

# **Feltham Evangelical Church** Newsletter: October 2009

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**A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith**

## **Calendar**

### **w/c 27<sup>th</sup> September**

27th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper  
27th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables)  
27th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School  
29th 5.45.p.m. Lighthouse  
30th 7.30.p.m. Prayer and Bible Study  
2nd 9.30.a.m. Open House  
3rd 10.30.a.m. Open Air

### **w/c 4<sup>th</sup> October**

4th 9:30.a.m. Lord's Supper  
4th 11:00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables); refreshments afterwards  
4th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School  
6th 5.45.p.m. Lighthouse  
7th 7.30.p.m. Prayer / Bible Study  
9th 9.30.a.m. Open House  
10th 7.00.p.m. Feltham Bible Focus (Joseph Pettitt; *Help me to Manage my Finances*)

### **w/c 11<sup>th</sup> October**

11th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper  
11th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Neil Kinghorn)

11th 1.00.p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
11th 2.00.p.m. Afternoon Service (Neil Kinghorn)  
13th 9.30.a.m. Prayer Meeting  
13th 5.45.p.m. Lighthouse  
14th 7.30.p.m. Prayer / Bible Study (Phil Symes)  
16th 9.30.a.m. Open House

### **w/c 18<sup>th</sup> October**

18th 9.30.a.m. Prayer and Praise  
18th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables) including Lord's Supper  
18th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School  
20th 5.45.p.m. Lighthouse  
21st 7.30.p.m. Prayer / Bible Study  
23rd 9.30.a.m. "Open House"  
24th 12.30.p.m. Church Members "Agape"

### **w/c 25<sup>th</sup> October**

25th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper (Micky Mollallegn)  
25th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables)  
25th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School  
28th 7.30.p.m. Prayer/Bible Study  
30th 9.30.a.m. Open House

## **Spiritual Notes Truth**

What is a polygraph? It is an instrument which tests whether or not someone is telling the truth. So if you took a polygraph test how would you get on? Are you a person dedicated to truth and honesty? Or are you rather someone who conveniently uses (or abuses) facts for your own personal convenience?

Of the seven things God is said to abominate in Proverbs 6:16-19 two are a lying tongue and a false witness who speaks lies. This, of course, is to be expected because our God is a God **who does not lie** (Tit. 1:2b). He is a God who loves truth. If He were not such a God He would obviously be unreliable because questions would continually have to be asked as regards to whether or not He is telling the truth. Thus because He never lies we can trust Him unreservedly, knowing that He is totally reliable.

The reality of the truthfulness of God was seen most beautifully when the Son of God came to earth. John could remark of Him that: **We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth** (John 1:14b). Any polygraph testing of our Saviour would reveal a man of 100% truth. Moreover, He is actually declared to be The Truth (see John 14:6b). Jesus is truth or He is nothing.

Now that our Saviour has returned to the Glory, the Spirit of God has been sent to be in this world. Most specially He is in this world by being in His people. Such a Spirit is declared to be the Spirit of truth. The Saviour speaks to His disciples in the Upper Room as follows: **But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth** (John 16:13a).

As Christians we are called to be those who **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God** (Eph. 4:30a). And if, as we have established He is the Spirit of truth we surely grieve Him when we tell untruths. Therefore to lie is to sin. Similarly as Christians we are disciples of Jesus Christ; we are learners / followers of Him who is the truth. Accordingly, It is a total contradiction of who we are to be people who lie and play "fast-and-loose" with the truth.

To be godlike and biblical in our dealings then we must be people who tell the truth. This has big implications for how we teach God's Word and how we live in the general course of our lives.

A phrase from the 1980's which summed up the slippage of truth in the world around us was that of "being economical with the truth." In dealing with scripture we can similarly deceive people by being economical with the truth. To be full of truth ourselves we must declare the Whole counsel of God. To declare a God of love, but no wrath is to deceive. To present our God as a God who forgives sin, but does not punish sin is to lie.

But what of our general dealings in life? Are we those who are scrupulous about always declaring the truth? During our Lords' time on earth the people swore oaths concerning what they said. We read of this in Matthew 5:33-37. There seems to have been a scale operating, so that if you swore by heaven then your statement was more likely to be accurate than if you swore by earth. Our LORD said we should have nothing to do with such nonsense. He says to us: **Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one** (Matt. 5:37).

As God's people then we should be known as those who tell the truth. We should never lie nor should we manipulate the truth for our own personal convenience.

This all having been said, what are we to think of Rahab in Joshua 2:1-7? We read of how she hid the two Israelite spies then told the enquirers from the King of Jericho that they had gone. What we can say from scripture is that she was never commended for her deception. What she was commended for was her real faith in God which was shown in her caring for God's people (see Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25).

Let us then be known as people of truth who hate lying and being a false witness. As such we will be faithful to our God and know His favour resting upon us.

### **News**

John and Lucy Ferreira are due to return to live in Brazil on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We trust God's blessing upon them as they move into a further phase of their lives.

Pat Earle has now been able to move back into her home here in Feltham.

Margaret Lee had a bad fall in Feltham Town Centre on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is now recovering at home.

### **Notes**

Feltham Bible Focus focuses this month upon the issue of how we manage our personal finances. Joseph Pettitt from Hayes Town Chapel is due to be the preacher. This takes place on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00.p.m.

Harvest If you would like to bring some produce to be displayed in church for harvest then please make sure it is at the church by 9.30.a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> October. All the collected provisions will be distributed to the local Age Concern operation. The collection / offering on October 11<sup>th</sup> will be passed to Lanka Evangelical Fellowship of Churches to assist in the work of the gospel in Sri Lanka.

Fellowship Lunch On Harvest Sunday we are due to have a visit from Neil and Jayne Kinghorn. On that day we are due to have a fellowship lunch together which is due to be on a bring-and-share basis. In the afternoon Neil will give an update on the work he is involved in with London City Mission.

Cooked Food It is good for us to be able to share meals together in church. Thanks are due to all those who provide on these occasions. As a reminder, where necessary, please make sure that any food is properly cooked.

Mobile Phone Please make sure mobile phones are turned off during the services so that there is no unnecessary disturbance.

Church Members "Agape" On October 24<sup>th</sup> Philip invites all church members to join together for an "agape" (fellowship lunch) at the church premises at 12.30.p.m..

Thanksgiving for baby On May 11<sup>th</sup> a daughter, Michaela, was born to Anthony and Shonnely Layne. As part of the service on October 4<sup>th</sup> we intend to give thanks for the safe arrival of Michaela and commit her life to our God.

Clocks change on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you alter yours so that you can be in church at the right time on that day!

Security On 12<sup>th</sup> September a car parked in the car park was broken into. Please be careful not to leave any valuables on display in your car to tempt thieves.

Creche If during the service you feel that your baby / child is making too much noise then there is facility to take your child to the sideroom where you can continue to listen to the service.

