

Feltham Evangelical Church *Newsletter: April 2010*
A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith
Calendar

w/c 28th March

28th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper
28th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables)
28th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School
30th 5.45.p.m. Lighthouse
31st 7.30.p.m. Stanwell Cong. Church (P Swann)
1st 7.30.p.m. Hounslow West Evangelical Church (J Nicholls)
2nd 10.30.a.m. Good Friday Service
2nd 7.30.p.m. Hayes Town Chapel (L Goligher)
3rd 10.30.a.m. Town Centre Evangelism

w/c 4th April

4th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper
4th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables)
7th 7.30.p.m. Prayer / Bible Study (Mark Henderson)
9th 10.00.a.m. Open House
10th 7.00.p.m. Feltham Bible Focus (Neil Richards; *Living by Grace*)

w/c 11th April

11th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper (Neil Richards)
11th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Neil Richards)
11th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School
11th 1.00.p.m. Fellowship Lunch
11th 2.00.p.m. Afternoon Service (Neil Richards)
12th 7.30.p.m. Prayer Meeting

13th 9.30.a.m. Prayer Meeting
14th 7.00.a.m. Prayer Meeting
14th 7.30.p.m. Prayer / Bible Study
16th 9.00.a.m. Prayer Meeting
16th 10.00.a.m. Open House
17th 9.00.a.m. Prayer Meeting

w/c 18th April

18th 9.30.a.m. Prayer and Praise
18th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Phil Symes) 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
22nd 7.30.p.m. Church Members Meeting
23rd 10.00.a.m. Open House

w/c 25th April

25th 9.30.a.m. Lord's Supper (Zac Mollallegn)
25th 11.00.a.m. Morning Service (Philip Venables)
25th 11.15.a.m. Sunday School
27th 5.45.p.m. Lighthouse
28th 7.30.p.m. Prayer / Bible Study (Phil Symes)
30th 10.00.a.m. Open House
1st (May) 10.30.a.m. Town Centre Evangelism

Spiritual Notes *There is a division*

Our Saviour, Jesus, said **"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it"** (Matt. 7:13-14).

Consistently, throughout scripture a division of humanity is presented. We are either for God or against God; we either have everlasting life or are under the wrath of God; we are either in Christ or in our sins.

The natural religious mind sees everyone as being at different stages on one of many roads which lead to God. All that matters is that you are seeking to do your best not to harm anyone else. However, this assumption about how people stand before God is based on a complete lie. Everyone is not headed for heaven. The Bible clearly teaches that there is eternal destruction and there is eternal life. There is a division.

But who is on each side? John 3:16 says that **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. It is those who believe in Jesus Christ that have everlasting life.** The question can then be asked how do we know who is believing in Jesus Christ? It is only God who ultimately knows because He is the only One who knows the heart. As God said to Samuel **The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart** (1 Sam. 16:7b). Paul asserts the truth similarly when He says that **"The Lord knows those who are his."**

However, Paul adds to the foregoing statement that **"Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."** Yes it is the LORD alone that knows who are His. The lives of those that are His though, must be characterized by a rejection of that which is evil. If someone says that "I am a Christian; I know the LORD" then we have a right to expect that that profession will be substantiated in a godly life.

Nevertheless, we have to be very careful about these matters; we must remember that human judgement is fallible. You can be fully accepted among the people of God and yet still on the broad road that leads to destruction. Judas was such a person. The fact that the disciples did not immediately point to Judas when the LORD said **the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him. Rather " They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this** (Luke 21:22-23). If Judas, a man destined for eternal destruction, could pass himself off as a member of the people of God then it is possible for others to achieve this.

This reminds us that it is not baptism or church membership or our name on a church roll which makes us to

be Christian; it is simply faith in Jesus Christ. If there is any list that matters it is that constituted by the Lamb's book of life. Of the heavenly Jerusalem described in Revelation 21 John says **Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life** (Rev.21:27). In contrast **If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire** (Rev. 20:15). The question that matters then is: "Is your name in the Lamb's book of life?"

In view of this let us be careful to reject all teaching that suggests that life is about doing your best to please God and then seeing what happens in the end. This is the substance of all of the man-made satanically inspired religions that surround us. Many even claim this to be the Christian message. However, the substance of the one true religion which originates with God Himself is that we must believe in His Son to have everlasting life. And if we do not believe we are under the wrath of God. **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him** (John 3:36) is what the Word of God says.

In conclusion then we must always be remembering that there is a narrow way that leads to life. Many messages which appear to be very nice make no mention of the narrow way and are therefore poisonous. Let us reject them and cleave to the message of hope and truth which is found in Christ Jesus and Him alone

Notes

<p><u>Gift Aid</u> If you are giving to the church and are a taxpayer then you should consider giving through the Gift Aid scheme. This scheme is beneficial because it allows the church to claim back the tax upon the amount you give. If you would like to know more about this then please speak to Sheila.</p>
<p><u>Church Outing</u> We plan once again this year to visit Littlehampton on May Day Bank Holiday as a church on May Day Bank Holiday, May 3rd. We plan to leave at 8.45.a.m. We plan to travel by coach. Payment is on a voluntary contribution basis.</p>
<p><u>Men's Conference</u> On April 24th there is due to be a conference at Hayes under the title Building the Church; Mentoring and Training – Developing Gifts and Potential in the Service of Christ. The conference lasts from 9.00.a.m. to 12.30.p.m. Please see Philip for more details.</p>
<p><u>Week of Prayer</u> The start of the "summer term" affords us a further opportunity to make sure that all at Feltham Evangelical Church is happening for the glory of our God. Accordingly, during the week commencing on 11th April we have extra prayer meetings taking place (see calendar for details). Come and pray "in church" if you can. Otherwise pray to God at home, at work or wherever, for each other and the church.</p>
<p><u>Fasting</u> To demonstrate our desire to see God working through our prayers in our Week of Prayer why not consider giving time to fasting as well. This is a biblical practice which we should consider engaging in.</p>
<p><u>"Reach for Me" Cards</u> These have been distributed in the area around Raleigh Road where June Waggott, the painter of the picture used to live. Pray that we might see people seeking God as they ponder the meaning behind this painting.</p>
<p><u>Church Members Meeting</u> The Church Members annual General Meeting (AGM) is due to take place on 22nd April. Pray that God would be known among the members during this time of fellowship.</p>
<p><u>Preaching Meetings.</u> In the week preceding Easter we are again invited to the series of meetings arranged at local churches (see details at calendar overleaf). These are occasions when we can hear good preaching and benefit from fellowship with others. If you would like to come, but have no transport, please see Philip.</p>
<p><u>Feltham Bible Focus</u> focuses this month upon the the basis of how we live for God in this world. Neil Richards who for many years was pastor of a church in Cheshire is due to be the preacher on April 10th. We look forward to being encouraged as regards to "Living by grace". Please come along if you can.</p>
<p><u>Fellowship Lunch</u> On April 11th we plan to have a fellowship lunch together. This is due to be on a bring-and-share basis. All are welcome. In the afternoon Mr Richards, who is our preacher for the day, is due to speak on the subject "Things I have learnt in over fifty years of serving the LORD"</p>

News

<p><u>Tom Asiedu</u> is hoping to be able to go and visit his Mum in Ghana on March 31st. She is not well at the moment.</p>
<p><u>James Phillips</u> has started training for his new work as a Security Officer responsible for deportation with Wilson James.</p>