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December 11, 2011

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 11

12:30 PM	Missions Team Meeting	Library (209)
12:30 PM	Biblical Concert – Adult Vocal Ensemble	Sanctuary
	<i>Camelback Singers' Christmas Carols</i>	
3:00 PM	Orpheus Male Chorus Concert	Sanctuary
	<i>Holidays with Orpheus</i>	
6:00 PM	CORPORATE PRAYER	Fellowship Hall
	with Elder Bill Eaton leading	
6:45-8:30 PM	EXCEL Jr. High Small Group	The Collins' home
6:45-8:30 PM	EXCEL High School Small Groups	The Stately's & Pitrat's homes

MONDAY – DECEMBER 12

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 – DECEMBER 13

6:45 PM	GriefShare Recovery Support Group	Library (205)
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WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Sanctuary Bells	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Rehearsal Room
6:45 PM	EXCEL Junior High and High School Ministry	Fellowship Hall
	Worship, Teaching and Hanging Out	
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	208-209

Christmas Party For the whole family!

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	ANGEL TREE PARTY	Fellowship Hall
	Christmas with the Angel Tree gift recipients and their families	

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY – DECEMBER 17

10:30 AM	Messianic Bible Studies	209
2:00 PM	DESERT BELLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	DESERT BELLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Sanctuary

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 18

Advent

9:00 and 11:00 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	
	<i>THE THREE BABIES OF CHRISTMAS</i>	
	<i>"Child of Peace"</i>	
	Isaiah 9	
9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 18 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (19 months – gr. 3)	101-103, 201, 203
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowship Classes	208, 209
11:00 AM	EXCEL Junior High & High School	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 18 months)	301-304
11:00 AM	Children's Church (19 months – gr. 3)	101-103, 201, 203
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry	meet in Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry	serve at Osborn Health & Rehab.
5:00 PM	DESERT BELLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER	Library (205)
6:45 PM	EXCEL Junior High & High School	The Hamann's home

Christmas Party

(3310 East Palo Verde Drive, Paradise Valley AZ 85253)



Look familiar? Anything missing or added?

This picture of our sanctuary includes a depiction of the built-in rectangular screen to replace the former screen that hung overhead. Installation is scheduled for the week ahead and the photo above will become our new reality.

The use of video in our sanctuary has undergone careful consideration through experimentation that occurred with the screen that presently hangs from the ceiling. This rented equipment allowed for a time of discernment regarding the realm of audio/visual usage in our worship.

The conclusion reached is to maintain the ability to beam lines of narrative or lyrics on the new screen. Increased use of video content beyond this has been deferred while the future use of that medium is explored for God-glorifying use in worship. That ongoing evaluation includes weighing the increased costs for equipment and staff.

For now, we can celebrate the elimination of the monthly rental for the existing equipment. The purchase of the new screen and projector has been graciously funded through the generosity of a specific donation for that purpose from within our church family. Similarly, funds received for new infant nursery carpeting is another recent example of generosity that continues to flourish this year.

While these gifts are greatly appreciated, let's not forget that it is the ongoing ministry that takes place here that defines us:

a family . . . on a mission . . . for the glory of God
extending the love of Christ to all people
for the renewal of all things

To support these efforts please be in prayer for the generosity necessary to reach the remaining goal of \$587,514 in year end gifts through the remaining days of December. These prayers, and the answers that God places in each individual heart, are vital to living out our mission.

This month we also live out our mission through a vast array of concerts and programs held in the beauty of the sanctuary depicted above. Be sure to take in the splendor that fills this place beyond the worship services. For example, the past week started with the entire chancel filled with ASU students singing praises to God in a full house of unfamiliar faces. This year they were received with open arms into a new, welcoming space designed for just such an occasion; as if we were expectantly awaiting them.

The week progressed with the SCA choir very capably led by Tom Bookhout who, while continuing to lead our beautiful choir, has assumed full-time teaching responsibilities there. One of the carols sung in that concert closes with the following verse that captures the essence of our response to the one who exemplifies generosity like no other, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

May we see that gift of heart given to Jesus Christ by each person that enters our magnificent sanctuary... and by all those we touch upon departure, as we carry out our mission, for the glory of God and the renewal of all things.

Don Swierenga, Director of Ministry Development



Christmas at Camelback

Advent Services

Sunday, December 18th – 9:00 and 11:00 AM

“Child of Peace”

Isaiah 9

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th – 4:00 and 6:00 PM

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sanctuary choir – Brass Quintet – Bells – Readers

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Christmas Morning

Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 AM

A Camelback Family Christmas

Hymn & Carol Sing with homily by Pastor Tim Savage

THIS WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR provides us with multiple ways to include those we know to celebrate with us the true meaning of the season . . . the wonder of God's coming to us in His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Advent and Christmas worship services are particularly meaningful and filled with the good news of Jesus Christ. May God use our invitations to lead others to know and love Him as well!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS to delight the heart and fill our minds with the message of the season will be sung following the 2nd service today by the Camelback Singers (our new chamber choir). This post-service miniature concert of Christmas Carols is bound to add to our day's worship and our season's celebration!

A NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! Enjoy some carol singing, a reading of the Christmas Story, and some excellent desserts and refreshments at the **LOGOS Kids Christmas Party**. No RSVP required. We all need to bring a plate of cookies or treats to share, homemade or otherwise! And a non-perishable food item in hand allows us, as is our tradition, to provide gifts of food to the Camelback High School food bank . . . in honor of the greatest gift ever given, Christ Jesus! *Children must be accompanied by parent or another responsible adult. Please do not drop off children

SEEKING TO MEET PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES OF PRISONERS is our goal through our annual Angel Tree Ministry, a ministry that provides a powerful opportunity to share Christ's love through practical help and the warmth of fellowship..... The gifts have been purchased and wrapped, and our party for the recipients is this Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 PM. May they truly know the love of Christ as they are welcomed by all of us. Winkie Schwartz (602-266-4005) or Nancy Baldwin (602-956-9642) would love to hear from us with regard to food for and rides to the party – both a huge part of the ministry! For the families unable to join us on Thursday, we deliver the gifts to their home. Plan now to share Christ's love in any of the ways mentioned. Winkie and Nancy await your calls!

LOVELY 2012 "FAITH PASSAGES" WALL CALENDARS are available in the new expanded narthex. Each year, in recent years, our brother in the Lord Paul Van Liew has provided these lovely calendars, graced by Scripture verses and scenic photos.

ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! SAVE THE DATE! Our Winter Retreat is scheduled for February 17-20, 2012. Mark your calendars now!

DESERT BELLS HANDBELL CONCERT A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

A tradition at CBC in recent years, our gifted Bell Director, Kay Cook, brings her two community groups together for a Christmas Concert for the public. They will present the concert three times, each time filled with: "Ringing and singing, strings and flutes, drums and chimes for a joyful celebration in instrument and songs." This concert is a delight for all ages. Do plan to come and bring along friends, family and neighbors.

Saturday, December 17 — 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 18 — 5:00 PM

Tickets - \$15 for adults, \$8 for children
may be purchased by calling 602-810-1959.

MANY FROM THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE CHURCH FAMILY, attend our much-loved Christmas Eve Services of *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*. And with them come their children! It is our privilege and blessing to care for these little ones while their families join us in worship. For their parents, it is a vital part of their experience, especially for our visitors who need to feel secure about leaving their children. Since we have two services, 4:00 and 6:00 PM, we can serve at one service and still attend the other. No one need to miss out! Consider signing up as a family or small group; singles and couples too. Please contact Carmen Benford, no later than Friday, December 16th at 480-8313-5059 or cbenford4@cox.net and let her know which service time is preferred. She looks forward to hearing from us!

SUNDAY GRADE 4-6 CLASSES (9:00 AM and 11:00 AM) CHRISTMAS BREAK includes Sundays, November 27 through January 1.

TELEIOS WINTER-SPRING SESSION SIGN-UPS ARE HERE! Yes, another Teleios session is just around the corner. Classes begin mid-January. We're all encouraged to stop by the Teleios sign-up booth located within the new enlarged narthex, take a look at the great classes being offered this next session, and ask God how he would have us take part. Flyers are available this Sunday in your worship service bulletin – or go to www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios - for a full listing of classes with descriptions. There is something for everyone! Registration is available at the Teleios Booth following each worship service or call the church office during regular office hours, 9:00am – 4:00 pm. Let's all plan to come TOGETHER and grow TOGETHER in the new year!

YEAR-END REMINDER: As we approach the end of the year, we are reminded of the opportunity to support either a child we know who attends a Christian school or support the students of the Christian school of our choice through the ACSTO (Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization, Inc.). By contributing to ACSTO (indicating the child and/or school we wish to support), we receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on our Arizona State Income Tax, up to \$1,000 for a married couple and up to \$500 for singles. ACSTO was incorporated in 1998 for the sole purpose of implementing the private school tax credit law passed and signed into law in 1997 as A.R.S. Section 43-1089. ACSTO is a tax exempt charitable organization pursuant to federal tax law, Section 501 (c) (3). Since its inception, ACSTO has awarded more than \$45 million to help children pay their Christian school tuition. Statewide more than 100 Christian schools work with ACSTO – our Camelback Christian School being one of them. Contact ACSTO at 480-820-0403 or www.acsto.com.

CBC YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Giving Goal for 4th Quarter \$825,000.00
Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Gifts Received to Date \$237,486.00
Last Week's Giving \$34,668.00
Gifts Anticipate by December 31: \$587,514.00

Giving Envelopes for 2012 are available in the Narthex

For your personal convenience and to save the cost of mailing the envelopes, they will be out this Sunday and next. If you have not used envelopes previously, you will be able to sign out a set in the narthex. The use of these envelopes benefits everyone; make sure you get yours!