

# Noticeboard

## Clothes and Toys Swap

Here at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Thursday evening 23rd March 7.30pm in the Lounge Entrance is free but generous donations in aid of the Inchanga Schools Appeal appreciated! Refreshments available. See Mary Jones for more information

**Know Your Bible** Ladies Conference with Sarah Yardley Friday 17th March at St Austell Baptist 9am–2.30pm and Saturday 18th at Redruth Baptist 9am– 2.30pm. For more information contact 01208 871541 for St Austell and 01209 202529 for Redruth.

*If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please let the office know and we can add you to our mailing list!*

**If you see any Health & Safety issues** contact Rick Cookman roderick@cookman.me.uk

## Food for Thought

This Thurs 16th March guest speaker is Peter Richards Meeting starts at 2.30pm.

**House Groups** are important to the Church Life. Small groups are an ideal way to get to know one another on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining a group see Doreen Fraser

## Foodbank needs are:

- \* Tinned potatoes
- \* Tinned tomatoes
- \* Rice
- \* Children's cereals
- \* Savoury snacks
- \* Sweet treats
- \* Soap
- \* Toilet Roll
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Shampoo

## Sunday 19th March

**10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

**Main Door** Lynne Pellow

**Inner Door** Barry & Betty Hearn

**Easy Worship** Vicki Kneebone

**Coffees Before Service & After Service** Chris & Kristine Trueman

## Sunday 12th March 2017

**10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

**Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service**

**Today (10.30-11am)** we will be holding a children/youth breakfast and are inviting all the Prayer Parents to join us, are hope is to connect as many children with their prayer parent as possible, encourage prayer in both directions and share some yummy food together.

## Prayer Ministry

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like prayer for any reason.

## The Church office

Open Monday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm

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**Minister** Rev'd Charles Blizzard

**Sermon outline notes:      Making decisions that are rooted in God's will as opposed to our own will**

Our lives are filled with many different decisions that must be made. Some, we might say, are not all that important, while others are of the utmost importance. At times, the decisions we must make may well result in life or death, or have a major impact upon eternity. Quite often, when we are called upon to make important decisions, we do not know how to respond in order to make the proper decision. Decision-making can become very confusing at times as we try to determine what we should or should not do. A study of some of the great decisions made by men of the Bible can help us in our decision-making.

Within the pages of the Book of Genesis was the decision made by Lot to choose the well - watered plains of the Jordan. From Genesis 13:5-9 we note a problem had arisen within the ranks of the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot. The decision was made to allow Lot to choose which direction he would go with his family, his herdsmen, and his cattle. From Genesis 13:10-13 we see that Lot looked out over the well-watered plains of the Jordan and chose that as the place where he would go. No doubt, as he looked over this area he thought to himself that he was making a wise decision. He may have thought that he had “pulled one over” on Abraham. However, he didn't! As we can see later in the Book of Genesis his decision to go in the direction that he did landed him in Sodom, where his family was put in jeopardy (Genesis 19:1-26). In his seeking for the many material things that he assumed would come from his choice of directions to go, he failed to consider every aspect of his decision. He allowed his desire for material things take precedence over the more important things in his life. As we read this story, let us be cautioned to be sure that we have our priorities right when it comes to the rearing of our families.

It's right to be careful in our decision-making, of course: to pray, to seek counsel from Scripture and from wise Christians. The bigger the decision, the more careful we should be. But there comes a point when pausing becomes procrastination, when waiting is no longer wise. There comes a point when not to choose becomes idolatry. It becomes a lack of trust in

the God who ordains the decisions we will make, gathers up the frayed ends, and works all things for our good and his glory.

Be wise, but then rest in God's total sovereignty and goodness, and choose. Commit, Make a decision.

James 1: 6-8 puts it like this: “Believe and do not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind... Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

**Points to ponder:**

- 1) Do you have a formula you follow when making everyday decisions ?
- 2) How about when you are making decisions that will have an impact on those close to you?
- 3) Discuss what you thoughts are on : Making decisions that are rooted in God's will as opposed to our own will
- 4) Finally, what impact do you think the decisions we make here on Earth will have when we are in eternity?

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