



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

CHRISTMAS 2009: 20/27 DECEMBER

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Family Carol Service

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

Monday 2.00pm: House Group at Connie'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

Christmas Eve 5.00pm: Carols by Candlelight in the Church

Christmas Day 10.00am: Joint Family Service in the Social Hall

Sunday 27th **NO SERVICE**

Sunday 3rd Jan 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: Katie Johnson

7.00pm: Joint Churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week — from Caroline

Matthew 2:1

And when they came into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him ...

What made these wise men/kings fall down and worship? They were not Christians, they didn't have a five-man worship team with them, they didn't have CDs, iPods, mp3 players, prayer meetings, bible studies, etc. – no, I believe they were just completely overwhelmed by the presence of God. I am really the last person to write about worship because I know I am not very “free” in worship at church but I do know that on occasions in unlikely circumstances I am aware of God. For example, outside my bedroom window is an evergreen tree which has plush red berries on it at this time of year. In the mornings the sunshine reflects through the leaves and it is truly beautiful. So too is a hazy winter sun breaking through dark clouds, a genuine smile from a stranger, an act of heroism and the gratitude from a thankful heart. When Simon Cowell spoke of Susan Boyle's audition he said something “magical” happened, I believe God was with her because He gave her that wonderful voice and didn't it shame those ready to “bring her down.” God is all around, in everything, everywhere and we worship Him when we acknowledge this.

In Isaiah 45:23 it says, “every knee will bow and every tongue shall confess” – this will happen at the end of the age and it won't be because they have been told to do this, they will just KNOW.

Revelation 1:17

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last...”

Now here we have John, who by tradition is the same John who knew Jesus personally, falling as if dead at the mere sight of the glorified Christ. He wasn't forced to fall, but he was simply overwhelmed by the sight. When Paul states that “every knee should bow, in heaven and earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father,” it is this type of reaction I think he is talking about. God will not force people to bow, but when confronted with God in all His majesty, they will simply be overwhelmed.

So true worship isn't something you can muster up or make happen.

Advance Notice

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.