



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 5th May 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

Tuesday 7.00pm: 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

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: David Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Proverbs 25:28 "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."

This is using imagery of a person as a city and the walls are the spirit of a person that have been broken down by lack of control. The world is full of broken people, some more obvious than others, whose spirits are crushed, which is the opposite of a glad and joyful heart, and in Proverbs 18:14 it says a damaged spirit is worse than physical illness. So just as cities cannot do without intact fortification, humans cannot do without an intact spirit. So whoever lacks control over his spirit – whose spirit is damaged and left in disrepair – is as good as ruined. I think I can say that I have learnt wisdom out of foolishness and I don't recommend that school of learning to anybody, but unfortunately the world we live in is pretty clueless about the right way to live, millions upon millions, and that is no exaggeration, have no control over addictions to sex, food, alcohol, gambling, drugs because it anaesthetises their pain and they think it brings comfort. They rebel against God, they don't want to know Him and dismiss Him as fantasy, but Israel learned a very hard lesson when they lacked self-control by rebelling against God in disobedience, only to end up in exile with their capital city destroyed. The first nine chapters of Proverbs are all about Lady Wisdom (Proverbs 3:18 says, "Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly") and it's also about Lady Folly (Proverbs 1:32 says, "Like an idiot you've turned away from me and chosen destruction instead. Your self-satisfied smugness will kill you" – *Passion Translation*)

But God is the builder of walls and when you give your life to Him and trust Him He will restore your "city wall," He will fix your broken and crushed spirit; it won't happen overnight because we need to work with Him and do what He says. Remember a city with broken-down walls is exposed to the enemy but not so when it's rebuilt and fortified and we stand firm on the Word of God.

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/0f6187

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)