



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 30th October 2016

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Special Guests: Andy & Rosie Slater

*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 5.00pm: Messy Light Party – an alternative to Halloween
Party games, arts & crafts, food, celebration for the whole family

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

1.00pm: JMC meets in the Quiet Room

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

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Stockholm update

After a flight delay of 2 hours we arrived safe, I couldn't be bothered to workout my Huber app to get a cheap cab to the hotel as we were now tired. Got in the first cab who promptly gave us the Uber rate anyway, thank you Lord.

Nice Hotel, a converted winery, so we had to sample some produce with dinner.

Day 1, we have been at the stadium for most of the day and go back in a couple of hours. The Stadium has a roof so we need to adjust our wardrobe, we dressed for 4 degrees.

The leaders gathering today has been amazing, there is a very real and felt presence of the Holy Spirit. We have met some great people and renewed some older connections.

We have some older friends near Gothenburg that we have not been able to see for a while and we are concerned that they feel prayer support as they faithfully pray for revival in Sweden. So the first people we meet today are from Peru, but now they live in Sweden in the same town as our friends, and they know them. This was an amazing encouragement to us.

We also met a German lady who is one of God's team translating the Bible for the remaining unreached people groups who have no alphabet.

Recently by the instruction of the Holy Spirit she translated some of Genesis into a language she cannot speak! Then trained the locals to do the same. She has been all over the world and says there are no unreached people groups, just some language groups.

One of the pastors here in Stockholm is using Syrian Drones (with the Syrian Army's permission) to fly over ISIS territory every night and bomb ISIS with 1800 New Testaments (digital), yes every night.

The sense of excitement and expectation is very high within the churches of Stockholm. The event is now being covered not just by God TV but by National TV stations in Sweden, Norway, Finland Lithuania, Latvia and Russia, this is a real miracle. There have been press teams following this all week as the outreach hit the streets from last Monday. Millions will now see what God is doing here.

Friday Night

Martin Smith performs to ecstatic crowds. For us oldies loud and very pop concert but definitely worship.

Hundreds came for salvation then hundreds more to rededicate their lives to Jesus. Then hundreds of people received healing as the presence of the Holy Spirit filled the place.

So overall a pretty good evening! Thank you Lord.

Today more of the same with Bethel worship band, and street outreach this afternoon. Then another full stadium tonight.

Our love and blessings to all at church.

Lots more on the other side

Diary Dates

Saturday 12th November, British Museum visit, 9.05am at Three Bridges station, group fare £9 (bus pass £6.60), bring a packed lunch – contact mike@keeping.freeuk.com to book your place

Sunday 20th November, 5.00pm: Christ the King Songs of Praise in the Church, followed by a shared meal

Sunday 27th November, 12.00–1.45pm: Sunday lunch in the Social Hall – all welcome

Monday 28th November, 6.30pm: Church meeting in the Small Hall

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Ephesians 5:11 *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

I recently saw a church advertising they were having a Zombie Run. Seriously? God's House? This pastor does not celebrate Halloween and neither does her church.

In a spirit of full disclosure, when I was a brand-new believer, I allowed my son to go trick-or-treating. Part of the reason was because my husband was not yet saved and insisted we do. The other part was because I didn't see the harm in it. After all, many Christians I respected did it, so as a new Christian I justified that it must be OK. Right? Wrong!

As I grew closer to the Lord and gained more knowledge of His Word, I began to feel convicted about Halloween. I had thoughts like:

- God is a God of life, but Halloween focuses on death. Should I celebrate a holiday where people decorate their front yards with tombstones?
- The Scriptures tell us to put away deeds of darkness (Rom 13:12) and that light has nothing in common with darkness (2 Cor 6:14). Is celebrating a dark holiday something a child of the light should be doing?
- I had been delivered from fear and panic attacks and knew that fear comes from the enemy. Should I participate in a holiday that has fear as its very foundation?
- Witchcraft is clearly detestable to the Lord (Deut 18:10-13). Shouldn't something that glorifies witchcraft (just take a walk through the Halloween store) be detestable to me as well?
- Halloween is a sacred, high holiday for Wiccans (the official religion of witchcraft). Is this a holiday Christians should celebrate alongside Wiccans?
- Is it cute when we dress our kids like the devil (or witches, ghouls, scary characters, etc.)? Isn't it, well, demonic?
- What if my child dresses in a wholesome fireman costume? Romans 16:19 says that we need to be wise to what is good and innocent of evil. If I let him participate in Halloween, even while dressed as a fireman, aren't I sending him a mixed message by allowing him to participate in a celebration of evil?
- The Lord said in 2 Corinthians 6:17, "Come out from them and be separate ... Touch no unclean thing ..." Doesn't God want His children to be set apart from the world and from sin and evil? Aren't we supposed to be peculiar people?
- My extended family thinks it's ridiculous that we not allow our son to dress up for Halloween. Should their opinions matter to me more than God's? Shouldn't pleasing God be my utmost concern?
- If there is even a question in my heart and mind that it might be wrong, shouldn't that be my first clue? Why would I continue to do so with even a lingering thought that it is wrong?
- Does Halloween bring glory to God? No! It glorifies the devil! Enough said.

So as a new believer, saved only two years, I responded to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, repented of displeasing the Lord and put a stop to Halloween. And as a pastor, after observing first-hand the amount of destruction that the enemy brings into people's lives when they give him a foothold, I am even more convinced I made the right decision to close the door to the enemy and on this evil holiday.

Setting aside a day to celebrate evil, darkness, witchcraft, fear, death and the demonic brings disdain to God. Full stop. A Christian celebrating Halloween would be like a Satan worshipper putting up a nativity scene at Christmas while singing, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" The two just don't go together. Jesus has nothing in common with Satan (2 Cor 6:14), and neither should we.

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Following on from what Ian said last week, a note on using a journal to record what you learn each day as you read The Bible.

Get yourself a cheap notebook.

Leave a couple of pages blank so that you can create an index later.

Put the date at the top of your daily note so when you look back you can remember when you made the note. Sometimes the date can be relevant.

Use the acronym SOAP to help you structure your daily note, after all soap is something you should use every day.

S. Note the scripture verse that spoke to you today, write out the verse or part of it.

O. This is the observation, what was it that made this verse stand out.

A. Application, how does this observation impact my life or thinking.

P. Prayer, write a short prayer to ask the Lord to help you apply this new truth to your life.

Keep this up for 30 days and you will not want to stop when you review the amazing things the Lord has revealed to you and how you have changed because of what you prayed. Remember Jesus said whatever we ask in His name He does for us.