

September 11, 2011

# INTOUCH

## A Generation of Heroes

*Every man is called to serve one another  
in a company of heroes.*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

By Buck Parsons

#### SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 PM Kickoff of Children's Music Rehearsals/ w Parents 207  
 4:20 PM Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells 206, 207  
 5:00 PM New Song Singers & Campanitas Bells 206, 207  
 6-7:30 PM Discovery II, Session 1 209  
 6:30-8 PM 9/11 COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING Sanctuary  
*With several churches from our area, we seek God's face together in prayer*

#### MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 12

All Day Office closed – moving day/multiple office moves of staff!  
 7:00 AM Teleios: Women's Prayer & Bible Study Library (205)  
 9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing" Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM Community Bible Study Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

#### TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM Teleios: Women's Precept Study in Hebrews 207

#### WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch" Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 PM Sanctuary Bells Sanctuary  
 6:45 PM LOGOS Kids Club Classrooms, B'ball Court & Field  
 6:45-8:30 PM EXCEL Junior High & High School Fellowship Hall  
*Worship, Teaching and Hanging Out*  
 6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Choir Rehearsal Room  
 6:45 PM Teleios: Ecclesiastes The Library (205)  
 6:45 PM Teleios: Intentional Spiritual Parenting Burch Hall, PCDS

#### THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

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

#### FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 16

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

#### SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 AM Community Group Leadership Training 207  
 8:30 AM GriefShare Support Group Library (205)  
 10:30 AM Messianic Bible Studies 209  
 5:00 PM FAMILY BBQ AND MOVIE NIGHT Fellowship Hall

#### SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
 Dr. Tim Savage

#### THE PLAN, II

#### "Christ's Self-Emptying"

Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 1:26-28

*Reclaiming all things for God's glory!*

9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304  
 9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (19 months – gr. 6) 101-103, 201, 203, 206  
 9:00 AM Sojourners Adult Fellowship Class 208  
 9:00 AM Diakonia Adult Fellowship Class 209  
 9:00 AM Teleios: "The Plan" Sermon Discussions Fellowship Hall  
 10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304  
 10:40 AM Children's Church (19 months – gr. 6) 101-103, 201, 203, 206  
 10:40 AM Teleios: "The Plan" Sermon Discussions Fellowship Hall  
 10:40 AM Teleios: Heartfelt Forgiveness 207  
 12:30 PM International Missions Meeting Library (205)  
 12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meets in Fellowship  
 2:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry serves at Osborn Health & Rehabilitation  
 4:00 PM Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells 206, 207  
 5:00 PM New Song Singers & Campanitas Bells 206, 207  
 5:00 PM Teleios: Who's in Charge Here? 209  
 6-7:30 PM Discovery II, Session 2 209  
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)  
 6:45-8:30 PM EXCEL Junior High Small Groups Locations TBD  
 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.

"Satan watches for those vessels that sail without a convoy," wrote Puritan pastor George Swinnock (1627-1673). Every individual knows he was created for community. Isolation is the Devil's playground, and our Enemy is on the lookout for the Christian who thinks he can stand alone in independent isolation from the fellowship, accountability, and encouragement of faithful brothers and sisters.

Before the fall of man, even though the Lord God walked in close communion with Adam in the garden, our gracious and triune God knew it was not good for man to be alone (Gen. 2:18), and so God created someone who would meet Adam's needs and relate to Adam in a way that, by design, God Himself did not. In His often-overlooked grace, God blessed mankind with the most beautiful, intimate, and joyous relationship that exists between mere human beings: holy wedlock between a man and a woman, who by design and covenant become one flesh. Nevertheless, even from that glorious union, He called them to multiply themselves into communities of families that would populate and dominate creation to share life and glorify God together.

God gave each of us an insatiable hunger to experience life together – life's joys and passions and life's sorrows and burdens. Men need men, and women need women. Younger men and women need to listen to and learn from the wisdom and experiences of older men and women. Older men and women need the passion and patience to sit down and tell their stories and lessons to the next generation. Women need authentic relationships with other women to form the enduring companionship of sisterhood that not only detests divisive gossip and grudges but defends, encourages, and bears the burdens of every woman so that no woman is left alone to fend for herself in serving the Lord in her many callings.

Even though many men are completely content with the community and companionship of images, games, and voices on a screen, men desperately need the camaraderie and fraternity of other men. Men are made to experience intimate and authentic, loyal and enduring friendships with other men – on the battlefield, in the foxhole, at the gates of the city, and at the coffee shop on the corner. And while no wise and truly humble man will ever consider himself a hero, each and every man of God by His grace is called to strive to conquer this world, his flesh, and the Devil, shoulder to shoulder with other men who together serve one another in a company of heroes as husbands and dads who serve by leading their wives, families, churches, and communities into fellowship with God.

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## TELEIOS Fall 2011 is Here!

A full roster of great classes – all designed to aid God's processing of us into maturity (Teleios) in Christ – have been scheduled for this fall. Please look over those listed below that are still open or are starting soon and for which registration is needed:

**Discovering the Power of Generosity** (for Women), led by Sharon Moore, meets the 2nd Sunday of the month through May, 2012 at 9:15 AM in Room 204. Please call the office to register.

**"The Plan" Sermon Discussion Groups** – A discussion group taking place each hour in Fellowship Hall: The 9:00 AM group discusses the previous Sunday's sermon; the 10:40 AM group discusses the sermon of the morning. These discussions are open attendance – come as you are able!

**Who's in Charge Here?** starts next Sunday, September 18, and is youth appropriate. It will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in Room 209. Please register by 11:00 AM tomorrow, Monday September 12, either by phone or email to [joy@camelbackbible.org](mailto:joy@camelbackbible.org). Materials need to be ordered.

**Crown Financial Ministries: Managing Our Finances God's Way** starts Monday, September 19, and will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Library (Room 205). Please register by tomorrow, Monday, September 12, by 11:00 AM. Call the office or email [joy@camelbackbible.org](mailto:joy@camelbackbible.org). Materials need to be ordered.

Other classes will start in October. Descriptions are available on the flier (found at the Welcome Center and in the Office) and online at the CBC website, [www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios](http://www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios). Registration opportunities remain open for each class until one week prior to its start date. Invite a friend to take a class with you. You'll be so glad you did!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Pastor Tim, Lesli, Matt and Jon following the unexpected home-going on September 5<sup>th</sup> of Tim's father, our brother in the Lord, Bill Savage. As we mourn his loss here among us, we celebrate his arrival into the very presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his reuniting with his beloved wife, Betty, whose home-going preceded his by only four months. May our dear pastor and his family know the peace and the love of God in a deeper way than ever before; and may they know it through us their brothers and sisters in the Lord.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME TODAY, SEPTEMBER 11! *Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us extol Him with music and song. Psalm 95:1, 2b* Please join us for our kick-off event at 4:00 PM in Room 207. Parents, we would like you to stay with your children for these opening 20 minutes or so, so we can give you important information regarding the choirs and introduce you to this year's directors.

### Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Campanitas – Bells (meets regularly in Room 207)

Carol Choir – Voice (meets regularly in Room 206)

### 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bell Canto – Bells (meets regularly in Room 207)

New Song Singers – Voice (meets regularly in Room 206)

COME TONIGHT FOR OUR 9/11 NIGHT OF PRAYER! Come gather with our church family and others from churches in our immediate area as we seek the face of God for the upcoming year, and seek His blessing in a crazy and anxious world. Using Act 1:8 as our guide, we will pray in a "ripple effect" for ourselves, our city, our nation, and our world. We'll meet in our Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Child care will be provided up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Families are encouraged to come and parents whose children are participating in the children's choirs, please join us as well. Please see this time as hugely important as we come before our heavenly Father in full awareness of His sovereign place in our lives and in our kingdom work here on earth. It is a new year of ministry and we come to place it in His hands and seek His blessings upon it.

MOVING DAY AT THE OFFICE! A lot of changes have been happening behind the scenes in the church office building. The outcome will be great – providing each of our pastors with their own office. We're now ready to move the administrative assistants (Phase 1) into a new Admin. Center. **This means that the office will be closed all day tomorrow, Monday, September 12.** All phone calls will go to voicemail and will be listened to on Tuesday. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. We love you – and can't wait to be fully functioning in order to minister to you.

## PRAYING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

### Monthly Prayers for our Children

**September:** Pray that they will know Christ as Savior early in life and treasure their inheritance as Sons of God; that they will not accept Satan's designs against them but walk in the light as heirs of the kingdom.

**Based on:** John 1:12-13, Psalm 63:1-4, Hebrews 3:114-115, 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, and Galatians 5:1.

**FAMILY BBQ, MOVIE & OUTREACH . . . Dinner and a movie, for the whole family!** Come and enjoy the movie *RIO*, after dining on some scrumptious BBQ, chips and other assorted goodies. This will be a true Family event, as we include our church family, preschool family, and also the families from the elementary schools we've been ministering to, most recently through our backpack drive. So bring your friends, and join us for a great kickoff to the new school year! It will be held on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall.** The movie, *RIO*, is the story of Blu, a domesticated Macaw who never learned to fly and lives comfortably with his owner in a small town in Minnesota. His world is turned upside down when he heads to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with his owner, who hopes he can save his species from extinction. This family animated feature will be sure to not only entertain, but engage your family in discussions about adversity, pride and making good decisions.

### CHILD SAFE CLASS, Sunday, October 2, 9:00-10:30 AM, the Library (Room 205)

This class is required of ALL Children's Ministry (including nursery workers) and EXCEL volunteers. It is necessary for volunteers working with children to learn about CBC's policies as well as state and federal guidelines. Please RSVP to Renee Zuck by Tuesday, September 17 by calling 602-955-6370, Ext. 106 or emailing [renee@camelbackbible.org](mailto:renee@camelbackbible.org).

## The City's Population is Growing!

Over 250 of us have joined the growing number participating in our new way, on line, to enhance our sense of community. *The City* is nothing more or less than the people and groups that make up our church, connecting/interacting in a variety of ways with each other individually, within a variety of small groups of which they are a part or wish to reach, or with the entire church family. In addition it provides a way to: share prayer requests and responses, make needs known and help offered, plan an event and extend an invitation; offer items for sale or free; and grow spiritually through tools offered. **Our goal is to have the entire CBC family participating. To join in, go to [www.camelbackonthecity.org](http://www.camelbackonthecity.org) at home or here at the church on Sunday, with help standing by!**

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER** for many in our CBC family who are ill, recovering from surgery or accidents, struggling with unemployment and financial difficulties, or suffering the anguish of personal loss or relational stress and strain. May they know the power of God in their weakness. And may each of us, as we are aware and able, help to carry their burdens as best we can, especially by our prayers and practical expressions of our love.

**A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU"** to all who supported the food bank drive this past month. Over 70 bags were delivered to Camelback High School and received with gratitude and appreciation. Plan now to participate later this month, when we seek to keep shelves full and families fed that too often miss several days of meals.

**MEN'S RETREAT 2011 – OPERATION RECLAMATION!** Men, plan now to be a part of this important time away. The discussion will center on "Christ's community reclaiming lost communities in His name," with speaker Patrick T. Smith, Assistant Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, bringing a topic that is near and dear to his heart. He hopes to bless us by sharing much of what the Lord has taught him on this vital subject. We'll return to Chapel Rock Conference Center in Prescott on October 7-9. Teenage sons are welcome with their fathers. Register online at [www.cbcaz.org/men](http://www.cbcaz.org/men). Be sure to take this opportunity to build your own sense of community with the men of CBC!

## CBC GIVING FOR AUGUST 2011

	Current Month/September	Budgeted YTD
Budget	\$128,248.00	\$ 623,972.00
Giving To Date	\$ 17,265.00	\$ 541,157.00
Last Week's Giving	\$ 17,265.00	\$ 17,265.00
Remaining Need	\$110,983.00	\$ 82,815.00