



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 11th February 2018

<b>This morning</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Ian Johnson</i>
<i>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</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church ( <i>for one hour</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home 7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
<b>Friday</b>	2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room ( <i>for one hour</i> ) 5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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, including communion <i>Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Mike Keeping</i>

#### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

***"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 30:17)***

In order to accurately treat a sick patient, the doctor's first goal is to determine what is causing the unhealthy symptoms. Sometimes it's an easy diagnosis, and sometimes tests, X-rays and scans are required. But, no matter what, the root of the symptoms must be revealed. This is true for our physical bodies and it's true for our spiritual lives. (*Association of Biblical Counsellors*)

From *Trusting God Day by Day* daily devotions, Joyce Meyer says: We have established that sins must be repented of, wounds must be healed and demons must be expelled. The correct remedy must fit the particular problem. Misdiagnosis will likely result in mistreatment. In most of our lives, there has been a mixture of all three of these fields. However, these three distinctions are helpful in clarifying exactly where our real problems lie. For example, many people have been trying to unsuccessfully repent of a sin without realising that it has actually been a coping mechanism for some underlying pain or emotional wound. As we have discussed, repentance is non-negotiable – it needs to happen for the freedom to come – but without healing for underlying hurts, the chances of complete moral victory are very slim indeed.

God's Word searches us completely, scanning us in order that the Great Physician should diagnose our condition. God is able to distinguish sins of the flesh from wounds of the heart. With surgical precision, the divine scalpel of God's Spirit can pinpoint exactly where our problems lie. We need to know what sins need to be repented of and what the wounds are that need healing. This discernment is vital.

Is your thought life troubling you? Are you exhibiting emotional distress? Are there behavioural patterns that are getting out of your control? All these are indicative of the fact that something buried deep within you is broken. Proverbs 18:14 states that if our inner part is injured, the whole person will struggle: 'The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?'

The good news of Jesus Christ is that on the cross He not only bore our sins, but He also bore our brokenness and our sorrows. The wounds that Jesus our Saviour bore on the cross have the power to heal our wounds and human brokenness.

It's impossible for any of us to pass through this life without incurring wounds. We all have them, the question is: what do we do with them? Do we deny they exist? Do we ignore them, hoping they will disappear, only to find them raising their grotesque head later in life? Do we try to stupefy them with some thrill or addiction? Or do we bring them to the only One who can truly help us in our human brokenness – Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race.

#### Diary Dates

**Friday 2nd March:** Women's World Day of Prayer – All God's Creation is Very Good! Praying for Suriname, a service for everyone. 10.00am at the Friary Church, Town Centre; 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Furnace Green

**Friday 20th April–Sunday 22nd April:** Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place – "Going and Growing with the Holy Spirit" with Phil Tate – booking forms are now available on the table, please give to Irma with any payments

**Saturday 28th July–Saturday 4th August:** Revive 2018 – "Breakthrough" – at Ashburnham Place

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