

August 21, 2011

INTOUCH

It's The Economy, Christian!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – AUGUST 21

12:15 PM **LOGOS ALL STAFF MEETING & POTLUCK** Fellowship Hall
 12:30 PM Missions Team Meeting Family Room
 12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meet in Fellowship Hall
 2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry serve at Osborn Health & Rehabilitation
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)
 6:45-8:30 PM EXCEL High School Small Groups
 Freshmen & Sophomores The Collin's, 4219 N. 33rd St., Phx.
 Juniors & Seniors The Pitrat's, 4119 E. Oak, Phx.

MONDAY – AUGUST 22

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing" Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch" Fellowship Hall
 6:15 PM **LOGOS Kids Club registration** Outside Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM **LOGOS Kids Club Hot Dog Kick-Off Party** Courtyard

The whole family is invited!

For a fun time of getting to know the LOGOS staff and other clubbers and their families

6:45-8:30 PM EXCEL Junior High & High School Fellowship Hall
Worship, Teaching and Hanging Out
 6:45 PM **Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin** Choir Rehearsal Room
New singers welcome and warmly invited to join!

THURSDAY – AUGUST 25

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Young Adults Ministry The Tessmer's home

FRIDAY – AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off" Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY – AUGUST 27

8 AM-2 PM Interior Painting Project w/ volunteers Classrooms Building
 10:30 AM Messianic Bible Studies 209

SUNDAY – AUGUST 28

9:00 and 10:40 AM **MORNING WORSHIP** Sanctuary
 Pastor Ron Elwardt
"Gaining From Guilt"
 Psalm 32

9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304
 9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (19 months – gr. 6) 101-103, 201, 203, 206
 10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304
 10:40 AM Children's Church (19 months – gr. 6) 101-103, 201, 203, 206
 12-4:00 PM **EXCEL Parent/Student/Family Gathering** 207-209
(Junior High and High School)

*Lunch and Ministry Update
 followed by a Bowling Party at Squaw Peak Lanes
 3046 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix*

12:15 PM **S.A.I.N.T.S. Alive! Luncheon** Fellowship Hall
 (Senior Adults In New Testament Service)
Coming together for a good meal and great fellowship!
 (See the announcement on the back)
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

We are hearing, seeing, and being bombarded by economic headlines and talking points every day that bring fear and anxiety to the majority of us in America . . . and, in fact, the World! But as Christians we are to have a different view, God's view. This is not to assume we can know prophetically what He is doing or seeing, but we know His promises and we know enough to set our own feet on solid ground that pleases Him and brings us security the world cannot even imagine.

When the Crusades were being fought during the 12th century, the crusaders employed mercenaries to fight on their behalf. Because it was a religious war, the crusaders insisted that the mercenaries be baptized before fighting. As they were being baptized, the mercenaries would hold their swords out of the water to symbolize the one thing in their life that Jesus Christ did not control. They had the freedom to use the swords in any way they wished. Today many people handle their money in a similar fashion, though they may not be as obvious about it. They hold their wallet or purse 'out of the water,' in effect saying: 'God, you can be the Lord of my entire life except for my money. I earned it; so I'm in charge of how I spend it.' Christian, though your intentions may not be the same as the mercenaries, are your actions belying your intentions?

This little object lesson from history is from the CROWN ministry book *Your Money Counts*, by Howard Dayton, former CEO and partner with the late Larry Burkett, Christian economist. The book is part of the CROWN study that guides you in handling your resources God's way (time and talent as well as treasure, which is the emphasis). It is a study that seeks to guide you in how to live your life and pursue happiness the way God designed you to live as His child.

As a tool in God's hands the CROWN study clearly outlines the path our lives and our resources should take to be in alignment with what Scripture teaches. (And teach, Scripture surely does. Did you know that in the New Testament 16 of the 38 parables told by Jesus were concerned with how to handle money and possessions; that in all of Scripture, more than 2350 verses address money and possessions?) However, in the study, more than personal financial management is covered; of prime importance, it teaches the difference between God's role and ours. But with regard to finances, some of the other topics that are covered are: debt and how to get out of it; the benefit of counsel and who should be our counselors; the importance of honesty and giving; and, God's purpose for work in our lives. Through the study one learns to have God's perspective on their finances and to develop the only attitude that frees them from the fear that plagues the majority of the world today.

Society says God plays no role in handling money and our happiness is based on being able to afford our desired standard of living. However Scripture says as we learn and follow the scriptural principles of how to handle money we will draw closer to Christ and learn to 'be content in every circumstance.' The fundamental investment encouraged here, as in Scripture, is our relationship with Jesus Christ.

In what are you invested? Are you up to the challenge? Are you prepared for the changes yet to come in your life? God is more concerned about the process, and your role in it, than the end. The end is secure. Make certain you know the path (process) you are on and if it is pleasing to Him.

Saundra Cook

A fellow CBC family member who, along with Tom Bonetto, provides articles for us on behalf the Stewardship Team of which they are members

IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO NOTE, given the encouragement and information in the article on the front of today's IN TOUCH, that one of the Teleios Classes scheduled for this fall is a Crown Financial Ministries, seven-week, video-based, small group study, entitled *Managing Our Finances God's Way*. Led by Tom and Ivonne Bonetto, it will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, September 19 through October 21, 2011. Topics to be discussed include debt, saving, planning, and giving. See the Teleios booth on the patio on Sundays or call the office during the week to sign up for the class.

EXCEL HIGH SCHOOL: SMALL GROUPS MEET AGAIN TONIGHT from 6:45 to 8:30 PM: Freshmen and Sophomores at the Collin's home, 4219 N. 33rd St., Phoenix; Juniors and Seniors at the Pitrat's home, 4119 East Oak Street, Phoenix. Plan to be there with friends you've invited to come along. It's going to be a great year!

LOGOS KIDS CLUB, for all 1st through 6th Graders, held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:15 PM, begins again this Wednesday, August 24th with a Kick-Off Party and runs through May 2, 2012. Cost is \$20.00/child (\$40.00 maximum/family). Today is the deadline to register on line at www.cbcaz.org/logos. Registration will re-open at CBC this Wednesday night at 6:15 PM. *LOGOS is a time and place where, by God's grace and mercy, our Children learn to love God and love others through Bible Study, Bible Memory, Games, Music, Crafts and more.*

LOGOS HOT DOG KICK-OFF PARTY

Our opening LOGOS event, will be held this Wednesday, August 24th, 6:30 to 8:15 PM. (Registration/Check-in begins at 6:15 PM.) This first club night is for the **WHOLE FAMILY**. We'll have a tasty hot dog dinner and a fun time of getting to know the LOGOS staff and other clubbers and their families. *Invite friends and neighbors!*

TELEIOS FALL 2011 SEASON IS HERE! Teleios Fall 2011 registration tables are now available on the patio before and after both Sunday morning worship services — through Sunday, September 4th. Please stop by and seek God's direction as to which class(es) you might take. You may sign up at the booth or call the church office during the work week. Fliers containing class details are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Our Teleios Web page, <http://www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios>, also provides individual class information. Don't hesitate. Encourage a friend to take a class with you. You'll be glad you did!

EXCEL PARENT/STUDENT/FAMILY GATHERING (Junior High & High School) will be held on Sunday, August 28th from Noon to 4:00 PM. During our time together we will eat lunch (207-209), hear a brief ministry update and receive the calendar for the year. At 2:00 PM, we will meet up at AMF Squaw Peak Lanes, 3046 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, for a bowling party (Compliments of AMF)! Even if you or your kids haven't been too involved, we'd love to have you come. RSVP to gina@camelbackbible.org by August 24th. High School Small Groups will not meet that evening.

S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! LUNCHEON (Senior Adults In New Testament Service) will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 12:15 PM (Approximately) in Fellowship Hall. A great meal is planned, along with a few activities that should help us get to know each other better, as well as a very special testimony from a young graduate student from Thailand who accepted Christ at the Men's Retreat last October. And together we will take time to lift our church family's "shut-ins" who cannot attend church to our Lord in prayer and prepare notes of encouragement for them. NOTE: Gordon Donaldson will be with us at our luncheon on October 31st to bring his perspective gained through two trips to Europe: the first as a fighter pilot with the Royal Air Force, flying missions over Europe toward the end of WWII, and the second made recently to revisit some of those areas and the beaches of France where the allied invasion was made. Photos included.

DISCOVERY I, our first Sunday of the month introduction to the strategic role of the local church, will be held on Sunday, September 4th, at 9:00 AM in the Family Room off the Sanctuary narthex. At Camelback Bible Church, we believe the Lord has drawn us together to be a radiant beacon of his matchless glory in a very dark world. Through us, the body of Christ, the world discovers the transforming power of Christ's love. It's a vocation we hardly deserve. But by God's grace, it's one we enthusiastically embrace. Newcomers, be sure to join us! And any who may be thinking of going forward with membership at CBC are encouraged to attend this first step in that process. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th!

FRESH FLOWERS AT THE PULPIT on Sunday are always appreciated by the church family. If you would like to contribute towards a Sunday bouquet (with a dedication in the IN TOUCH), please call Mary Gayle in the church office at 602-955-6370, Ext. 105.

Come Sing With Us!

Camelback's adult Sanctuary Choir is resuming rehearsals this Wednesday evening, August 24, and we'd love to have you join us!

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:15 PM, and child care is available.

You should be aware that 99% of the members of the Sanctuary Choir are ordinary people with minimal vocal background. What is required is the simple ability to be able to learn a tune or harmony, and a willingness to make a regular commitment to the ministry of the choir. It is Dr. Bookhout's pleasure to coach everyone in the choir toward making an engaging and exciting choral sound.

The Sanctuary choir sings in the 10:40 AM service every Sunday beginning on September 11, and continuing through May 2012. The choir also sings in the annual Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service and in the Service of Darkness on Good Friday, as well as preparing a special fall concert and a spring concert.

Anyone interested in becoming a new member should come to the first rehearsal on August 24. If you have any questions about the Sanctuary Choir, please email Tom Bookhout at tbookhout@camelbackbible.org.

PLEASE CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR: our missionary in Japan **Don Toth** who remains hospitalized following a leg injury, surgery, and ongoing infection that has required multiple, painful cleanings and a tube inserted for constant draining – for his healing and emotional well-being; for **Betty Stalker** and her husband, **Steve**, who has suffered several strokes recently, following an initial stroke a year ago, and remains in Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn as the medical team seeks to discover where the blood clots are coming from that are causing the strokes – for the love of Christ to surround and uphold Betty and for His healing touch on Steve, making him whole in every way; for **Darlene Danning** who is battling health issues on several fronts and whose strongest desire is to be used by the Lord in the circumstances – may He choose to bring physical healing as well; for **Dorothy Germaine**, currently in rehab and at 92 years of age needing the prayers of her CBC family – and lift her family to the Lord, as well, for God's strength and love as they minister to Dorothy; for CBC missionary to Guatemala **Isaias Colop-xec**, who has been released from the hospital but still recovering from surgery and the infection caused by his perforated appendix – please pray that the infection does not return and for his wife, **Ginny**, who injured her leg when she fell recently (not broken but painful).

A SURPRISE WAS FOUND in our ongoing efforts to clean out, paint and reorganize. Several cartons of a CD produced 11 years ago were found at the back of the Choir Room closets. CD's of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, sung in concert on May 21, 2000 by the CBC Sanctuary Choir, directed by then Pastor of Music and Worship, George Dupere, are now available to any and all who would like one free of charge. They can be found at the CD window off the narthex and in the church office.

AN OLD-FASHIONED "PAINT" PARTY IS UNDERWAY and you and your paintbrush and/or roller would be most welcome! We are painting the interiors of the education wing and could really use your help. If you are interested in being part of this painting crew to help accomplish this project and to have great fun and fellowship in the process, please contact Randy Shumate, 602-266-3797, randall.shumate@gmail.com, or Jack Pitrat, jkpitrat@msn.com, 602-799-1432. Whatever time you can give would be greatly appreciated! Our "paint days" will be Saturdays, August 20 and 27, beginning at 8:00 AM and painting through the morning and into the afternoon.

CBC GIVING FOR AUGUST 2011

	Current Month - August	Budgeted YTD
Budget	\$118,474.00	\$ 532,673.00
Giving To Date	\$ 46,381.00	\$ 489,087.00
Last Week's Giving	\$ 27,538.00	\$ 27,538.00
Remaining Need	\$ 72,093.00	\$ 45,586.00