

INTOUCH

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Hospitality Promotes A Loving Christian Community

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
4:00 PM	New Song Choir (4 th -9 th Grade)	206
	Campanitas Bells (K-3 rd Grade)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (K-3 rd Grade)	206
	Bell Canto Bells (4 th -6 th Grade)	207
	CBC Ringers (7 th -12 th Grade)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 2

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Turbo Blast"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Teleios: "Biblical Financial Study" (Crown)	The Bonetto's
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	205-207, 209 & Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION DAY

7:00 AM	Teleios Women's Prayer/Study: <i>John 2:12-25</i>	Library
9:00 AM	Teleios Women's Precept Study in <i>Colossians</i>	207
9:15 AM	Teleios: "Say Goodbye to Whining...."	206
9:15 AM	Teleios Women's Study: "The Apostle's Creed"	Library
6:45 PM	Teleios: GriefShare Seminar/Support Group	Library

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	Classrooms
6:45 PM	EXCEL Student Ministry (Jr. High & High School)	F. Hall
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	Teleios: "Say Goodbye to Whining...."	Library

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	College & 20-Somethings Ministry (dinner/study)	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Teleios: "Memory and Scripture"	Library

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 6

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 7

10:30 AM	S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! Monthly Coffee	Library
A light brunch with our guest: Elder Board Chairman Bill Weldon		

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 8

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	
9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 6)	101-104, 201, 203, 206
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowships	208, 209
9:00 AM	Teleios: "Charity and Its Fruits"	207
9:00 AM	Teleios (Women): <i>Delighting in Your Calling</i>	205
9:00 AM	Training Workshop – "Dependence upon God in Prayer"	F. Hall
<i>All LOGOS and Children's Church staff members are encouraged to attend</i>		
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 6)	201, 203, 207
10:40 AM	EXCEL (Jr. High & High School)	Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM	FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON	Fellowship Hall

An early Turkey Dinner to enjoy with our CBC family!

See the back of the IN TOUCH for what to bring to this festive POTLUCK!

12:30 PM	Missions Committee Meeting	205
3:00 PM	Phoenix Chorale Special Event Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	New Song Choir/ Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir/ Bell Canto Bells/CBC Ringers	206, 207, 208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

We would all agree that love...should permeate our individual lives as well as the life of the local church. There is nothing in this world like self-sacrificing, genuine, Christian love to encourage, inspire, comfort, and build others up. But how, in practical, down-to-earth terms, do we show more genuine, Christian love and community? *One clear answer is hospitality.* Yale classical and New Testament scholar, Abraham J. Malherbe, points out that among the first Christians, hospitality was not merely a practical consideration but a theological one: "The Christian practice of hospitality was not viewed simply as a means of overcoming a practical problem. Theological statements by different authors in the New Testament show that it was frequently viewed as the concrete expression of Christian love."

Indeed, the major New Testament exhortations to practice hospitality all appear within the context of brotherly love:

- The Hebrews 13 passage starts with, "Let love of the brethren continue." The writer immediately follows his exhortation to brotherly love with the admonition to not neglect hospitality (Hebrews 13: 1, 2).
- Peter charges his readers to "...keep fervent in you love for one another." The next thing he says is, "Be hospitable to one another without complaint (1 Peter 4:8a, 9).
- Paul's exhortation to pursue hospitality is found within the larger context of brotherly love and Christian relationship (Romans 12:13).
- Gaius' hospitality to unknown, itinerant brethren was reported to the church and described as "you love" (3 John 5-8).

I don't think most Christians today understand how essential hospitality is to fanning the flames of love and strengthening the Christian family. Hospitality fleshes out love in a uniquely personal and sacrificial way. Through the ministry of hospitality, we share our most prized possessions. We share our family, home, finances, food, privacy, and time. Indeed, we share our very lives. So, hospitality is always costly. Through the ministry of hospitality, we provide friendship, acceptance, fellowship, refreshment, comfort and love in one of the richest and deepest ways possible for humans to understand. Unless we open the doors of our homes to one another, the reality of the local church as a close-knit family of loving brothers and sisters is only a theory.

A cold, unfriendly church contradicts the gospel message. Yet unfriendliness stands out as one of the most common criticisms people have of local churches. It doesn't take people long to figure out that there is a "churchy" love among Christians that ends at the back door to the sanctuary or in the parking lot. It is a superficial, Sunday morning kind of love that is unwilling to venture beyond the walls of the church building.

Brotherly love, however, entails intimate relationship, care for one another, knowledge of one another, belonging together, and sharing life together. We cannot know or grow close to our brothers and sisters by meeting for an hour and fifteen minutes a week with a large group in a church sanctuary. The home is the ideal place in which to build relationships and closeness. In most instances, we hardly even know one another until we get together in one another's homes, eat together, and talk with one another across the table. A wall plaque seen by vacationing friends of mine in Maine beautifully expresses this point. The plaque reads, "It is around a table that friends perceive best the warmth of being together." This is certainly true. So, when we speak of brotherly love we must also speak of hospitality....

This Holiday Season

provides the perfect opportunities for extending our hospitality and love to our brothers and sisters in the Camelback Bible Church family!

The warmth of our home and its table over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays may be God's very provision of Himself to one or several in our church family who need His touch.

Please take heed of God's heart and His word to us and make use of the sign-up sheets available at the Welcome Center (or contact Mardette Hemann at 602-957-1438 or mhemann@cox.net) to make you and your home available. With a rich pool of holiday hosts, we'll extend an invitation to brothers and sisters who would cherish such hospitality and help make the connections.

Women's Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 5, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

"At Peace"

"My peace I give to you." John 14:27

Ladies, mark your calendars for our CBC Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5th. Please plan to bring your friends and join us for this wonderful outreach event, where Christ will be glorified and lives changed. Tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, November 8th. We are planning a special time of food, fellowship, worship, and a Christmas message from our own Lesli Savage. Tickets are \$5, with scholarships available for those who would otherwise be unable to attend. We will be serving a buffet style brunch again this year, with reserved seating available for those with physical needs.

We are looking for willing hands to help with the morning. If you would like to help prepare food the day before the event, please contact Marlene Delnoce at 480-994-3041 or mcjrp@aol.com (please note correction of email address). Christmas cookies homemade by the CBC ladies were a highlight of last year's brunch! Contact Marlene if you would like to make cookies.

Contributions to help with the costs of the morning would be appreciated. Please consider a donation in addition to your normal giving to the church. Questions? Contact Nancy Whalen at 602-677-5263 or ncwhalen@cox.net.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY in providing food, personal care and recreational items to deployed American troops . . . 30 bags were filled with donations given by the CBC family to "Packages From Home." The donated items, letters, and gifts met a tremendous need, and the love expressed through sacrificial giving will send a message to our troops of how much we respect and appreciate their service.

Thank you! — David Haneke and Jack Pitrat

ORGAN RECITAL, Sunday, November 15, 3:00 PM, in the Sanctuary: To quote the information provided by Dr. Guy Whatley: "come hear a great organist play in a wonderful acoustical space. For years **Samuel Metzger** has been the organist of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. One of our nation's leading Christian musicians, Samuel is regularly heard in concert and in television broadcasts all across the country. He is known for his warm and engaging lecture concerts where he performs a wide variety of musical styles. For more information about Samuel please visit www.metzgermusic.com.

TITUS 2 DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: "Godliness with Humility, the Cross of Jesus Christ in Discipleship" . . . Sunday, November 15, at 9:00 AM or 10:40 AM in the Library. Our Titus 2 Women's Discipleship Ministry has a two-fold purpose. One is to be a means and help to build up our women in one-on-one discipleship relationships, matching older women with younger women in our body. The second purpose is to equip women who are discipling other women. Each quarter we offer a Sunday morning training to equip and encourage women to disciple to God's glory. If you would like to seek a match for one-on-one discipleship you can find an application at the Welcome Center, in the church office or on the CBC website: www.cbcaz.com. If you have questions please contact Beccy Jones at beccyjones@cox.net or 602-509-7724 or Catherine Phillips at headandhelp@gmail.com or 602-952-8496.

HARVEST SUNDAY is November 22nd and we need 1 to 2 people to decorate our Harvest Table. Decorating would need to be done on Saturday, the 21st and everything is provided. If you are interested, please email Julie Shumate at the church office: Julie@camelbackbible.org or call her at 620-955-6370, Ext. 112.

ONE OF OUR CBC MISSIONARIES FROM JAPAN is in need of a vehicle during his furlough here in the Valley, from December 19 to March 1. If you can help, please contact Becca Devereaux at beccaewardt@gmail.com or 602-820-7676.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, November 8, 2009, 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Turkey and All the Trimmings!

And we bring ALL the trimmings...bring your favorite!
just bring lots and lots to supply this pre-holiday fellowship POTLUCK!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

To God for His abundant provision: over 440 people (500+ with volunteers) who attended the Annual Family Harvest Party on October 21st. Over 50 families attended that were not a part of our church and at least 30 families came as a result of the fliers that were sent to the surrounding schools.

PRAYER

For those making follow-up contacts and those being contacted, God's leading and drawing; for the many of our family who are ill or recovering from surgery, including **Mason Swierenga**, in Phoenix Children's Hospital suffering short-term, acute kidney failure and facing 10 to 14 days of peritoneal dialysis; **Dale and Sandi Jones**, **Paul Sadusky**, **Roseann Cross**, and **Fred Sanborn** suffering continuing health problems; and **John Weins** recovering from knee replacement surgery.

S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! COFFEE will be held on Saturday, November 7th, at 10:30 AM in the Library. Bill Weldon, who chairs the Camelback Bible Church Board of Elders and the Missions Committee, will be our featured guest. Join us for this wonderful informal opportunity to learn more about the board and committee he chairs, as well as an opportunity to hear Bill's personal testimony. A light brunch will be served.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS – 2010 Potentials and 2009's Rwanda Trip! Come **Saturday, November 21, at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**, to hear about ALL the possible Short-Term Missions Trips this coming summer and enjoy the short video put together by Sadie Such from the Rwanda Trip 2009. See actual pictures and footage taken by the team while they were in Rwanda. The Rwanda experience is a great catalyst and encouragement for many more such offerings of service. Come and learn more! Desserts will be served.

TRAINING WORKSHOP – Part 1: Dependence upon God in Prayer, Sunday, November 8, 9:00-10:15 AM, Fellowship Hall, presented by Meredith Bentley (Director of Children's Church). **All LOGOS and Children's Church staff are encouraged to attend.** We can do so much in our lives and ministry without God can't we – don't we? How long would it take us to notice if the Spirit has left us on our own? Has He? There is a necessary connection between our felt dependency upon God and our pursuit of God in prayer. This workshop is intended to cultivate your thirst for dependence upon God and to express that thirst in prayer as you meditate upon Scripture. (This is Part 1 of a 2-part series. Part 2 will take place after Christmas, date TBD). **Please RSVP to Meredith at meredith.bentley@cox.net or 480-951-0000 no later than Wednesday November 4th.** Thank you.

MASTERS VINEYARD MINISTRY RUMMAGE SALE/FUNDRAISER, Saturday, November 14, 7:00 AM-2:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall: Help us dig the well for the Master's Vineyard Ministry to the Karamoja in Uganda so that the gospel of Christ may be shared as the ministry team provides water to a people afflicted by drought and famine. **Donations and volunteers for the sale are needed.** Beginning Sunday, November 8th, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM you can drop items off in Room 205. They may also be left Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information contact Susan Nsubuga at www.mvministry.org or 480-330-9266 or Peg Miller at 480-948-6780.

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS may be difficult for those who have lost a loved one. The "Surviving the Holidays" seminar provides help for those dealing with grief at this time of year. Nationally recognized experts provide the content on video and a booklet including devotionals is provided. The cost is \$5.00 for materials. Scholarships are available. It will be held Tuesday, November 17, from 6:45 to 8:45 PM in the CBC Library. RSVP to the church office, 602-955-6370, or Sandra at 480-220-9784, to assure a booklet; but come whether RSVP or not!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT – This year we are once again partnering with Neighborhood Ministries to collect NEW jackets for children in need. Our goal is to collect **75 brand new jackets**. To participate, please find the Wardrobe Rack that is located outside the classrooms on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Grab a coat hanger from the rack with attached tag and follow the instructions on the tag. Bring your jacket back on the hanger and hang it up on the Wardrobe Rack. **Final donation day is Wednesday, December 2.** Thank you!

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Giving Need	\$ 795,679
Fourth Quarter Giving to Date	\$ 115,003
Remaining Need	\$ 680,676
Last Week's Giving	\$ 24,426