

# INTOUCH

June 27, 2010

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY – JUNE 27

6:00 PM EXCEL – High School Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP Library (205)  
 with Marie Blanchard, visiting us from her ministry in Spain  
 Midnight RESOLVED CONFERENCE attendees return to CBC

### MONDAY – JUNE 28

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

### TUESDAY – JUNE 29

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

### WEDNESDAY – JUNE 30

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 – Summer Camp sharing Pool Party

### THURSDAY – JULY 1

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 PM College & 20-Somethings Dinner/Study Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY – JULY 2

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

### SUNDAY – JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

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 IV  
 Micah  
*Communion*  
 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 Sojourners Adult Fellowship 208  
 9:00 AM Diakonia Adult Fellowship 209  
 with guests Tom and Lucy Blanchard  
 back with us from their ministry in France  
 10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304  
 10:40 AM Children's Church (24 mo – grade 3) 101-104, 201, 203  
 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 SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER not meeting this week only

*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*

Hello Dearest Friends,

I wanted to thank you for your gracious responses to all of us here at Neighborhood Ministries once you heard about the fire that burned down one of our warehouses, used for the storing and sorting of donations for our thrift store, El Mercado de la Comunidad. Your kind words, offers of help and reminders of your prayers have been in every one of our conversations since the fire. They give us incredible encouragement. The good will of folks responding to this crisis covers all walks of life. We are humbled and carried.

You may have heard that though the fire was devastating, it didn't burn down the building barely five feet from it, containing our Thrift Store and the adjacent business, Opportunitees, our silk screening business; this was the greatest celebration! With the fire blazing, all we could pray was, "Lord, please save that building". It was completely untouched. Our business building represents years of prayer and hard work. God protected it!

I wanted to give you a few brief updates. Donations are coming in to replace what we had been gathering for the last year. As you know, our store is the place where our "parent volunteers" who faithfully serve our Center shop. Keeping our store open for them is critical, particularly at this time of the year. Our parents work non-stop to keep our summer kids programs in operation. Also, we lost all our back-to-school uniforms and school supplies, our brand new Tamale cart, expensive tools that keep our center operating and other important items. We are letting the community know of this. They are asking for the lists of our needs.

In addition, we are getting another warehouse that we have on our property outfitted for these donations. This warehouse was set aside for an early childhood center, whose opening has been postponed until funding is available. Meanwhile, it will suit the needs of storage for now.

Pray with us for the many decisions we have to make regarding the clean-up and future plans. For ongoing updates regarding the needs we continue to have, please see our web page [www.nmaz.org](http://www.nmaz.org) and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/nmphx](http://facebook.com/nmphx).

We are incredibly thankful for you.

*Kit*

Kit Danley  
 President  
 Neighborhood Ministries

## FAITH

*(A prayer of our Puritan forefathers)*

*MY GOD,*

*I bless thee that thou hast given me the eye of faith,  
to see thee as Father,  
to know thee as a covenant God,  
to experience thy love planted in me;*

*For faith is the grace of union*

*by which I spell out my entitlement to thee:*

*Faith casts my anchor upwards where I trust in thee  
and engage thee to be my Lord.*

*Be pleased to live and move within me,*

*breathing in my prayers,*

*inhabiting my praises,*

*speaking in my words,*

*moving in my actions,*

*living in my life,*

*causing me to grow in grace.*

*Thy bounteous goodness has helped me believe,*

*but my faith is weak and wavering,*

*its light dim,*

*its steps tottering,*

*its increase slow,*

*its backslidings frequent;*

*It should scale the heavens but lies groveling in the dust.*

*Lord, fan this divine spark into glowing flame.*

*When faith sleeps, my heart becomes an unclean thing,*

*the fount of every loathsome desire,*

*the cage of unclean lusts*

*all fluttering to escape,*

*the noxious tree of deadly fruit,*

*the open wayside of earthly tares.*

*Lord, awake faith to put forth its strength*

*until heaven fills my soul*

*and all impurity is cast out.*

May these words and those of the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Hebrews (the source of our summer sermon series) help to deepen our faith and broaden its impact – in our own lives, the life of the church, and the lives of those all around us and beyond.

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.stewart@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.

### *CBC's Missionary Marie Blanchard is in town!*

Opportunities to visit with Marie  
and learn about God's work being done in Spain:

- **Tonight, June 27<sup>th</sup>** she will be joining us at **6:00 PM** for our Sunday Evening Prayer in **Library (205)**, followed by a time of sharing and Q & A..
- **Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** she will be the guest at an Open House in **The Library (205)** at **7:00 PM** and is looking forward to visiting with all who come.
- **Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM**, she, and her parents, Tom & Lucy Blanchard, will be guests at an Open House at the home of **Bill and J.E. Lindner**.

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

To God our Father for His gift of saving faith

and for His gracious answer to prayer on behalf of **Erin Bailey** who received an A+ on her CT scans Tuesday, as well as His goodness in overseeing the needs of the **Milner family** over this past week.

### PRAYER

For those attending this weekend's **Resolved Conference** in California – may God's work in each individual accomplish His purposes, for their good and His glory; for **Elder Russ Rot** as he recovers from a cardiac catheterization done on Friday; for our pastors as they each take time away this summer – for God's provision and protection, and His refreshment of their bodies and nourishment of their spirits; for **Pastor Bill Pinalto** who in the midst of beginning his new senior pastorate in Chicago has suffered a severe relapse of back pain, requiring an MRI and medicated bed rest.

**SYMPATHY** is extended from the CBC family to Paula Milner and her family, following the death of her four month-old twin granddaughter Mikayla. We thank God that Paula and Mikayla's aunt and uncle, Kelly and Ricky Stewart, know by their faith in Jesus Christ and the promises of God's word that this dear baby girl is in the loving arms of Jesus Christ and that they find great comfort in that. Please be in prayer for them; and be in prayer for Mikayla's mother, Megan, and siblings, Caleb and Elijah, as they deal with this loss. May God draw them to Himself, the God of all comfort and peace.

**PRAYER FOR OUR GATHERED WORSHIP:** James (5:16b) tells us that "the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." Like Elijah, whom James describes as having "a nature like ours" and uses as an example (vv. 17 & 18), we are called to practice our prayers and expect God to answer. Each Sunday we have the opportunity to do this as people gather in the Prayer Room (in the lower level of the Sanctuary next to the elevator entrance) during each morning service to pray for the service that is in progress. **We would welcome more people during each hour.** We welcome you! Please join us as often as you can, during whichever service you don't attend, as we go before the throne of God with the morning services in our arms, seeking His will and His blessings. Contact David Ducharme for more information at [dducharme@cox.net](mailto:dducharme@cox.net).

**S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE!** will take a break from their normal first of the month Saturday Morning Coffee, not meeting this coming Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Information about their August Coffee will be forthcoming.

**RWANDA TEAM BAKE SALE** coming up on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, rather than Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY, BE SURE TO BE HERE** as Pastor Savage returns to the pulpit and his current series in the Minor Prophets. As we consider each of these short books written by Old Testament prophets (truth tellers) chosen by God, God has much to say to us in 2010, about Himself, about us, and about the world in which we live. Next Sunday, as we celebrate the 234<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's Declaration of Independence from British rule, we come together to worship the God in whom we place our trust and upon whom we are completely dependent. The prophet Micah, whose writings Pastor will take us to on Sunday, gives us much to think about and to apply to our lives and our world today.

### CBC GIVING UPDATE

Budgeted Need for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	\$401,884
Actual 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Giving To Date	\$313,965
Remaining Need for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	\$ 87,919
Last Week's Giving	\$ 27,240