

# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 23rd May 2010

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Katie Johnson; Preacher: David Evans*

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

**Monday** 10.30am: Pastoral Team at Martin & Katie's home  
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home  
3.00–5.00pm: Cream Teas in Martin & Katie's garden  
6.30pm: Community Centre General Council  
8.00pm: Leaders' meeting

**Tuesday** 2.00–3.00pm: Outreach on the Barton with YWAM  
7.45pm: House Group

**Wednesday** 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall  
10.00–11.00am: Health Walk starting from the recycling centre  
11.30–12.00: Leadership Group prayer in the Church  
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer meeting in the Church Quiet Room  
7.00pm: House Group for younger adults

**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: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Martin Johnson*  
2.00–10.00pm: The Big Church Day Out at Wiston House, Steyning

#### Thought for the Week — from Caroline

*“For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men?  
For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.”*  
(Galatians 1:10)

*“Fear of man will prove to be a snare.”* (Proverbs 29:25)

I was wondering what the difference was between people-pleasing and fear of man, and found it's not a lot different. In the gospels we see Jesus showing great courage and conviction in many fearful encounters. He loved people, there is no question of that, but He never wavered from the truth or sought favour from people. Jesus was often confronted by the chief priests, scribes and elders but never allowed them to intimidate Him. He didn't flinch, compromise, water down God's word, make deals, wait for an easier moment or conform in any way for acceptance from them.

To me fear of man is being “politically correct” to the point that you are not being true to yourself or your beliefs, in fact the fear of man created the term “politically correct.”

*A gospel designed to offend no one is a fraud that damns instead of saves. We must adhere to the truth of God's Word out of love for our Lord and for the souls for whom He died.* (quote by David Hunt)

People-pleasing seems to be about relationship, being liked, accepted, avoiding confrontation, and agreeing with everyone for a peaceful life but again not being true to yourself (or other people). Not being honest, not being able to say no. Quite frankly you can end up exhausted, grumpy, depressed, bitter, resentful, a doormat and very often misunderstood and hurt. It's not worth it. Joyce Meyer talks about a “pressure to perform,” an unhealthy drive to be accepted and approved by others. It is a desire so strong that it influences and controls the majority of our decisions. Jesus does not want you to be ensnared by these things, so pray about it or ask someone else to pray with you.

Margaret Florey is in hospital at:

**Please contact us for address**

Cards would be gratefully received.

#### Diary Dates

**Saturday 31st July – 7th August:** Revive! 2010 – “On Eagles' Wings” – at Ashburnham Place. With Roger and Faith Forster, Mark Bonnington, Wes and Mary Sutton, Patrick Regan, Georg T, Godfrey Birtill and Jonathan Conrathe. Booking forms on the table. **Book and pay before the end of May for a 5% discount.** [www.ichthus.org.uk/revive](http://www.ichthus.org.uk/revive)