

June 13, 2010

INTOUCH

Something New Under the Sun

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JUNE 13

8:30 AM on Bring items for Rwanda Team Rummage Sale to 206

12:30 PM FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Fellowship Hall

Poland, Its People & The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Hosted by our Sanctuary Choir

Serving up Polish food, pictures, and a full report of their Concert Tour

1:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 209

6:00 PM CORPORATE PRAYER Fellowship Hall

Led by Pastor Tim Savage

Rejoicing in God's work among us and pleading with Him to do more, drawing people to Christ and helping people to grow in Christ and His work

MONDAY – JUNE 14

8:30 AM on Bring items for Rwanda Team Rummage Sale to 206

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

TUESDAY – JUNE 15

8:30 AM on Bring items for Rwanda Team Rummage Sale to 206

6-8:00 PM 9 AM Worship Team practice Sanctuary

7:00 PM Teleios: *Crown Biblical Financial Study* Library (205)

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 16

8:30 AM on Bring items for Rwanda Team Rummage Sale to 206

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch" Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM Elder Prayer Sr. Pastor's Office

6:45 PM EXCEL Student Ministry – Small Groups Assigned Homes

THURSDAY – JUNE 17

8:30-12 Noon

8:30 AM on Bring items for Rwanda Team Rummage Sale to 206

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM College & 20-Somethings Dinner/Study Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – JUNE 18

8:30 AM on Bring items for Rwanda Team Rummage Sale to 206

6:30-8 AM Teleios: *Men's Leadership Study: Leading & Loving* Family Rm

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

SATURDAY – JUNE 19

6:00 AM to 3:00 PM Rummage Sale Fellowship Hall

to benefit this summer's Rwanda Short-Term Missions Team, providing needed funds to apply to the cost of their travel and ministry

SUNDAY – JUNE 20

7:00 AM EXCEL Summer Camp attendees be at CBC Fellowship Hall for signing in and loading the buses

9:00 and 10:40 AM Prayer for Worship Services Prayer Room

9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary

"Commendation of Faith"

Hebrews 11:1-7

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 Teleios: *Intergenerational Stewardship Class* 207

9:00 AM Teleios: *Six Steps to Talking About Jesus* Library (205)

10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304

10:40 AM Children's Church (24 mo – grade 3) 101-104, 201, 203

12:30 PM Osborn H. & R. Ministry meet Fellowship Hall

2:00 PM Osborn H. & R. serves at Osborn Health & Rehab

6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER 206

Imagine, if you would, that you are the most powerful person in the world. Now imagine that you are also the richest person in the world. Would your life be fundamentally different? Would everything that is now ordinary about your life become extraordinary? Not according to the wisest man in the world. King Solomon reigned in Israel at the peak of its power. Israel was at that time a world power, her borders swelling. Solomon likewise enjoyed the wealth of Croesus (the grossly rich Greek king). No one on the planet was as wealthy as Solomon. Better than all this, however, he was gifted by the God of heaven and earth with wisdom. In that wisdom, and in light of experiencing every pleasure, every distraction that the world had to offer he spoke this heavy nugget: "There is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9).

The brave new world, under the flashing lights and tinkling bells, is the same world it has always been. Such does not mean, of course, that we ought not to be on our guard amidst swirling cultural change. We are called, after all, to discern the times. That, however, is precisely the point. We can only grasp the winds of change when we are tied to the mast of the permanent things. To walk steady in the midst of shifting sands we do not seek to better understand the sand. Instead we long to have our feet set upon the Rock. Then, and only then, will we sing a new song.

That the brave new world is the timid old world does mean, therefore, that we must hold on to the old truths. No matter how swiftly technology may be changing, it will not change these realities – that we, in ourselves, are sinners at war with God Himself. No matter how slippery the culture's conception of truth, the truth is He sent His only begotten Son that who-soever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. No matter how dizzying the world becomes, He still has the whole world in His hands. And no matter how overtly the culture rebels against its rightful king, we are to be of good cheer, remembering that He has already overcome the world.

His victory, however, is not merely the cause of our good cheer; it also rightly informs our strategy. If the wheels really were coming off the world, if these dazzling changes really were something new under the sun, then we could understand the temptation to change course, to adapt, to contextualize, to go with the flow. If, however, Jesus reigns now, if He sends His Spirit in power across the globe, if He wields His Word as a two-edged sword, then we can stay with the program. We can continue, for all authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth. By this authority He has ordered us to go and make disciples of the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that He has commanded us. We can live in faith, remembering that He is with us even as we walk through Vanity Fair – even to the end of the age.

C.S. Lewis was not only a lay theologian but was also a scholar of English literature. During the height of the Second World War, he penned an essay in which he asked why, in the midst of such a titanic struggle between good and evil, anyone would "waste" time studying literature. He then explained that those who refused to think on matters of culture will not end up with no culture but with bad culture. Culture is inevitable, both in war and in peace. No one can set it aside for a time to deal with the important stuff. In like manner, if we believe that the broader culture is so much background noise, we will not steer clear of it but will buy into it. Those who ignore culture are doomed to repeat it.

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If we don't, for the sake of the gospel, adjust for the culture, and we don't for the sake of the gospel, ignore the culture, what do we do? We seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. We build a culture around and upon the lordship of Christ over all things. We live our lives, as much as is possible, in peace and quietness with all men, which is, at one and the same time, the very power of His assault on the gates of hell. As we refuse to get frantic and adopt the pace of the broader culture but instead live simple, gospel-infused lives; as we raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; as we hunger and thirst after righteousness; as we meditate day and night on His law and rejoice day and night over His grace; suddenly the world slows down. Our hearts are calmed. We are still, and we know that He is God.

There is nothing new under the sun. But every day, more and new things are being brought under the Son. The mustard seed is growing. The leaven is working through the lump. That Rock, unhewn by human hands, is expanding across the globe, and the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is covering the earth as water covers the sea.

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EXCEL PARENTS (Parents of Junior High and High School Students): TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR EXCEL SUMMER CAMP! Register online at www.cbccaz.org/excel. We've a terrific time planned for this summer's camp, June 20-25, at Forest Home Conference Center, Forest Falls, California. The Center's accommodations are built for youth, providing the perfect mix of crazy games, team competitions, gospel-centered messages and great small group discussions. Junior and Senior High students will travel together but will stay in different parts of the Forest Home campus, along with about 500 other youth.

CBC's Missionary Marina Landro will be in town!
She arrives June 18th
and will be returning to Ukraine July 16th.

Opportunities to visit with Marina:

- **Sunday, June 20th** Marina will be in **Room 209 at 9 am** to share what is happening with their ministry in Ukraine and again that evening at **6 pm in Room 206** following the prayer time to update us and answer any questions.
- **Friday, June 25th Open House** at the home of David and Janet Maddox, 14201 North 54th St., Scottsdale **at 7 pm.** **If possible please RSVP** 602-953-8097.
- **July 8th – July 11th** she will be at CBC's Family Camp as one of the medical personnel.
- She would love to schedule a time to talk with anyone or any group that would like that opportunity. You can reach her at 480-945-2509.



Doug and Marina Landro

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

to "The LORD our God who is in our midst" (Zeph.3:17),

in the midst of His people everywhere, in the midst of the Camelback family, in the midst of the choir as they carried the Gospel message in song to Poland, and in the midst of last week's VBS here at CBC

PRAYER

That the LORD our God would work deeply in the minds and hearts of those in Poland who were ministered to by the Gospel message of our choir's concert tour, that His best would be accomplished; that God's saving grace would draw to Himself all 250 children who attended VBS this past week; that the families of the VBS children would be touched by the hand of God through their children; for many in our CBC family who are dealing with surgical recovery, including: six-month-old **Anthony Armstrong** (surgical repair of valves and hole in his heart), **Howard Parks** (throat cancer surgery), **John Layman** (prostate cancer surgery), **Betty Savage** (now at home) and **Dorothy Germaine** (hip surgery), **Jerry Harbin** (double back surgeries), and **Thornton Stearns** (heart valve surgery); for two whose hearts have required some attention and testing, and may or will require more: **Peg Miller** and **Russ Rot**. May the Spirit of God minister uniquely to each of these dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.

BILL AND BETTY SAVAGE dearly thank the many who have expressed daily prayer, and thank God for the fresh evidence He works through prayer. Betty's rehab from hip surgery is ahead of schedule, enabling her to return home. We are grateful for the rehab assistance that she is receiving at home and looking forward to when she can return to church. We praise God for His goodness.

JUNE 19TH IS THE DAY – A RUMMAGE SALE to benefit the Rwanda Missions Trip. The Team is working hard to raise the money needed for their mission trip to Rwanda and this sale will be a significant contributor. It's a great time of year to clean out closets and storerooms! **PLEASE BRING DONATED ITEMS TO ROOM 206 THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND THANK YOU FOR EACH AND EVERY THING THAT YOU BRING!** The sale, held in Fellowship Hall, will begin at 6:00 AM on Saturday and run until 3:00 PM. Do come and shop the wares available!

PRAYER FOR OUR GATHERED WORSHIP: James (5:16b) tells us that "the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." Like Elijah, whom James describes as having "a nature like ours" and uses as an example (vv. 17 & 18), we are called to practice our prayers and expect God to answer. Each Sunday we have the opportunity to do this as people gather in the Prayer Room (in the lower level of the Sanctuary next to the elevator entrance) during each morning service to pray for the service that is in progress. **We would welcome more people during each hour.** We welcome you! Please join us as often as you can, during whichever service you don't attend, as we go before the throne of God with the morning services in our arms, seeking His will and His blessings. Contact David Ducharme for more information at dducharme@cox.net.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE SWIMSUIT DRIVE for summer programs at Neighborhood Ministries is today. Your participation along with those attending Vacation Bible School has been significant. Thank you for the items given to the Neighborhood Ministries Thrift Store during the past few weeks. These tangible expressions of our support to those in underserved areas of Phoenix are a great example of bringing Christ to the city through the family of Camelback.

THE RWANDA TEAM will be offering their services, as able-bodied young adults to come and clean house, yard, or whatever you need. They will send 2-3 young men or 2-3 young women to your home to help you with your summer cleaning. The young men are available for yard work, heavy lifting, and for whatever else you might need. The young women will be available for cleaning, organizing, and any other needs they are able to fulfill. Donations will be accepted and all the proceeds will go toward the Rwanda Team Members' fund-raising efforts for their summer mission trip to Rwanda. Please contact Kelly Stewart to let them know how they can serve you: 602-321-6885 or k.stewart@yahoo.com.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Budgeted Need for 2 nd Quarter	\$401,884
Actual 2 nd Quarter Giving To Date	\$271,170
Remaining Need for 2 nd Quarter	\$130,714
Last Week's Giving	\$ 26,370