



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 22nd/29th November 2009

- This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Stacey Hopkins
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- We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today*
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- This evening** 6.30pm: Bible Society “Songs of Praise” in the Church
Followed by refreshments – there will be an offering to support Bible Society’s Nepal project
- Monday** 10.15am: Pastoral Group meets at Linda’s home
10.30am–1.00pm: *Monday Munch* in the Church Foyer
2.00pm: House Group at Connie’s home
- Tuesday** 7.30pm: House Group at Mechelle’s home
See “Thought for the Week” overleaf
7.30pm: Churches’ Joint Management Committee
- 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
- Thursday** 7.30pm: Music Group in the Church
- Friday** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
- Sunday 29th** 11.00am: Joint all-age worship in the Church (no service in the Social Hall)
Refreshments (croissants, doughnuts!) in the Main Hall from 10.30am
7.30pm: EdgsonGruet Christmas concert in the Church
With special guests Sue Edgson & Jon Hope. Entry is free but donations are welcome towards the school in Mozambique where Sue was house-building. The new “Spirit of Christmas” CD will be available
- Monday 30th** 10.30am–1.00pm: *Monday Munch* in the Church Foyer
2.00pm: House Group at Connie’s home
- Tuesday 1st Dec** 7.30pm: House Group at Stacey & Debby’s home
See “Thought for the Week” overleaf
7.30pm: An evening with Garth Hewitt at Christ Church URC, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill
Garth will be singing songs about beauty, joy, struggle, mercy, laughter and wonder. Tickets £7.50 (£5 concessions), tel 883981 or 551709
- Wednesday 3rd** 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 5th Dec** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
- Sunday 6th Dec** 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: TBA
7.00pm: Joint churches’ celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church

Advance Notices

Friday 18th December, 5.00pm: Christmas meal in the Social Hall.

Saturday 19th December, 3.00pm: Carol singing on the Barton followed by mince pies at Martin & Katie’s.

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

Week commencing 22nd November

Read Matthew 25: 14-30 — The Parable of the Talents

God gave his talent to each one of us and expects us to use it. He expects us to use his gifts and talent responsibly and adventurously. It is not enough to hide the talent that God gave us and return it to God as we received it. God expects us to use our talent with our best effort, to invest more aggressively, and to explore more adventurously. **We don't have to worry about failure** because this new building project is absolutely not ours but His. **We only are stewards and caretakers, not owners so he will take care of everything.**

Imagine how a parent would feel if on Christmas Day when the gifts for their children were handed out, the children just took them, said "Thank you," and laid them aside with no attempt to open the gifts, not even to find out what they were! **Imagine how the Lord must feel when he has given gifts to us that he intends for us to use,** and yet we never take the trouble to find out what they are, never put them to work, and then excuse ourselves from serving the Lord and church by saying that we can't do anything!

Written by Reverend Kyung MoKoo

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Week commencing 29th November

Read Luke 18:9-14 — The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Then consider these symptoms of pride and how they can hinder us in responding in the right way:

1. Pride sees the wrongs of others, but never identifies with others in weakness. It never says, "Yes, I've done that too" or "I understand. If it were not for God's grace I would have done that also."
2. Pride does not admit wrong or personal responsibility, or if it does, it excuses it and explains it away to the point where there is no sorrow for the wrong done.
3. Pride is occupied with blaming others, with criticising and pointing out why others are wrong.
4. Pride produces hardness, arrogance, self-sufficiency and independence.
5. Pride is more interested in being right in the eyes of others than being good in the eyes of the Lord.
6. Pride is more concerned with winning arguments than keeping friends.
7. Pride never says the words, "I am wrong. It is my fault. Will you forgive me?"
8. Pride makes us feel that we are more spiritual or closer to God than others. It results in our feeling justified in thinking we are too good to be identified publicly with certain groups or individuals.
9. Pride produces a demanding spirit. It focuses on what has not been done for us rather than on what has been done for us. It covets the past or the future, but is never satisfied with the present.
10. Pride results in ungratefulness. Pride says, "I deserve more, or better." Pride does not believe it deserves hell.
11. Pride justifies avoiding or ignoring others.
12. Pride is divisive. Pride causes us to compare ourselves with others and results in our looking down on others.
13. Pride says "my" group (or church or denomination) has more truth than others.
14. Pride lends itself to an unteachable and uncorrectable attitude.
15. Pride causes us to judge situations by what they mean to us and not to God. Pride cannot see God's perspective in a person's life or a group.
16. Pride results in a negative, judgemental and critical attitude, slander and back-biting. Pride gossips, tears down, ruins reputations and delights in spreading news of failure and sin.
17. Pride leads to pity, pity and more pity.
18. Pride says we can reach a level or depth of spirituality where we are finally free of pride, and results in us putting our security in the most grotesque form of self-righteousness and not in the cross of Jesus Christ.

From "The Father Heart of God" by Floyd McClung