



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 5th March 2017

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today
If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders*

This evening 7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist 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
Led by students from IBTI

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

"But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken." (Matthew 12:36).

There are two things I don't like and don't do (well rarely anyway if I can help it), which are banter and sarcasm. Banter only works if you know someone extremely well and they know you love/like them very much otherwise it can be very hurtful and your saying, "I am only joking" doesn't wash (it's unacceptable).

Sarcasm is generally a put-down. It can sometimes be amusing but you are not going to know usually whether the person on the receiving end finds it amusing. They may well pretend to take it lightheartedly as they are not wanting to let you know they are hurt by it. I had a friend who was very sarcastic and God told her early on in her Christian walk that it had to stop; she's not at all sarcastic now. The following headings come from a detailed article on sarcasm in marriage conflicts but I think it is just as relevant in any communication.

Small excerpt from *Sarcasm: The verbal enemy at the gate* by Dale and Jena Forehand:

All of the recordings on the website at www.broadfield.org.uk are now up-to-date, including the 2015 and 2016 Church weekends. I will no longer routinely be producing CDs so if you would like a CD of any of them, please let me know – Kevin.

Divide and Conquer

Stings. Sarcasm is much like a bee sting. When a bee stings, the direct hit of poison causes immediate pain and inflammation. Sarcasm does the same thing.

Aggravates. Do you want to make an already bad situation even worse? Then use sarcasm. Sarcasm will aggravate rather than improve any situation.

Retaliates. Often the motivation for sarcasm is retaliation: "You hurt me, so I'll hurt you."

Controls. Sarcasm can be used to control a conversation. The more sarcastic a person becomes, the more control he or she has over the conversation.

Alienates. Sarcasm alienates and often humiliates the other person.

Shames. Sarcastic remarks usually seem like no big deal to the person who makes them. But to the recipient, those words make lasting impressions that scar to the very core of the heart.

Manipulates. Often, self-centeredness motivates a person to use sarcasm. A person seeking to have his own needs for approval and affirmation.

Diary Dates

Friday 7th–Sunday 9th April: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Jon and Emily Darby – Booking forms are now available on the tables, please hand to Irma with any payments.

Saturday 29th July–Saturday 4th August: Revive! 2017, "All for One" with Roger and Faith Forster and special guest speakers Stuart Bell, Steve Clifford and Jake Isaac. Bookings are now open at ichthus.org.uk/revive, 10% discount for payment in full by 17th March.