



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 22nd May 2016

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Led by Ian's House Group

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

If you want to know the location of any of the meetings, please ask the host or one of the leaders

Monday	6.30pm: Prayer time in the Church
Tuesday	7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home 7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home
Wednesday	9.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
Friday	2.30pm: Dave Time in the Church Quiet Room 5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
Next Sunday	9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship 9.30am: Prayer meeting 10.00am: Tea and coffee 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: David Evans</i>

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Psalm 19:14 *May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Proverbs 18:21 *The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 27:6 *Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

God is very concerned with what comes out of our mouths, whether it is to help, edify, guide, correct or teach; or whether it is to cut down, destroy, divide or distort. I find it a lot easier sometimes to write than to speak because I can change my words or rearrange them and most of all think about what I am going to say. There are a considerable number of scriptures about speaking, e.g. **James 1:19-20** *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God, and Proverbs 29:20* *Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.* It is not easy and none of us is perfect and we all carry baggage from the past which cause "buttons" to be pushed in us but we have the Holy Spirit in us who is in the business of reprogramming us if we cooperate with Him. The first two scriptures in my heading are to do with our thinking, what we mull around in our thoughts, which will ultimately find its way out of our mouth in what we say (**Matthew 15:18** *But the words you speak*

come from the heart – that's what defiles you). Don't think for a moment that I am in any way different from you and I am taking some "holier than thou" stance. I have said and done many ridiculous and foolish things that I regret deeply.

The third scripture is about honesty in friendship. When I went through the troubled years of my marriage, forever arguing and complaining to other Christians about my husband (valid complaints in my mind at the time – I have a different viewpoint now), people would listen, sympathise, pray but not once as far as I can remember did anyone put me straight or guide me into a different thought process. If they had I may well have reacted angrily or accused them of not understanding but if they were telling me what I really needed to hear and it was from God and I eventually listened to God, things may well have turned out differently. Just saying to people, "I will pray about the situation," is sometimes just a "cop out," a "get out of jail free" card. God may very well want you to speak into their lives. Not easy, as it can be like lighting the touch paper on a firework and you could end up being most unpopular for a time, but I would much rather "hurt" a friend to help them than just watch them take a wrong path and suffer more and more.

WARNING: Please though be wise, operate only in God's timing and in what He wants you to say. Don't rush off after reading this to put a friend straight without thoughtful prayer. Doing something this sensitive in your own strength could do more harm than good.

Financial summary for April

Income: £3,077 (including £1,525 tax rebate), Expenditure: £1,753

The Fellowship is solely dependent on your offerings to function and we thank everyone who gives regularly or occasionally. There is a box for offerings on the table by the front door; please speak to Kevin if you would like to give by Standing Order or would like a Gift Aid declaration – if you pay tax, the value of all your gifts is then increased by 25%. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are also available on the tables.

Diary Dates

Saturday 30th July–Saturday 6th August: Revive! 2016, "New Day Dawning" with Heidi Baker and Less Isaacs. Brochures are on the tables – book at www.ichthus.org.uk/revive.