandra Geddis from Ichthus. 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.

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

When we were at Revive Camp last summer Greg Boyd said something that really spoke to me:

- 1) Grace without truth can lead to avoidance.
- 2) Truth without grace can be legitimising anger.

Firstly, grace without clear and authoritative truth of scripture is deadly, the goalposts change. The truth of scripture guides the current of grace (Andy Comiskey's words). Of course we endeavour to love people unconditionally but not to sprinkle them with so much grace that the truth is excluded, because we want to be a nice person and don't want to give a hurting person any more trouble. We can actually be using grace as a spiritual disguise and means of avoiding the issue because we are fearful of confrontation and rejection. It can be a "cop-out" that puts the ball entirely into God's court so that we don't have to do anything. Our desire to be merciful is understandable but the lack of limits in life and the lack of discipline can lead to a chaotic lifestyle.

Secondly, truth without grace, that's hitting them over the head with scripture in a legal and condemning way, burdening them with shoulds and should nots, usually before they can apply or understand them, which is just as deadly as the first. It can also be used as a spiritual disguise for our prejudices and the attached anger.

A classic example of both of these is the plight of homosexual people. One set of people will give them so much grace that their "feet are set in clay" and there is no way forward, and the disguise of grace and love is actually harmful to them. Then there are those who give them so much truth (there are Christians who, deep down, are angry and find homosexuality repulsive but can't admit it) that they feel ostracized (outcast) and condemned. They can find themselves bombarded with "authority" from church leaders and other Christians that somehow escapes heterosexual people in similar misconduct.

Jesus blended grace and truth perfectly and we must learn under his guidance to discern what and when and how to say things and have the courage to put Him first, even if we risk confrontation or rejection. It's the way we approach things that is all important. The comedians say, don't they, "it's not the joke, it's the way you tell 'em!"

Please note that there will be no NewsFlash next week, 1st November, so please keep hold of this one for two weeks. There will still be a "Thought for the Week" for the House Group study.