

August 28, 2011

# INTOUCH

## New Thresholds

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY – AUGUST 28

12:4:00 PM EXCEL Parent/Student/Family Gathering 207-209  
(Junior High and High School)  
*Lunch and Ministry Update*  
*followed by a Bowling Party at Squaw Peak Lanes*  
*3046 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix*

12:15 PM S.A.I.N.T.S. Alive! Luncheon Fellowship Hall  
(Senior Adults In New Testament Service)  
*Coming together for a good meal and great fellowship!*  
(See the announcement on the back)

6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

#### MONDAY – AUGUST 29

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

#### WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 31

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

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  
*New singers welcome and warmly invited to join!*

6:45 PM Teleios Class: Ecclesiastes begins The Library (205)  
*Join us for a fresh look at and modern applications*  
*of this great Old Testament book!*

#### THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 1

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

#### FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 2

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

#### SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 3

10:30 AM Messianic Bible Studies 209

#### SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
Rev. Gary Balok

**"Fellowship: A Means of Grace"**

Acts 2:36-47

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 DISCOVERY I Family Room

*Our once a month introduction to God's strategic role for the local church:  
newcomers and those interested in pursuing membership,  
as well as all who have not attended previously are invited!*

10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304

10:40 AM Children's Church (19 months – gr. 6) 101-103, 201, 203, 206

12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meet @Subway, 44th St. & Indian School

2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry serve at Osborn Health & Rehabilitation

6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER will not meet tonight  
but will meet again next week in the Library (Room 205)

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.

We are on the threshold of a new threshold. Renovation of the entryway into our sanctuary is likely to commence in September. A few weeks ago a mailing went out that provided an enthusiastic overview of an extreme makeover of the foyer, Family Room and adjacent area. In that letter, Pastor Tim laid out the basis for prioritizing this much needed improvement to our facilities as we look to increase the ways we can become even more of a family.

It is a project rooted in priorities that were determined over the past five years. The master plan for the campus developed over that time identified the need for a warm, inviting space; an area, upon arrival, that provides a clear sense of welcome. A feeling that you are home and says, "We are glad that you are here!"

It is also a project that is tied to women in our church who were once part of our family and have now become part of the heavenly family. Memorial funds and endowments made by or on behalf of these beloved women, Betty Savage, Shirley Ann Sullivan and Sue Swierenga, comprise the money that will be poured into this project.

Our desire is to see the revitalized space exude the warmth and care that each of these women had in their own unique ways for the family that is Camelback Bible Church. The vision for this space includes honoring the generous, hospitable nature of these women by our intention to use it as a place to live out these thoughts from Romans 12: *Love must be sincere . . . Be devoted to one another . . . Practice hospitality.*

In addition to creating a warm and inviting entry there is also consideration for improving our sanctuary. Specifically, an evaluation is underway to consider alternatives for disabled seating. A plan for removing the back three pews is contemplated to create a readily accessible area for those who face difficulty with stairs leading into our sanctuary.

This much needed accommodation affords accessibility to all who join us; another indication of our care for one another. If all goes according to plan, the changes will be incorporated into the larger hospitality space renovation targeted to commence as early as September.

Many details continue to be worked through as we await final approval for the permit that will allow the project to commence. Your prayers are requested. The facility plans for our church have been continuously cloaked in prayer throughout the past five years. As we begin to see the first physical evidence of the plans we believe God has for our facilities, ongoing prayer for further guidance and patience are essential.

Please continue in these prayers even as we look forward in anticipation to offering prayers of thanksgiving upon completion of the space later this year. Maybe even by Thanksgiving Day. In fact, those prayers of thanksgiving can already be offered for the many who have participated in the planning of our facilities. We also give thanks for all the women of our church family whose generous, hospitable nature, in life and in death, have spurred us on to become even more sincere in our love for one another.

**SYMPATHY** is extended from the CBC family to Carole Lundmark and her family, following the passing of her mother, Marge Dougherty, on Monday evening, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carole and her sister, Barb, have been with their mother throughout her decline, and were joined on several occasions recently by fellow members of the choir who together with Carole (and Barb as she could) sang God's praises and promises to Marge. May God's peace and comfort fill Carol's heart and speak to all of the family at this time. Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 3, at Glencroft Retirement Community's auditorium, 8611 North 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.

**EXCEL PARENT/STUDENT/FAMILY GATHERING** (Junior High & High School) is happening today from Noon to 4:00 PM. During our time together we will eat lunch (207-209), hear a brief ministry update and receive the calendar for the year. At 2:00 PM, we will meet up at AMF Squaw Peak Lanes, 3046 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, for a bowling party (Compliments of AMF)! Even if you or your kids haven't been too involved, we'd love to have you come. Small Groups will not meet tonight.

**S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! LUNCHEON** (Senior Adults In New Testament Service) will be held today at 12:15 PM (approximately) in Fellowship Hall. A great meal is planned, along with a few activities that should help us get to know each other better, as well as a very special testimony from a young graduate student from Thailand who accepted Christ at the Men's Retreat last October. And together we will take time to lift our church family's "shut-ins" who cannot attend church to our Lord in prayer and prepare notes of encouragement for them. NOTE: Gordon Donaldson will be with us at our luncheon on October 30<sup>th</sup> to bring his perspective gained through two trips to Europe: the first as a fighter pilot with the RAF, flying missions over Europe toward the end of WWII, and the second made recently to revisit those areas and the beaches of France where the allied invasion was made. Photos included.

**THE FIRST OF OUR FALL TELEIOS CLASSES** begins this Wednesday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup>! Frustrated by the feelings of being trapped in a swirling eddy? Feeling caught in despair of a dead-end future? Wondering why your Christian life is so fruitless or seemingly unsuccessful? The Christian is designed to live life abundantly! The Bible gives the answers to these dilemmas, but where in the Scriptures are they to be found? **Join us as we garner modern applications from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes** so that we might be free of feelings of frustration and despair! Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 PM, Aug. 31 – Nov. 16, in Rm. 205.

**LOGOS KIDS CLUB**, for all 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders, meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:15 PM. Cost is \$20.00/child (\$40.00 maximum/family). It's not too late to join! Children are welcome to start Club at anytime. Please go to [www.cbcaz.org/logos](http://www.cbcaz.org/logos) to download a registration form, or you can fill one out at Club on Wednesday night.

**TELEIOS FALL 2011 SEASON IS HERE!** Teleios Fall 2011 registration tables are now available on the patio before and after both Sunday morning worship services — through Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and seek God's direction as to which class(es) you might take. You may sign up at the booth or call the church office during the work week. Fliers containing class details are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Our Teleios Web page, <http://www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios>, also provides individual class information. Don't hesitate, and invite a friend along!

**DISCOVERY I**, our first Sunday of the month introduction to the strategic role of the local church, will be held next Sunday, **September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM in the Family Room** off the Sanctuary narthex. At Camelback Bible Church, we believe the Lord has drawn us together to be a radiant beacon of his matchless glory in a very dark world. Through us, the body of Christ, the world discovers the transforming power of Christ's love. It's a vocation we hardly deserve. But by God's grace, it's one we enthusiastically embrace. Newcomers, be sure to join us! And any who wish to go forward with membership at CBC are encouraged to attend this first step in that process.

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## DISCOVERY II

In preparation for the joy of membership at Camelback Bible Church

Sundays September 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 2011

6:00-7:30 PM, Room 209

Offered as the next step toward membership in the CBC family, everyone who has attended a Discovery I session is eligible to attend and encouraged to do so. Led by Pastor Ron Elwardt, we will take a deeper look at who we are as the family of God in Christ, and how, together, we serve in our world as Christ served in His. **Please call the office by Sept. 5 to add your name to those participating!**

**OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME SUNDAY, 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 on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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)

All of the above choirs sing or play in both our Classic and Modern services four to five times per year, a well as participate in a Thanksgiving procession, Christmas Pageant, and Holy Week. The bells are also used to accompany the choir.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammie Valencia, our Administrative Assistant for Music, at 602-955-6370, Ext. 112, or [Tammie@camelbackbible.org](mailto:Tammie@camelbackbible.org).

**COME SING WITH US!** Camelback's adult Sanctuary Choir has just resumed

rehearsals and we'd love to have you join us! Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:15 PM, and child care is available. The Sanctuary choir sings in the 10:40 AM service every Sunday beginning on September 11, and continuing through May 2012. The choir also sings in the annual Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service and in the Service of Darkness on Good Friday, as well as preparing a special fall concert and a spring concert. You should be aware that 99% of the members of the Sanctuary Choir are ordinary people with minimal vocal background. What is required is the simple ability to be able to learn a tune or harmony, and a willingness to make a regular commitment to the ministry of the choir. It is Dr. Bookhout's pleasure to coach everyone in the choir toward making an engaging and exciting choral sound. If you have any questions about the Sanctuary Choir, please email Tom Bookhout at [tbookhout@camelbackbible.org](mailto:tbookhout@camelbackbible.org).

**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.

**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).

## CBC GIVING FOR AUGUST 2011

	Current Month - August	Budgeted YTD
Budget	\$118,474.00	\$ 562,712.00
Giving To Date	\$ 62,873.00	\$ 505,580.00
Last Week's Giving	\$ 16,493.00	\$ 16,493.00
Remaining Need	\$ 55,601.00	\$ 56,712.00