

INTOUCH

July 4, 2010

IN GOD WE TRUST

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

12:30 PM Osborn H. & R. Ministry meets Subway, 44th & Indian School
 2:00 PM Osborn H. & R. Ministry serves at Osborn H. & R.
 6:00 PM EXCEL – High School not meeting tonight; meets next week
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER not meeting tonight

*May you and yours have a safe holiday,
 one in which God is praised and thanked
 for the country in which we live and for the freedoms we enjoy,
 but remembering always our greater freedom in Jesus Christ.*

*“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
 John 8:36*

*“Live as people who are free,
 not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil,
 but living as servants of God.
 1 Peter 2:16*

MONDAY – JULY 5

All Day Office closed
 9:00 AM Women’s Aerobics – “Kick Boxing” Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – JULY 6

6-8:00 PM 9 AM Worship Team practice Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Teleios: *Crown Biblical Financial Study* Library (205)

WEDNESDAY – JULY 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 EXCEL Jr. High – Pool Party at the Klontz’s home

THURSDAY – JULY 8

Begins 3rd ANNUAL CBC FAMILY CAMP Pine Valley, CA
 9:00 AM Women’s Aerobics – “Cirque Du Soleil” Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM College & 20-Somethings Dinner/Study Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM OPEN HOUSE with the three Blanchards! Library (205)

FRIDAY – JULY 9

Continues 3rd ANNUAL CBC FAMILY CAMP Pine Valley, CA
 9:00 AM Women’s Aerobics – “Dance It Off” Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY – JULY 10

Continues 3rd ANNUAL CBC FAMILY CAMP Pine Valley, CA

SUNDAY – JULY 11

Ends 3rd ANNUAL CBC FAMILY CAMP Pine Valley, CA
 After both services Rwanda Mission Team Bake Sale Outside the Sanctuary
 9:00 and 10:40 AM Prayer for Worship Services Prayer Room
 9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary
 Dr. Tim Savage

“Aging America, Ageless God”

Part V

Habakkuk

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)
 9:00 AM Sojourners Adult Fellowship 208
 9:00 AM Diakonia Adult Fellowship 209
 9:00 AM Discovery I The Family Room

Our once a month introduction to the strategic role of the local church

Newcomers and all who are interested are welcome and encouraged to come!

10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304
 10:40 AM Children’s Church (24 mo – grade 3) 101-104, 201, 203
 6:00 PM EXCEL – High School Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

On this day of celebration of the founding of our country, it is well to remember the world-view on which it was founded. Perhaps the four words we find on our money best describe what it was then, has been and what we pray it can be again . . . *In God We Trust*. In the meantime, perhaps we best look to ourselves and ask the question asked by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 36:5), and again over a century and a half ago by Charles Spurgeon, a pastor in England: **“Now on whom dost thou trust?”** Is Spurgeon’s answer yours?

Reader, this is an important question. Listen to the Christian’s answer, and see if it is yours. “On whom dost thou trust?” “I trust,” says the Christian, “in a triune God.”

“I trust the Father, believing that He has chosen me from before the foundations of the world; I trust Him to provide for me in providence, to teach me, to guide, me, to correct me if need be, and to bring me home to His own house where the many mansions are.

“I trust the Son. Very God of very God is He — the man Christ Jesus. I trust in Him to take away all my sins by His own sacrifice, and to adorn me with His perfect righteousness. I trust Him to be my Intercessor, to present my prayers and desires before His Father’s throne, and I trust Him to be my Advocate at the last great day, to plead my cause, and to justify me. I trust Him for what He is, for what He has done, and for what He has promised yet to do.

“And I trust the Holy Spirit — He has begun to save me from my inbred sins; I trust Him to drive them all out; I trust Him to curb my temper, to subdue my will, to enlighten my understanding, to check my passions, to comfort my despondency, to help my weakness, to illuminate my darkness; I trust Him to dwell in me as my life, to reign in me as my King, to sanctify me wholly, spirit, soul, and body, and then to take me up to dwell with the saints in light for ever.

“Oh, blessed trust! To trust Him whose power will never be exhausted, whose love will never wane, whose kindness will never change, whose faithfulness will never fail, whose wisdom will never be nonplussed, and whose perfect goodness can never know a diminution! Happy art thou, reader, if this trust is thine! So trusting, thou shalt enjoy sweet peace now, and glory hereafter, and the foundation of thy trust shall never be removed.”

By God’s grace, may this trust be true of each of us; by His grace and mercy may it reach beyond us; and by His inexhaustible power may it cover this land as never before for “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

Just a Sampling!

John Adams & John Hancock with others: We recognize no sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus! [April 18, 1775]

John Adams: "The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity ... I will AVOW that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God." "[July 4th] ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." [*John Adams in a letter written to his wife on the day the Declaration was approved by Congress*]

Patrick Henry: "It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." [*May 1765 Speech to the House of Burgesses*]

George Washington: "O Most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ, my merciful and loving Father; I acknowledge and confess my guilt in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of my sins, but so coldly and carelessly that my prayers are become my sin, and they stand in need of pardon." "I have sinned against heaven and before Thee in thought, word, and deed, I have contemned [scorned] Thy majesty and holy laws. I have likewise sinned by omitting what I ought to have done and committing what I ought not. I have rebelled against the light, despising Thy mercies and judgment, and broken by vows and promise. I have neglected the better things. My iniquities are multiplied and my sins are very great. I confess them. O Lord, with shame and sorrow, detestation and loathing and desire to be vile in my own eyes as I have rendered myself in Thine. I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son and only Savior Jesus Christ who came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me." [*from a 24 page authentic handwritten manuscript book dated April 21-23, 1752 as found in William J. Johnson's book George Washington, the Christian, The Abingdon Press, New York & Cincinnati, 1919) pp. 24-35*]

"Although guided by our excellent Constitution in the discharge of official duties, and actuated through the whole course of my public life, solely by a wish to promote the best interests of our country; yet, without the beneficial interposition of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we could not have reached the distinguished situation which we have attained with such unprecedented rapidity. To HIM, therefore should we bow with gratitude and reverence, and endeavor to merit a continuance of HIS special favors." [1797 letter to John Adams]

CBC's Missionaries Marie Blanchard and Tom and Lucy Blanchard are in town!

Come to one or both of these events and encourage them while they are stateside. You will be blessed and so will they!

- **Thursday, July 8th** they will be our guests at an Open House in **The Library (205)** at **7:00 PM**. RSVP to Fran Landro, 480-945-2509.
- **Friday, August 13th, at 7:00 PM**, Marie and Tom & Lucy will be guests at an Open House at the home of **Bill and J.E. Lindner**, 321 West Oregon, Phoenix (just north of Camelback and three blocks west of Central Avenue). RSVP 602-788-1171

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

To God who grants both freedom and peace in and through Jesus Christ and for His gracious answer to prayer on behalf of **Elder Russ Rot** (who last Friday underwent a successful stent insertion into the main artery leading into his heart and is recovering) and for the news that **Pastor Bill Pinalto** has gained great relief from severe back pain and is able to function almost to full capacity once again.

PRAYER

On this very day that we celebrate our "Independence," may we re-declare our "Dependence" upon God in humble and repentant prayer; may our hearts and lives, and those of His people across this nation, be given over fully to Him for His use in calling this nation to Himself; for **Rick Huisman**, recovering from emergency surgery; for the many in the church family away on vacation or the long holiday, for their safety, rest, and spiritual refreshment.

EXCEL JUNIOR HIGH IS INTO ITS SUMMER SCHEDULE! The first outing, a pool party, was held this past Wednesday evening at the home of Lyle and Carla Monson and featured camp sharing and games galore. This coming Wednesday evening it's back to a pool, this time at the new home of Pastor Brent and Sari Klontz, near the church at 3917 East Fairmount Avenue, Phoenix 85018. These are perfect occasions to invite friends along. Plan to be there this coming Wednesday!

A RWANDA TEAM BAKE SALE will be held next Sunday, July 11th, on the patio after each morning worship service. Plan now to come see what yummy treats you can purchase, select your favorite, and take it home for your enjoyment! Some of our finest cooks will be contributing the goodies and all proceeds will go toward the Rwanda Mission trip later this summer.

DISCOVERY I, our once a month introduction to the strategic role of the local church, will be held on Sunday, July 11th, rather than Sunday, July 4th. All newcomers to CBC and others who've not yet attended are invited and encouraged to come. It is held at 9:00 AM in The Family Room, off the north side of the sanctuary narthex.

THE RWANDA TEAM IS 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.cstewart@yahoo.com. Do give them a call, they are anxious to serve you, as they strive to raise the funds to finance their mission trip to Rwanda later this summer.

AUDIO ASSISTANT NEEDED! We are in immediate need of at least one (but would happily take *several*) volunteers to assist Ben Davis with the audio needs during our Sunday morning services. Whether you have experience or just an interest in learning, we could use your help immediately. Please contact Julie Shumate in the church office to let her know of your interest.

OTHER HISTORICAL NOTES OF INTEREST: 1) At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, James Madison proposed the plan to divide the central government into three branches. He discovered this model of government from the Perfect Governor, as he read *Isaiah 33:22: "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us."* 2) At his inauguration, George Washington took the oath as prescribed by the Constitution but added several religious components to that official ceremony. Before taking his oath of office, he summoned a Bible on which to take the oath, added the words "So help me God!" to the end of the oath, then leaned over and kissed the Bible. 3) Washington is quoted as saying: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Budgeted Need for 2 nd Quarter	\$401,884
Actual 2 nd Quarter Giving To Date	\$326,461
Remaining Need for 2 nd Quarter	\$ 75,423
Last Week's Giving	\$ 12,496