

Diary

Every Day 1:00 p.m.	Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock.
31 st December New Years Eve Ridgeway Centre Buckskin	Welcome in the New Year with Family and Friends. Tickets are £5 for Adults with Children under 16 free if accompanied by their parents.
Saturday 3 rd January	Fasting
Sunday 4 th January 10:30 a.m. Popley Fields 1:30 p.m.	We will be Breaking Bread together. Please note that we will not be having lunch together on the 4 th .
Saturday 10 th January 9:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast
Saturday 24 th January Aldershot	District Prayer and Fasting
Saturday 24 th January 7:00 p.m. 10 Turnberry Drive	The District Prayer and Fasting clashes with Men's Breakfast so we will meet in the evening instead.
Saturday 31 st January	Fasting
Sunday 1 st February 10:30 a.m. Popley Fields 1:30 p.m.	We will be Breaking Bread together and after the service, we will continue our time of fellowship with a meal.
Saturday 8 th February 9:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast

Please make a special effort to attend as many of our meetings as you can especially the Prayer Meeting and Bible Studies. Sharing time together in Fellowship is important and helps us all to Grow Spiritually.

“We who had sweet fellowship together” Psalm 55:14

NTCOG NEWS

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Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates and make every effort to attend.

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Popley Fields Community Centre
Carpenters Down
Popley
RG24 9AE

Monday – Hour of Power
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Home Groups
As Announced

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2009

Just what kind of year 2009 is for each of us will be determined by the choices each of us make. We will either:

1. Drift through 2009 without considering God's word and hoping that somehow things will work out.
2. Take time to examine God's word but fail to spend time putting in to practise what it says.
3. Seize 2009 as the year of promise that God has made, seek His face and actively seek to do His will.

Jesus told a simple story that helps us to understand the power of making the right choices. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field". Matthew 13:44 NASB

Sadly, in 2009 many people will not open their Bibles or really listen to God's Word, because of this they will not know about the great promises that God has made to them or the great plans that He has for them. God says - 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope'. Jeremiah 29:11 NASB

God has a plan for every one of us but for many in 2009 it will remain God's secret, they will not know what God has been planning for them and they will not experience His abundance.

Another group of people will discover what God has planned for them in 2009 through studying their Bible and listening to His word but they will not put in the effort required, they will lose their way as they focus on the world rather than God's word, this is how Jesus explained what happens:

"...when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. ...as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity". Luke 8:13-14 NASB

Finally there are those who are like the man in Matthew 13:44 they will spend 2009 looking in God's word for the treasure that He has promised

and they will then they will do everything that is in their power to acquire that treasure. They will dedicate themselves in 2009 to being both hearers and doers of the word.

If you want to see the fullness of God's blessing in your life during 2009, then you need to:

Stop

1. Putting God second, this is the biggest problem that Christians have and is why so many fail to achieve what God has planned for them. You must make God number 1.
2. Making excuses, that is trying to explain and justify what we are doing especially when it means putting God second. We hear a lot of excuses in the Church and the fact is that if you want to see God's blessing you must stop making excuses and start doing what you need to be doing.

Start giving God

1. Time - this is the most valuable commodity that we have in today's society that's why people tell you that 'time is money'. The truth is that if we want God's blessing its going to require us to give Him more of our time. Not giving time to God is a major reason why Christians fail to fulfil their potential and see the fullness of God's blessing.
2. Finances - this is not just about giving our tithes, although that's a good place to start. This is about how we use our finances to serve God and to fulfil our purpose. The man in Matthew 13:44 took everything he had (his finances) and invested it in the field (the promise). We need to follow his example and invest in our own personal development.

2009 promises to be a great year for the Church here in Basingstoke, we have already started to put activities in place to help people achieve their potential and have plans to do even more. The question that everyone needs to ask is:

How much am I prepared to invest in 2009 to achieve God's plan for my life?
Pastor Graham