

INTOUCH

December 20, 2009

Christ is Born!

Come; let us adore Him!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20

12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
3:00 PM	Orpheus Male Chorus Christmas Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells rehearse	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

MONDAY – DECEMBER 21

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Turbo Blast"	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY – DECEMBER 22

7:00 AM	Women's Prayer/Study not meeting, will meet again on Jan. 5th	
9:30 AM	GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays"	Library

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 23

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Elder Prayer	Sr. Pastor's Office
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	Christmas break
	<i>Will meet again on January 6, 2010</i>	
6:45 PM	EXCEL Student Ministry	Christmas break
	<i>Will meet again on January 6, 2010</i>	
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 24 *Christmas Eve*

All Day	Office closed	
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Thursday night, the family of Camelback Bible Church – along with extended family and friends, invited guests, and many from our community – will gather for what has become a longstanding and beloved tradition at Camelback Bible Church: our Christmas Eve Service of a *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*.

Our sanctuary will be filled with the familiar sights and sounds of Christmas at Camelback. The votives surrounding the interior of the sanctuary will be lit, the Advent wreath will await the lighting of the Christ candle, and the organ will be softly playing as we gather. The atmosphere is hushed; the time is at hand....

At 6:00 PM we'll begin our worship as we have for over 25 years with the beautiful processional carol, "Once in Royal David's City." Following an introduction to the melody on the first verse, the entire choir will sing the second verse and the congregation will join in the singing of the remaining verses.

The service then moves forward, alternating between Scripture readings and carols that reflect the unfolding of God's great purpose of salvation through the coming of His Son Jesus Christ – born a babe in Bethlehem. With the unfolding of His purpose comes greater and greater joy, culminating in the traditional carol sung at our departing, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Offering their gifts of music will be our Sanctuary Choir, organist Dr. Guy Whatley, a brass quintet, and bells. Offering their voices in the reading of God's word will be members of our church family, representing a spectrum of ages.

This service, in its present form of nine lessons from Scripture with carols interspersed, goes back in history to late 19th century England. Its swift rise as a favorite Christmas devotional service began with its introduction at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England in 1918. The Scripture lessons were chosen to illustrate the story of redemption, beginning in the Old Testament and ending in the New Testament. Every year since 1928, with the exception of 1930, versions of the service have been broadcast on the radio, increasingly covering the globe. Since 1963 shorter versions have been filmed at King's College chapel by the BBC and have been telecast internationally, broadcast in the United States on PBS channels.

First and foremost, the *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* is a service of celebration and worship, a corporate act of Christ's family as it remembers His birth, and His purpose in coming.

We are grateful to God for His use in past years to reach lives through these services and the message they contain. In this year, a year in which world and life events have caused many to pause and wonder, let us not keep God's wonderful news to ourselves but, instead, invite others in! Let us pray that God will once again reach lives and perhaps, this year, reach more lives than ever before, that more and more may know the joy of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

*Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing!*

6:00 PM
Christmas Eve Service
A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Traditional Candlelight Service
with
Sanctuary Choir
Organist Dr. Guy Whatley – Brass Quintet – Bells
Scripture Readers
Congregational Singing
and
greeting by Dr. Tim Savage

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25 *Christmas Day*

Wishing you and yours
all the rich blessings of this joyous day of celebration,
Jesus Christ is born!

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 27

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP Rev. Gary Balok "Come Worship the King" Matthew 2:1-12	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 3)	101-104, 201, 203
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowship	209
10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo – 3 years)	101-104
10:40 AM	Children's Church (4 years – grade 3)	201, 203
10:40 AM	EXCEL (Jr. High & High School)	Christmas Break
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library
	<i>No evening music rehearsals</i>	

Upcoming Winter Retreats

College and 20-Somethings. January 2-6 at Durango Mountain Resort in Colorado. Join us for three days of skiing and snowboarding, capped off each evening by a message from God's Word by Pastor Chris Davis (Senior Pastor of Whitton Avenue Bible Church). We'll be asking important questions. Should I get married? Should I stay single? How can I stay sexually pure? What does the Bible have to say about these issues...and how do I live to the fullest regardless of what God has for me in life? These are important questions—with important answers. Pastor Chris will be leading us through this discussion from 1 Corinthians 7. It's relevant to all of us, especially as we make life decisions in our college years and in our 20's. Don't miss out on an opportunity to seek God's will for YOUR life as we consider His Word together! The cost of \$250 includes a 3-day lift ticket, food, travel and lodging. Register online at www.cbcaz.org/college.

EXCEL Student Ministry (Junior High and High School). Winterruption, January 15-18 at Pine Summit in Prescott, Arizona, with speaker James Hoxworth, Pastor of Youth at Covenant Community Church in Scottsdale. To quote the retreat flier: "Follow Me." These are the words that Jesus spoke over and over again to the people He came into contact with. Some decided to follow. Many others did not. Did they not know that they were rejecting the King of the universe? Do you think they had any idea that this Jesus was the one who spoke them into existence? Do you suppose if they had known that Jesus could forgive their sins and restore them to God for eternity they would have still walked away from Him? Or that they wouldn't have killed Him? What about you? Do you know Jesus? Have you heard that He is both your God and your Savior? Hear it for yourself in Jesus' own words at Winter Retreat 2010—will you follow Jesus?"

SYMPATHY is extended from the CBC family to Mike and Katie Siebert, daughter and son-in-law of CBC missionaries Malcolm and Peggy Hartnell, following the very premature birth of one of Katie's triplets, the little girl, Evie, whose 45 minutes of life outside the womb was 45 minutes long. Held and loved by her parents during that time, she is now held and loved by our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for the Sieberts and the twin boys, Will and Jack, who remain viable at 21+ weeks in utero. And pray as well for the medical team as this is a highly unusual situation. And pray for Malcolm and Peggy who have arrived to minister to their daughter and her husband.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended from the CBC family to Al and Chaunacy Armstrong on the birth December 16th of their second child and first son, Anthony Lynn. Delivered by C-section, a heart condition was discovered and he was taken to Banner Desert Hospital where a pediatric cardiology unit could make a better diagnosis. As of Thursday, Anthony was eating well and looking pink and healthy. Although still waiting for further test results, the danger doesn't appear to be imminent, much to the relief of Al and Chaunacy, who were made to fear the worst initially.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended from the CBC family to David Martens and Julie Cornelius who have recently become engaged. Both are currently working on their individual MBA programs in the Denver area and are planning a March wedding. In sharing this exciting news with us, David's mom, Elaine, who is thrilled at this news, as is the entire Martens clan, asks us to pray that this young couple will continue to grow in their love for each other and in their love for their Lord – a worthwhile prayer for all of our engaged and married couples.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended from the CBC family to Stephanie Shumate who graduated from Hope International University's Graduate School on December 12th with a Masters of Science in Management, emphasis in International Development. Hope International University's mission is to empower students through Christian higher education to serve the Church and impact the world for Christ. We praise God for Stephanie's heart for Him and this accomplished work to better serve Him.

TELEIOS 2010 WINTER/SPRING CLASSES: We will soon be starting the new Teleios classes. The listing was provided in last Sunday's bulletin and is now available at the Welcome Center on Sunday's on the patio and during the week in the office. Stop by the table on the patio today or on January 3rd, or call the office, to register for one or more of the classes. Beginning in January are: *Delighting in our Calling – Part II* (women only); *Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free* (women only); *Two Ways to Live: Know and Share the Gospel; Being Salt and Light in Contemporary America. The Apostle's Creed – Part II* (women only); *Peacemakers: Simple Answers to Hard Questions; and Memory and Scripture.*

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

To our Triune God for His love, a love that came down to us at Christmas
PRAYER

That God would bring many to Himself through this wondrous season of the year, using us, His people – drawing us more intimately to Himself while drawing others, through Christ's love in us, to His saving grace and unshakeable peace; for both **Joy Bauerlein** and her father, **Charles Gray**, at home and recovering, Joy from a long siege of bronchitis and Charles from a fall and bronchitis; for **Paul Saduskjy**, home again, but still battling the persistent and disabling infection in his foot; and for **newborn Anthony Armstrong (and his family, Al, Chaunacy and Molly)** who has been diagnosed with a heart condition (likely a small hole in his heart, treatable in time, if needed) and awaiting further diagnostic details.

CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED: Thursday evening, December 24th, 6:45-7:15 PM (The service starts at 6:00 PM). **Only 6 more volunteers needed!** The Christmas Eve nursery is a wonderful ministry because it serves our own church body and especially our visitors attending the service who have young children. May we serve willingly and joyfully, as Jesus served us. Please contact Carmen Benford, no later than **Friday, December 18th**, at 480-831-5059 or cbenford4@cox.net if you would like to serve. Thank you!

FOR THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE ACHING: GriefShare Ministry is offering another "Surviving the Holidays" seminar on Tuesday, December 22nd, from 10:00 AM to Noon, in the church library. "No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again." The book that is used is \$5. Please if you have questions, contact Fran Landro, 480-945-2509.

Christmas Eve Service

We are encouraging our CBC family to park in the East Parking lot on Christmas Eve to enable enough parking in the west lot for our visitors. Thank you for making room!

CORRECTION NOTICE: Please note that the Precept Study (for women only) which begins on Tuesday January 12th is entitled *James: A Faith That's Real*. And the description is: "What is true faith? How should you live the Christian life? Each verse of this practical study is alive with instructions, admonition and encouragement. Learn God's principles for dealing with trials, temptations, the tongue, and the pull of the world. If you are new to Precept Inductive Bible Studies (www.precept.org), a short training class is available and encouraged. Contact Nancy Whalen for details: ncwhalen@cox.net or 602-677-5263. Class will be held on Tuesday mornings, 9-11:30 a.m. from January 12 through April 27. Childcare is available. Cost of workbooks is \$35 and can be waived."

OSBORN HEALTH AND REHAB is the site of our Nursing Home Ministry, an outreach to the residents and staff of this nursing/care facility. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the each month, after meeting together at the church (following the conclusion of the second service), sharing lunch on the premises or elsewhere, we hold a service for the OH&B residents at 2:15 PM. We would love to have families or individuals join this important ministry by adopting a resident and/or by participating in the twice-monthly worship services. Please, if you have questions and/or an interest, contact Elder Doug White at ashpenaz@cox.net.

THE CBC PICTORIAL FAMILY ALBUM (DIRECTORY) is still available. Please contact the office during the week to obtain your copy and/or buy another copy.

PEACE BOOKS FOR SALE: Additional copies of the *Peace* book from the Women's Christmas Brunch are available for \$5. What a wonderful gift! Stop by the church office or pick one up at the Welcome Center on Sundays. If you didn't attend the Brunch, this is a wonderful way to hear the message shared by Lesli Savage.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Giving Need	\$ 795,679
Fourth Quarter Giving to Date	\$ 428,634
Remaining Need	\$ 367,045
Last Week's Giving	\$ 85,905