



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 28th April 2019

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Kevin Gordon; 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*

Monday	6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church
Tuesday	7.00pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline’s home
Wednesday	9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
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 <i>Led by Students from IBTI</i> 7.00pm: Town-wide Service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

“... For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, ...” (Eph 6:10-17)

It seems sometimes that the Bible is full of contradictions, for example we say, “The battle belongs to the Lord,” but this scripture says you must do things yourself, we have to put on armour, stand firm and resist. In the Old Testament battles were fought in the physical: kings were overcome and whole cities annihilated, the Lord would tell His anointed leaders and warriors on many occasions that He would give the enemy into their hands; they did the physical fighting but the battle was the Lord’s and He gave them victory.

Well it’s the same today for Christians; although we are not physically fighting the enemy we are very much in a spiritual battle, fighting invisible but very real forces on a daily basis. When you gave your life to Jesus, from day one you became part of a vast army of other believers who stand (or should stand) shoulder to shoulder with each other against a common enemy, Satan, and his legions of demons. We have to believe in the spiritual realm otherwise we are like the two-year-olds who cover their eyes and think no one can see them. Keith Green, a Christian songwriter (who is now with the Lord) wrote, “I, Satan, used to sneak around. But now they just open their doors. No one is looking for my tricks

because no one believes in me any more.” That is not only sad, it’s scary, it means Christians are being tossed around battered and bruised like mice with a cat when God has given them not only authority but promises, guidance, instruction and His word on how to deal with the forces of evil. Don’t give the enemy a foothold (Eph 4:26-27). What is a foothold? A foothold can be best understood by imagining yourself being chased by a bad person. You run up to your room and try to close the door, but the person sticks his shoe at the bottom end of the door so you can’t close it. That part of his foot that prevents you from closing the door effectively is called a “foothold.” Ways to effectively close the door to the enemy are not to let the sun go down on your anger; not to hold onto to grudges, bitterness, resentment, jealousy; forgive (as best as you can – I know it’s a journey but work on it continually); think and say what is right; desire what pleases God; don’t retaliate; learn when not to speak and when to leave it for God to handle and more importantly, believe and trust God. Christians, do you want to be at the mercy of Satan’s wiles and tricks? I was for many years and it’s a horrible place to be – stress, stress and more stress. You really have to “get it” – you are in a battle but there is a way to peace. I am not saying you will never have problems, of course you will, but you can find that you may be in the midst of great trials and still have Biblical peace. I have to tell myself this all the time and I don’t always experience it but I believe it because God said it. We are in this battle together so we must help each other and remind each other all the time of these timely truths.

Diary Dates

Sunday 19th May, 12.15pm: Lunch and Church Meeting

Thursday 30th May – Saturday 8th June: 24-7 Prayer – 10 Days of Prayer for Crawley at St. John’s Church – sign up and register your time of prayer at 24-7prayer.com/signup/Of6187

Saturday 8th – Friday 21st June: *Broadfield Arts Festival* including Performance Day on Saturday 15th June

Saturday 3rd – 10th August: 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)