

INTOUCH

January 3, 2010

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JANUARY 3

12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

No evening music rehearsals

MONDAY – JANUARY 4

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Turbo Blast"	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Excel Staff Meeting	The Pinalto's home

TUESDAY – JANUARY 5

7:00 AM	Teleios: <i>Women's Prayer/Study</i>	Library
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WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 6

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Elder Prayer	Sr. Pastor's Office
6:00 ish	College & 20-Somethings Winter Ski Retreat returns	to CBC
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: <i>"Simple Answers to Hard Questions"</i>	Library

THURSDAY – JANUARY 7

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

FRIDAY – JANUARY 8

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

8:00 PM	Phoenix Chamber Music Society Concert	Sanctuary
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Ying String Quartet with Richard Stoltzman

SUNDAY – JANUARY 10

8:00 AM	LOGOS Classroom Directors Meeting	207
9-12:15 AM	Prayer for Worship Services	Prayer Room
9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	
	LIFE AS SUFFERING, Part IV	
	<i>"Losing God, Finding God"</i>	
	Job	
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: <i>"Two Ways to Live: Know & Share the Gospel"</i>	207
9:00 AM	Teleios: <i>"Delighting in Our Calling" Part II (Women)</i>	205
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
10:40 AM	EXCEL Parent Prayer Time	meet in F. Hall, to 205
10:40 AM	Teleios: <i>"Being Salt & Light in Contemporary America"</i>	207
12:30 PM	FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON	Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate this new year with your church family!

(See the back of the IN TOUCH for what to bring)

12:30 PM	Missions Committee Meeting	209
4:00 PM	New Song Singers (Grades 4-9)	206
4:00 PM	Campanitas Bells (Grades K-3)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (Grades K-3)	206
5:00 PM	Bell Canto Bells (Grades 4-6)	207
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Grades 7-12)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

Dear Camelback family,

I have had an incredible semester. I graduated Thursday December 17th with my DMA in piano performance, a degree that was hard-won and that hardly anyone, including myself, thought I would ever achieve. But some things happened this semester that have made me more aware of God's ultimate power and presence than ever before.

On the Monday before my doctoral defense, on November 16, my sister called to let me know that my Mom was once again in the hospital, but that she might not be coming home this time. She had triple-bypass several years ago, and her health had declined steadily since then. She was always in chronic pain and suffering from multiple ailments and congestive heart failure. Living 2000 miles away, it was hard for me to exactly know how things were. How much time did my Mom have? When should I go to Cleveland and how? Things were a little crucial for me here in AZ, because I had to make revisions on my paper and needed to do them in timely fashion.

The Monday before Thanksgiving, I had purchased a plane ticket to travel to Cleveland the day after graduation ceremonies, not knowing how ill my Mom actually was. That same day, I called my sister and learned that she might not last past that day and that the only thing keeping her alive was the blood pressure medicine and her defibrillator. Later that day, they had decided that it was time to remove the medicines from her because she seemed so ready to go. I was told that, even if I had purchased a ticket to fly out that day, I would have missed her. The following day, I called my sister and learned that not only had my Mom not passed, but she was alert and her condition had stabilized. I felt very strongly that she was waiting for me, but had no idea how I was going to make it. I had revisions to make still on my DMA paper, and a crucial meeting, and no funds. I also found, in calling airlines, that there seemed to be no flexibility.

Later that night, I managed to have the attending nurse put the phone to my Mom's ear. She couldn't talk to me, but I knew from what the nurse said that she heard me and recognized me. My husband urged me to try one more time to see if I could visit. I did, and managed to get a full refund from my pre-scheduled ticket, found a red-eye on Wednesday evening, spent the day with family, and flew back Friday morning. I was able to visit in Cleveland with my Mom for Thanksgiving. I was able to say good-bye in person and to take care of her while I was there. I called my Dad between change-over flights to see how things were. A few minutes after I hung up the phone, she passed. I know she had waited for me and God made it possible. I am so grateful. His timing is amazing!!! It's obvious to me who was in control!

I don't know why God privileged me with the opportunity to say good-bye to my Mom, but I am sure He did it because my Mom and I so desperately needed it. He does what He sees is necessary and He does it in perfect timing and with complete certainty. I know there will never be a doubt in my mind of His Love and Guidance, and I know my Mom is with Him.

I share this with you my church family in hopes that my story will be encouraging. Death is only of the flesh for Christians, and it can be ultimately beautiful and powerful.

Love,

Janet Norman

We, Janet's church family, celebrate the receipt of her doctorate with her and thank her for sharing with us this story of God's power and presence.

Teleios Classes Begin this Month

The first of our TELEIOS 2010 WINTER/SPRING CLASSES begin this month and God has provided outstanding opportunities for each and every one of us to be built up in Jesus Christ. The listing, with times and class descriptions, is available at the Welcome Center on Sunday's, in the office during the week, and on line 24/7. **Stop by the table on the patio today, or call the office, to register for one or more of the classes.** Beginning this month are:

January 5 (Tuesday)

Women's Prayer and Bible Study, led by Susan Manor

January 6 (Wednesday)

Simple Answers to Hard Questions, led by Elder Bill Weldon

January 10 (Sunday)

Delighting in our Calling – Part II (women only), led by Sharon Moore

Two Ways to Live: Know and Share the Gospel, led by Pastor Ron Elwardt

Being Salt and Light in Contemporary America, led by Malcolm Hartnell

January 12 (Tuesday)

James: A Faith That's Real (women only), led by Nancy Whalen and Karen Kelly

The Apostle's Creed – Part II (women only), led by Karen Fye

Peacemakers, led by Mike and Cindy Bailey

Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free, led by Beccy Jones

January 14 (Thursday)

Memory and Scripture, led by Elder Gordon Donaldson

January 31 (Sunday)

Foundations, led by Elder Dave and Beccy Jones

NOTE: other classes are scheduled to begin in February and March. Please be sure to check them all out and select the one, or several, that God would use to mature you in your faith and help you to live it out daily, before God and others.

SYMPATHY is extended by the CBC family to Dr. Thornton Stearns (and the Stearns family) following the homegoing on December 26th of his dear bride of 53 years, Pat. Pat's valiant fight against the cancer that finally won this earthly battle was a testimony to her faith, the sweetness of God's Spirit dwelling within her, and the power of God in her weakness. And now, in the very presence of her Lord Jesus Christ, the ultimate and eternal victory is hers! Services will be held here at CBC on Saturday, January 9th, at 11:00 AM.

NEWS OF AN ENGAGEMENT has come from Austin, Texas! George and Pam Dupere are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Mark to Emily Thompson of Perth, Australia. Mark and Emily met during their graduate studies at The Royal Conservatory in The Hague, Netherlands. The wedding will take place in Perth sometime mid-summer this year. Both Mark (cello) and Emily (violin) have musical commitments in Europe through June. Congratulations are also in order for Mark as he completes his studies this spring and graduates with a Masters Degree in 19th Century Period Instrument Cello Performance. Mark's email is mgdupere@yahoo.com.

EXCEL WINTER RETREAT, *Winterruption*, is January 15-18 at Pine Summit in Prescott, Arizona, with speaker James Hoxworth, Pastor of Youth at Covenant Community Church in Scottsdale. Signup for the retreat is available on the patio today and next Sunday, January 10th. To quote the retreat flier: "Follow Me." These are the words that Jesus spoke over and over again to the people He came into contact with. Some decided to follow. Many others did not. Did they not know that they were rejecting the King of the universe? Do you think they had any idea that this Jesus was the one who spoke them into existence? Do you suppose if they had known that Jesus could forgive their sins and restore them to God for eternity they would have still walked away from Him? Or that they wouldn't have killed Him? What about you? Do you know Jesus? Have you heard that He is both your God and your Savior? Hear it for yourself in Jesus' own words at Winter Retreat 2010—will you follow Jesus?"

FIRST FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON OF THE YEAR!

Next Sunday, January 10th, 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

*We'll bring in our new year together
over spaghetti and meatballs!*

Plan to come!

And bring something scrumptious to go with our Italian fare.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who came, is come, and will come again!

PRAYER

that God would move mightily within the family and ministries of CBC in this new year; that many of us will see the great opportunity being offered to us and participate in the excellent **Teleios Classes** being offered over the next several months; for our **College & 20-Somethings** on their Winter Ski Retreat in Colorado, for the work of the Holy Spirit in their midst and for a safe return on Wednesday, January 6th; for **Paul Saduskyj**, at home still battling the persistent and disabling infection in his foot, discouraged and needing wisdom in the ongoing decision making process; for **Mike and Katie Siebert** (daughter and son-in-law of CBC missionaries Malcolm and Peggy Hartnell) following the loss of two of their triplets (born very premature) with their remaining son, Will, still viable in utero and holding his own; for **Tom Cook, Jr.** (son of Tom and Kay Cook), a Chaplain with the U.S. Marine Corps currently serving in Afghanistan but now (as of the 27th) at the Naval Hospital in San Diego undergoing a multitude of tests to determine the cause of his slowed pulse rate episode; for **Suzy Kuhlman** in Kiev, Russia, suffering an infection and either reacting to the antibiotic prescribed or developing a kidney infection, just as the family was about to get away for a little R & R.; and for **Audrey Hejhall**, who blacked out and fell on Monday evening, hitting her head and injuring herself badly enough to require stitches and retention in the hospital for testing and observation.

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all who were eligible to donate and gave blood in 2009. United Blood Services calls us HEROS. Please make note in your daytimers, calendars, or assorted technical marvels, of the 2010 dates: March 10, August 8 and November 28. Thank you! And see you at the Blood Mobil!

LOGOS Kids Club resumes this Wednesday, January 6th. We still have room in our Club and kids are welcome to join at any time. LOGOS is also a great way to invite your friends and neighbors to church, so be sure to spread the word.

ALSO RESUMING THIS WEDNESDAY are EXCEL (Junior High and High School Ministry) and rehearsals of the Sanctuary Choir. Should either ministry be of interest to you, please call Pastoral Intern Brent Klontz about EXCEL and Pastor Tom Bookhout about the Sanctuary Choir. And know how very welcome you would be!

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY II SERIES is scheduled for four Sunday evenings, beginning on January 24th, and continuing on January 31, February 7 and 21. Open to any and all who have previously attended one of our Discovery I sessions, this series is designed to prepare its attendees for the joy of membership at Camelback Bible Church. Please, if you are interested in being a part of this deeper look into the church and your place in it, call the office ASAP to let us know of your intent.

PEACE BOOKS FOR SALE: Additional copies of the *Peace* book from the Women's Christmas Brunch are available for \$5. What a wonderful gift! Stop by the church office or pick one up at the Welcome Center on Sundays. If you didn't attend the Brunch, this is a wonderful way to receive the message shared by Lesli Savage.

OSBORN HEALTH AND REHAB is the site of our Nursing Home Ministry, an outreach to the residents and staff of this nursing/care facility. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the each month, after meeting together at the church (following the conclusion of the second service), sharing lunch on the premises or elsewhere, we hold a service for the OH&B residents at 2:15 PM. We would love to have families or individuals join this important ministry by adopting a resident and/or by participating in the twice-monthly worship services. Please, if you have questions and/or an interest, contact Elder Doug White at ashpenaz@cox.net.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH, is the date this year of the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona Marathon & ½ Marathon. Please be aware and plan for the disruption it causes to accessing the church campus on that day. Detailed information is available online at www.competitor.com/community (giving the routes and street closures). Basically, you need to plan your approach to the church from the north, rather than the south, making use of the 51 freeway to the west if needed.

PATHWAYS TO GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING, 2010, a 13-week course is being offered at several different churches throughout the valley: NW Community Church in Phoenix, Bethany Community Church in Tempe, and Scottsdale Bible Church in north Scottsdale. Held over different dates at each church, the class is held from 6:30 to 9:30 PM in the evening. Detailed information is available in a brochure available at the Welcome Center, in the office, and online at www.PathWays2.org.