

# INTOUCH

April 4, 2010

## BECAUSE HE LIVES, WE LIVE FOREVER

By Dr. R. C. Sproul

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY – APRIL 4

### Resurrection Sunday

Have a most blessed day of celebration

for

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

12:30 PM Osborn H. & R. Ministry meets      Subway @ 44<sup>th</sup> & Indian School  
2:00 PM Osborn Health & Rehab Ministry serves      at O.H. & R

#### MONDAY – APRIL 5

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

#### TUESDAY – APRIL 6

7:00 AM Teleios Women's Prayer/Study: *Romans 8:28-39*      Library/205  
9:00 AM Teleios Women's Precept Study: *James*      207  
6-8:00 PM 9 AM Worship Team practice      Sanctuary  
6:45 PM Teleios: *GriefShare* – "Stuck in Grief"      Library/205

#### WEDNESDAY – APRIL 7

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      Classrooms  
6:45 PM EXCEL Student Ministry (Jr. & Sr. High)      Fellowship Hall  
6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal      Choir Room

#### THURSDAY – APRIL 8

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"      Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Community Outreach/Family Events Planning Mtg.      209  
6:30 PM College & 20-Somethings Dinner & Study      Fellowship Hall

#### FRIDAY – APRIL 9

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

#### SUNDAY – APRIL 11

9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP      Sanctuary  
Dr. Tim Savage  
LIGHTS OF THE WORLD, Part VII  
*"Coming To The Well: Drinking Deeply of Christ"*

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: *Lies Women Believe...*      Pastor Tim's Office  
9:00 AM Teleios: *Being Salt & Light in Contemporary America*      207  
9:00 AM DISCOVERY I      New Welcome Center (former Library)  
*Our once a month introduction to the strategic role of the local church*

10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months)      301-304  
10:40 AM Children's Church (24 mo – grade 6))      101-104, 201, 203, 206  
10:40 AM EXCEL (Jr. High and High School)      Fellowship Hall  
12:15 PM EXCEL Staff Meeting      Library/205  
12:30 PM (No Fellowship Luncheon today; next one on June 13<sup>th</sup>)  
12:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting      209  
4:00 PM New Song Singers & 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      New Welcome Center/

The event central to the life of Jesus Christ and to the New Testament is His resurrection. Not only does this event underscore the radical character of the uniqueness of Christ, but it sets Him apart from all other earthly religious teachers. Buddha is dead. Confucius is dead. Gandhi is dead. Mohammed is dead. Jesus and Jesus alone has returned from the grave. So astonishing is this event that it, more than any other event in the Bible, has provoked controversial interpretations of modern scholarship which have attempted to recast or remold it to fit the twentieth-century mindset. Today, the radical announcement of the resurrection of Jesus has been neutralized and relativized.

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul attempted to answer those who in his day saw the Resurrection as a non-historical, figurative event. Paul believed strongly that without a real, historical resurrection the Christian faith is only an exercise in futility. To give oneself in total commitment and sacrifice to a dead man is foolishness. Paul says that the Christian faith stands or falls with the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And Paul backs his belief with evidence. Paul tells us that these things were set forth in Scripture many centuries before. He knew that Christ has been raised from the dead not because he believed in myths or fairy tales, but because Christ appeared visibly to Peter, then to the Twelve, then to 500 people at one time. Then He appeared to James and all apostles, and "last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born" (1 Corinthians 15:7, 8). Paul is saying that on the basis of the testimony of these witnesses he is persuaded that Christ, in fact, has come back from the dead.

The resurrection of Christ is the most difficult truth in the New Testament because it is as axiomatic in our culture as it was in the first century — that the one thing that is absolutely final is death. Once a person is dead, that person stays dead. That is the law of all laws. Show me a faith healer who has been successful practicing his or her trade in the local cemetery. Yes, there are stories of people who have been resuscitated after being left for dead, but there are no substantiated stories of people who have come back from the dead after being in the grave for three days. Three days after Christ screamed on the cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" God screamed back and shook the earth to bring His Son back from the tomb.

If Christ is indeed raised from the dead, that means that the last miserable enemy — death itself — has been vanquished. Christ's resurrection means our resurrection. Because He lives, we live forever.

Paul concludes his case in 1 Corinthians 15 with this statement: "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (v. 58).

Paul says, "Be steadfast," Do not be blown about by every wind of doctrine. Don't cave in at the first sign of trouble. Run the course until the end of the course. We are to be steadfast because God is steadfast. We can be steadfast and immovable because Christ is risen from the dead. Paul then says, "Always abound in the work of the Lord." We are not to casually every now and then throw in a moment's commitment. Our lives ought to demonstrate an abundance of work for the things of God. Why? "Because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Your labor in Him is not an exercise in futility.

I have a regular column in *Tabletalk* [Ligonier Ministries' monthly devotional magazine] called "Right Now Counts Forever." I chose that title deliberately because every thing we do — every word we say, every breath we take — counts for something. No one can ever tell you that what you are doing today is futile. We ought to take every human act seriously because every human act has eternal significance. This is the Good News. And at the heart of the Good News is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "He is risen." This message has been proclaimed from city to city and from nation to nation. "He is risen" was the very first proclamation of the Gospel in the early church. It is still the most important proclamation of our faith. "He is risen." "He is risen." Because He lives, we live forever.

An article by Dr. R. C. Sproul, appearing in the April 1990 issue of *Tabletalk*, pp.36-37. To learn more about or to subscribe go to [www.ligonier.org/tabletalk](http://www.ligonier.org/tabletalk).

## CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

O LORD,

I marvel that thou shouldst become incarnate, be crucified, dead and buried.

The sepulcher calls forth my adoring wonder,

for it is empty and thou art risen;

the four-fold gospel attests it,

the living witnesses prove it,

my heart's experience knows it.

Give me to die with thee that I may rise to new life,

for I wish to be as dead and buried

to sin, to selfishness, to the world;

that I might not hear the voice of the charmer,

and might be delivered from his lusts.

O Lord, there is much ill about me — crucify it,

much flesh within me — mortify it.

Purge me from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of approbation,

the shame of being thought old-fashioned,

the desire to be cultivated or modern.

Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion,

and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant me to stand with my dying Saviour,

to be content to be rejected,

to be willing to take up unpopular truths,

and to hold fast despised teachings until death.

Help me to be resolute and Christ-contained.

Never let me wander from the path of obedience to thy will.

Strengthen me for the battles ahead.

Give me courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys,

Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire,

from everything contrary to thy mind.

**Grant me more and more of resurrection life:**

may it rule me,

may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

*The Valley of Vision: A collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** are extended from the CBC family to Mr. and Mrs. (Julie Cornelius) David Martens, who were married on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They exchanged their vows in the presence of the Martens clan and many other relatives and friends, including Mark Dupere, David's best man (in town for this purpose). David is completing graduate studies in Denver; seeking employment, and they are hoping to make their home in Phoenix.

**DISCOVERY I – Our monthly introduction to the strategic role of the local church** will be held next Sunday at 9:00 AM in the New Welcome Center (formerly the Library). All newcomers, and those interested in pursuing membership at CBC, are invited and encouraged to come. Usually held on the first Sunday of every month, it is being held the second Sunday of April in deference to Resurrection Sunday. It's an hour and 20 minutes well-spent, with several of the CBC family, other attendees, and with Pastor Tim Savage by way of a video presentation. Do come and let's get acquainted!

**24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** will be held this coming weekend from Saturday morning at 8:00 AM through Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Join the Children's Ministry leadership as we seek the Lord through a day of fervent prayer to guide our recruitment of next year's volunteers. **Between April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM and April 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM we ask prayer warriors to commit to at least a half hour of prayer at home. Then, please join us for our corporate prayer time on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in Room 205.** To participate, please contact Karen Fye at karen.fye@att.net. Karen will send a reminder to you with specific Children's Ministry prayer requests shortly before April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**SPRING FLING RETREAT, April 23 through 25 at Pine Summit Camp in Prescott, Arizona, for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders.** God often uses an extended time "away" to make Himself known to His people in a more profound way. Our camping ministry is designed to provide our children with a time away from the usual distractions of life in order to focus more fully on God in an environment that displays more clearly the glory of God. Through our times of worship, studying God's Word, participating in recreation, and interacting with adults modeling the faith, we hope that each child will both come to faith in Christ and then grow in that faith. While at camp each child is assigned to a specific adult counselor whose goal is to encourage each child spiritually. Go to [www.cbcaz.org/springfling](http://www.cbcaz.org/springfling) to register by April 18<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$90. Spaces are limited!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – "Genesis 1: Space Probe" – June 7-11, 2010

This is the major Children's Ministry outreach into our community each year. There are many ways to volunteer, including: Classroom (teaching), Admin/Office Work, Crafts, Decorations, Music, Recreation & Snacks. Please consider prayerfully whether God would have you serve; if interested in serving, please contact Pastor Jason at 602-955-6370, ext. 121 or [doughty@camelbackbible.org](mailto:doughty@camelbackbible.org). Thank you

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8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and on Friday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, followed immediately by a closing program and Family Festival. VBS Cost: \$20 per child, \$7 per T-Shirt. Come blast off with us for an awesome adventure into time and space! Our mission will be to seek out the Lord of the Universe, Maker of Heaven and Earth, the Creator God who made each of us and calls us to come to Him! Each action-packed day will be filled with Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, games, snacks, and much more! Friday is our Family Festival with bouncy water slide, carnival games and BBQ. To register, please go to our website at [www.cbcaz.org/vbs](http://www.cbcaz.org/vbs). Invite friends and register early, the earlier the better!

**'THE PARTNER TO BE AND THE PARTNER TO FIND'** – a Three-Week Relationships Series begins this Thursday night for College and 20-Somethings. Bring your friends and come hear Pastor Bill share from God's word about this very important topic. Dinner is served at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall with worship and study following. Call/text Mischael Liggett for more information, 602-695-1845.

**CBC FAMILY CAMP – July 8-11, 2010:** Join us for our Third Annual Family Camp in Pine Valley, California. Families, singles, couples – everyone – come be part of this wonderful, memory-filled time away. The cost is \$200/Adult and \$100/Child (age 3-11). A *10% non-refundable deposit is needed to reserve your spot*. Register online at [www.cbcaz.org/familycamp](http://www.cbcaz.org/familycamp). Questions? Please contact Pastor Jason at [doughty@camelbackbible.org](mailto:doughty@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370.

### EXCEL MINISTRIES: ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

This will be a great night of rock and worship featuring Mercy Me, David Crowder Band, Family Force 5, Francesca Battistelli, Fee, Remedy Drive and Sidewalk Prophets. We will meet at church at 4:45 PM on Saturday and leave for US Airways Center (if you can drive, let Brent know). Cost is \$10 at the door (eat before you come, pack a sack dinner or buy food inside the arena). Questions? Call or text Brent Klontz at 502-750-3170.

**WANTED: LIBRARY STAFF!** It is our hope at CBC that our library would be a very useful tool to aid the building up of God's people at CBC. Recently we have moved our library to our education wing (Room 205). Now is the perfect time for us to assemble a team of people who would have the passion to advance our library ministry and make it a significant tool for the edification of our people. If you are willing to explore being part of this team, please contact Pastor Ron at the church office, so that you can be invited to an exploratory meeting. Please let your desire be made known by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Opportunity to Help a Neighborhood Ministries Family in Need** Earnisha (Nisha) Kizzee, only 23 years old, passed away unexpectedly on March 15<sup>th</sup> leaving behind a 1 year old son (David), a 2 year old daughter (Aliyah) and two infant twin girls born on March 8<sup>th</sup> (Ta-shae and Sharnae). The children's father is in prison. This family is in great financial need and we are organizing a fund/needs drive for this sister in Christ and her family. The money and items collected will go towards the funeral expenses and towards the purchase of items needed for the children. Please drop off checks and items at the NM collection table on the patio before/after church services on April 4 and April 11<sup>th</sup>. You can also drop checks/items off at the CBC office through April 11<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are: Diapers (size NB through 4), Baby Wipes, Baby Lotion and Baby Wash. Checks must be made out to Neighborhood Ministries and the check memo line should be blank. Please call Janet Heaton at 602-334-5423 if you have any questions

### CBC GIVING UPDATE

Budgeted Need for First Quarter	\$333,360
Actual Giving To Date	\$290,701
Remaining Need for First Quarter	\$42,659
Last Week's Giving	\$27,217