

Diary

Every Day 1:00 p.m.	Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock.
Saturday 6 th March	Fasting – 2010 will be an important year for the development of the Church here in Basingstoke. It is vital that we continue to hear from God and Prayer and Fasting can help us. Please consider joining in our monthly fast to support God's work.
Sunday 7 th March	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will be meeting for lunch after this meeting.
Saturday 13 th March	Ladies Breakfast
Saturday 27 th March	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 3 th April	Fasting
Sunday 4 th April	First Sunday This is also Easter Sunday so we will combine a Special Easter Celebration with Breaking Bread. Please note that we will not be having lunch after this service.
Saturday 10 th April	Ladies Breakfast
23 rd to 25 th April	District Men's Weekend Aldershot
Saturday 24 th April	Men's Breakfast

Remember

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

March 2010

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
Tuesday
7:30 pm

Thursday – Open Door
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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Poet's Corner

Eagerly the children run
Adults lead the way
Into the Church
On Sunday

Voices ring out, singing to the Lord
Tambourines, guitar and keyboard
All blending hands upraised
Jesus being praised

In worship quieter now
The Holy Spirit hovers
Touching hearts, bringing peace
Then the prayers

The sermon telling us how to live
Listened to – very attentive
Afterwards the biscuits and tea
That's N.T.C.O.G.

Joan Macintosh

Bible Study

We can never underestimate the importance of The Bible because we believe it is God's Word and that He gave it to us through revelation so that we could know more about Him. Our denominational Basis of Faith says that we believe:

In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

We believe that God Himself was active in writing the texts that have been collected together to create the Bible that we have today. The Bible itself confirms this view through the words of the Apostle Paul:

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness - 2 Timothy 3:16 NASB95

In the early days of Christianity access to the Bible was limited because producing the scrolls and codices that contained God's Word was a time consuming and expensive process. Today however the Bible is readily available to us all in many different translations and through different media.

My favourite way of studying the Bible is using software, it enables me to compare different translations, check a commentary, understand the historical context of the passage and add my own notes. There are a number of different packages available and three examples are:

1 - Bible Explorer

This package is available at www.bible-explorer.com as a free download and includes 200 Bibles, Commentaries and Dictionaries. The free books are all older publications that are now in the public domain with newer books available for sale. The exception is the ESV a well regarded recent translation that is available free using a coupon code.

2 - Glo

This is a new package and built using the text of the KJV and NIV and the notes from the NIV Study Bible. Glo is a very visual program and it includes a lot media and timelines to help in understanding the Bible, its history and the people whose stories it tells. More information is available at www.bibleglo.com and it is available for purchase at www.eden.co.uk and www.amazon.co.uk for around £55.

3 - Logos

There are currently two versions of this package available. Version 3 is the software used in the popular Nelson eBible packages with version 4 available direct from www.logos.com. Version 3 and 6 books can be downloaded for free from www.nelsonministryservices.com but the best starter package is probably *The Essential Bible Study Library* which is currently available at www.eden.co.uk for under £15. When you are ready Version 3 can be upgraded to Version 4 free of charge at www.logos.com.

And Finally...

Any one of these packages could help you to study the Bible in more depth so why not make some time in the next few weeks to look at the options and see which one is right for you.

Pastor Graham

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payers then the Government will give us 25 pence for every pound that you give so please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes for your tithe and offering.