



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 3rd February 2019

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Led by students from IBTI

*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

Monday 6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church

Tuesday 7.15pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline’s home

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
1.30pm: The Wednesday Group in the Church Quiet Room
Bringing the Gospels to Life, word-for-word drama from the Bible, all welcome

Friday 2.30–3.30pm: “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: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

BE HONEST WITH GOD

On 21st January the Nicky Gumbel *Bible In One Year* commentary was entitled “Be Honest With God.” In it he shared the story of Joseph and his brothers’ reunion. Joseph had been sold by his brothers to become a slave in Egypt but Joseph never deviated from his love of God and God exalted him to a position second-in-command to Pharaoh; you can read the whole story in Genesis 37-50. There was a severe famine throughout the land but Joseph had forewarned of it through the interpretation of Pharaoh’s dreams, so there was food in Egypt as Joseph had been put in charge of stockpiling enough grain for seven years. Joseph’s brothers went to Egypt not knowing the brother they had sold was in charge. The brothers come face to face with Joseph and in Genesis 42:8-11 it says this: “Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, ‘You are spies! You have come to see our land is unprotected.’ ‘No, my lord,’ they answered. ‘Your servants are honest men, not spies.’”

This couldn't have been further from the truth; they were not honest men, they had deceived their father for many, many years. They had lied to their father that their brother was dead and although they saw that their father was a broken man riddled with grief they never wavered from that lie. They had even deceived themselves into believing they were honest men. Jeremiah 17:9 says: “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” Even the most committed Christians can be astonishingly blind to themselves, that’s why we need to continually go to God, who knows you inside out and knows even what you are going to say next, and ask Him, “Why did I say that, why did I think that, why did I react like that, why did I make that choice, why, why, why?” It’s NOT self obsession, it’s keeping a short account with God, it’s wanting to change, it’s wanting to grow, but most of all its wanting to BE HONEST WITH GOD.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31, NIV)

In memory of Tina, 15 August 1982 - 3 February 2016, Alison, 4 August 1959 - 7 February 1998 and Keith, 12 February 1962 - 9 February 1977

Diary Dates

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Faith Forster & Ben Trigg – booking forms are now available on the tables, **please complete one as soon as you can and hand to Irma with any payments**

Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019: Revive 2019 “In the Name of Jesus” at Ashburnham Place with Greg Boyd and Gavin Calver

Keep turning your back on every sin, and make “peace” your life motto. Practise being at peace with everyone.
(Psalm 34:14, The Passion Translation)