

# NTCOG NEWS

June 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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## Diary

Every Day 1:00 p.m.	Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Fasting – please pray that God will give us direction about a building to meet our future ministry requirements.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will be meeting for lunch after this meeting.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Women's Breakfast
25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> June	District Convention – Aldershot
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Please note that at the request of our District Overseer there will be no Church Service this Sunday (District Convention Weekend)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Fasting
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will be meeting for lunch after this meeting.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Women's Breakfast
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Special Bible Teaching 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Popley Fields Community Centre

## 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

## The Missing Word... Sin

There is a trend in society for individuals to actively avoid taking responsibility for their actions. Society is full of people with excuses to explain away their bad behaviour.

But society is looking from a secular perspective and is only concerned with how our bad behaviour impacts other individuals (and ourselves). As Christians we know that the impact of our behaviour has another dimension, our relationship with God, and that God has a name for our bad behaviour and that name is sin.

The fourth statement of our denominational basis of faith does not avoid the issue and recognises that we must acknowledge and turn from sin (bad behaviour) if we are to have a relationship with God, it says:

**That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, that repentance is commanded of God for all and is necessary for the forgiveness of sins.**

Whilst it may not be popular in contemporary society as Christians it is important that we understand:

- That sin exists.
- What sin is.
- The impact of sin.

The Bible clearly tells us that sin exists and that we are all sinners "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (NASB)

There are many in modern society who deny the existence of sin and many Christians are embarrassed to use the word sin but the Bible clearly tells us that sin exists. If we are to present the Gospel to our society effectively we must be clear, sin exists and it is destroying people's lives.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones says that "in its essence sin is a wrong relationship with God and a wrong attitude towards Him. Therefore sin, defined comprehensively, is anything or everything that prevents our living only to God, for Him, and for His glory."

The great deception of our age is the claim that there is no God and it is on the basis of this claim that the secularist denies the existence of sin. If we are to present the Gospel to our society effectively we must be clear that sin exists because there is a God.

Sin results in separation, sin separates people but a much more important consequence of sin is that it separates men people from God. Because God is perfect and sinless He cannot look at sin.

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear. Isaiah 59:2 (NASB)

As our society drifts further and further away from God we have a responsibility to present the Gospel in a powerful, practical and relevant way. We can only do this if we have a proper understanding of sin and the impact that it has.

Why is a proper understanding of sin important? Because:

- Without a proper understanding of sin there can be no repentance.
- Without repentance there can be no forgiveness.

We know from the Apostle Paul that "...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... 1 Timothy 1:15 (NASB)

So for the Gospel to be effective, and lead to salvation, those who hear the Gospel must become aware of the fact that they are sinners. This does not mean we should randomly start telling everyone we meet that they are sinners. What it does mean is we must not be embarrassed to mention sin and the negative impact of sin when speaking to others about Jesus.

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38 (NASB)

We live in a society that likes to deny the existence of sin and wants the Church to remain silent on the subject. But sin does exist and the evidence of sin is clearly visible throughout our society.

The role of the Church is not to define, judge or condemn sin. The Church must be true to God's Word preaching the Gospel so people become aware of sin, repent, seek and find His forgiveness. That's our mission...

Pastor Graham

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