



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 30th September 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

*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*

Monday 6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church (*for one hour*)

Tuesday 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home

7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Friday 2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room (*for one hour*)

5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

5.45pm: *Alpha* in the Church Quiet Room (*ends 7.00*)

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: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Juliette Williams (Parish Nurse)

7.00pm: Town-wide Service at Crawley Baptist Church

We are leading the worship this month

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Proverbs 10:17 "If you readily receive correction, you are walking on the path to life. But if you reject rebuke you're guaranteed to go astray."

In 2 Corinthians Paul was concerned about a rather severe disciplinary letter he had written to the church in Corinth regarding certain people's sinful behaviour. He loved them and didn't want to hurt them but his letter was necessary. Paul was a passionate dedicated leader, a man of great authority and commitment to his mission to build and oversee churches, to convert gentiles to the gospel of Christ. I expect the devil hounded Paul with accusations saying, "That was no way to treat them, that was harsh, hard-hearted, where was the love in that?" and so on and so forth. But then he, through Titus, learns it's exactly what they needed and they have turned their lives around and responded positively to Paul's rebuke.

In 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 Paul wrote this: "Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it – I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while – yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings

death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done." (NIV)

Sometimes we may have to say no to someone or rebuke them in some way, we don't particularly want to but it's necessary; it may seem unloving and we may get a very angry negative response (like children when they say, "I HATE YOU!"), we may even lose a temporary connection with that person. It can be upsetting but it's their eventual response that counts. Nicky Gumbell wrote this:

Sometimes in life we hit a wall of pain and distress. It overwhelms us. It could be caused by bereavement, redundancy, sickness, disappointment, or other circumstances beyond our control. It could even, as in the case of the Corinthians, be caused by our own sin or mistakes.

What matters is how you respond. For some, times such as these drive them away from God. For others, like the Corinthians, it is the making of them. Their distress drove them to God. It transformed them into a people whom God was able to use powerfully.

Paul was someone whom God used greatly. But it was not a smooth ride; it was not a stress-free life.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th October, 6.30–7.30pm: Church Meeting in the Small Hall

Wednesday 17th October, 12.30pm: Friday Meal and Coffee Shop volunteers light lunch and training, please speak to Viv for details

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Faith Forster & Ben Trigg

Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019: Revive 2019 at Ashburnham Place – bookings open 30th October

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2)