

December 5, 2010

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 5 *Second Sunday of Advent*

Angel Tree gifts brought in – to Room 206

12:30 PM	Osborn H & R Ministry meets @ Subway, 44 th St. & Indian School	
2:00 PM	Osborn H & R Ministry serves	at Osborn Health and Rehab
3:00 PM	Orpheus Male Chorus Concert	Sanctuary
	<i>Holidays with Orpheus</i>	
4:00 PM	New song singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	EXCEL High School	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER	Library (205)

MONDAY – DECEMBER 6

7:00 AM	Teleios: <i>Women's Prayer & Bible Study</i>	Family Room
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – " <i>Kick Boxing</i> "	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	Fellowship Hall and Classrooms
7:30 PM	ASU Choral Department Concert	Sanctuary
	<i>A Holiday Festival of Choirs</i>	

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 7

6:45 PM	Teleios: <i>GriefShare</i> :	Family Room
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WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – " <i>That's A Stretch</i> "	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers	Sanctuary
5:30 PM	Elder Prayer	Sr. Pastor's Office
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells	Sanctuary
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	201, 203, 206-209
6:45 PM	EXCEL Junior High	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	Teleios: <i>What Makes a Man or Woman Godly?</i>	Library (205)
7:00 PM	EXCEL Senior High Small Groups	meeting at homes

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – " <i>Cirque Du Soleil</i> "	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Young Adult Ministry Dinner/Study	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Ecclesiastes Bible Study (alternate weeks)	Josh Brook's

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – " <i>Dance It Off</i> "	Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY – DECEMBER 11

8 AM	Angel Tree gift wrapping	Library (205)
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SUNDAY – DECEMBER 12 *Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 and 10:40 AM	Prayer for Worship Services	Prayer Room
9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	

HISTORY'S GREATEST SONGS: CAN YOU SING THEM?

"Angels' Song"

Luke 2:14

9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 3)	101-103, 201, 203
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowship Classes	208, 209
9:00 AM	Teleios Study (Youth): <i>Fundamentals of the Faith</i>	207
10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo. – gr. 3)	101-103, 201, 203
12:30 PM	Missions Team Meeting	Family Room
3:00 PM	Musica Dolce (" <i>Sweet Music</i> ")	Sanctuary

Lessons and Carols

Medieval & Renaissance music of the Season performed on period instruments

Narration by Guy Whatley

4:00 PM	New Song Singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	EXCEL High School	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER	Library (205)

He Emptied Himself

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
Isaiah 60:2 (KJV)

*.... because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.*
Zechariah's Song, Luke 1:67-79

*[He] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.*
Philippians 2:7

"This year in Advent we will sing of 'good news,' and tell of 'a great joy which shall come to all the people.' We will do so in a season of the year in which depression deepens across the land and the traffic in suicide thickens.

"For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people."

"Even many Christians find a leaden familiarity in the old, old story and a seasonal slump in the good news. Together, they make Christmas uphill work. Where is the excitement we used to feel? What happened to the freshness of our childhood celebrations?"

"Well, thank God that faith does not depend on any joy that we manufacture. But with humility let's also thank God that here and there he lets us feel again some of the wonder of his grace, which descends to lift up a desolate people. It is wonder, as Paul Scherer put it, at a God who 'came one night down the stairs of heaven with a baby in His arms.'

"For many of us, a bass soloist can bring back the wonder and make our eyes sting as he sings from Handel's *Messiah*:

*For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people;
But the Lord shall arise upon thee,
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

"Experts say that Handel was deeply depressed when he set out to compose *Messiah*. But he also found himself profoundly moved by the texts for which he reached so deeply into his soul to find music. In fact, one story tells of a servant finding Handel in tears after he had just finished the 'Hallelujah' chorus. He heard the composer whisper, 'I thought I saw all heaven before me, and the great God himself!'

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
but the kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever!*

What did his Christ do? Did he arise upon us? He did, and he still does. But in the mystery of his way with us, Jesus Christ arises only after he descends on us. The wonder of Advent is wonder at the humility of the only natural Son of God who lowered himself into our darkness to bring every lost one of us to light.

*O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in: be born in us today. Amen*
- hymn written by Phillips Brooks"

With gratitude to Cornelius Plantinga Jr., president of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for these words of devotion with regard to Advent and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. More devotionals of his, along with this one, maybe found in *Beyond Doubt: Faith-Building Devotions on Questions Christians Ask*, published by Eerdmans.

All Praise and Glory to God!

For the love and truth poured out and received yesterday at the Women's Christmas Brunch. And may the message of the morning, *In The fullness of Time*, reach deep into the minds and hearts of those present . . . to the glory of God and for their highest good.



Sunday, December 12th, 9:00 and 10:40 AM

Advent Service

with Music and Message of the season: "Angels' Song"

Saturday, December 18th, 2:00 PM

and Sunday, December 19th, 5:00 PM

Desert Bells Handbell Celebration

"A Joyful Sound"

Sunday, December 19th, 9:00 and 10:40 AM

Advent Service

with Music and Message of the season: "Simeon's Song"

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, 4:00 and 6:00 PM

Festival of Lessons & Carols

(Identical Services)

A richly traditional service featuring Scripture Readers,
The Sanctuary Choir, Organist Dr. Guy Whatley and Brass

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY FOR CAROLING to the residents at Osborn Health & Rehab on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:15 PM. The address is 3333 North Civic Center Drive, Old Town Scottsdale. After caroling, at 7:15 we'll host a party for the staff and carolers with chili, hot apple cider and cookies. If you'd like to contribute items, please contact David Haneke, dhaneke@gmail.com or 602-339-5639. Blessing these folks in this way brings the Christ of Christmas into their confined world and shines the light of His love into their lives.

LOGOS CHRISTMAS PARTY – A FAMILY EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!

Wednesday, December 15, 6:45-8:15 PM. Come as a family, enjoy some carol singing, a reading of the Christmas Story, and some excellent desserts and refreshments (do you like Cheesecake Factory Cheesecake?) No RSVP required. Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share, homemade or otherwise! And please bring a non-perishable food item, as we traditionally bring gifts of food to give, in honor of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ! **Children must be accompanied by parents or another responsible adult. Please do not drop children off. They must be accompanied. Thank you.*

CHRISTMAS EVE NUSERY WORKERS NEEDED, Friday, December 24!

2 SERVICES THIS YEAR, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM: This is a great way to serve not only our own CBC body but the many visitors who attend on Christmas Eve. We need 10 volunteers for each service. Consider signing up as a family or small group. Please contact **Carmen Benford**, 480-831-5059, no later than Friday, December 17 and let her know your preferred time of service. Thank you!

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW to join your sisters for a relaxing and spiritually rejuvenating time at the "Heart Spa" – the 2011 Women's Retreat, coming up January 21-23 at Living Water Retreat Center in Cornville, Arizona. **Tickets are on sale at the table on the patio** and will continue each week until sold out. Be sure to invite your friends and get your tickets early as spaces are limited. The cost is \$125 and includes four meals and accommodations. New this year, gift certificates will be available for purchase. Financial assistance is also available. Please contact Tiffany Auger (602-748-8551 or tiffanyauger@cox.net) or Monica McQueen (602-432-5100 or monica@treschicaz.com) with questions or if you would like to contribute your time, talents or a partial or full scholarship.

EXCEL WINTER RETREAT 2011 – ALL OUT WAR! January 14-17, Pine Summit Camp, Prescott AZ. The speaker will be Pastor Brent Klontz. Cost is \$135. The Bible says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." In 2006, U.S. Navy Seal Michael Monsoor did just that, demonstrating that LOVE WINS in ALL OUT WAR. Come hear the details of this amazing story as we seek the ultimate source of this GREAT LOVE, Jesus Christ. Register online by January 2nd: www.cbcaz.org/excel. (Make a summer camp commitment NOW and save \$50 off Summer Camp 2011, June 19-24 – pay only \$275 instead of \$325.)

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree response from the CBC congregation has been heart-warming. Only a few Fry's grocery gifts remain, and these are available at the Angel Tree Table in the narthex this morning (Sunday).

Angel Tree gifts may be dropped off today (Sunday) in Room 206 or at the Angel Tree table in the narthex. If you forgot your gifts today, you may bring them to Room 206 or to the Church Office during the coming week.

Gift wrapping will be held Saturday, **December 11 in Room 206.** If you would like to help with this portion of the project, please join us anytime between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. We hope to "wrap it all up" by 1:00 p.m.

Hold this date! The **2nd Annual Angel Tree Party** will be held on Friday, **December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Plan to join us in hosting this event for the children and their families/caretakers. Pray for God's love to touch their hearts through us and the Good News of Jesus Christ!

NEXT SUNDAY at 3:00 PM in the afternoon Musica Dolce ("Sweet Music" in Italian) will present a concert telling the story of Christ's birth with 18th century Christmas carols and songs played on period instruments, with narration by Guy Whatley. This Early Music group was formed in 1978 and is lead by Janet Green, Artistic Director of The Phoenix Chamber Music Society. A free will offering will be taken.

YEAR-END REMINDER: As we approach the end of the year, we remind you of the opportunity to support either a child you know who attends a Christian school or support the students of the Christian school of your choice through the ACSTO (Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization, Inc.). By contributing to ACSTO (indicating the child and/or school you wish to support), you receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your 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.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the narthex, laid out in alphabetical order. Please be sure to find yours and use the envelopes in the coming year; your use of the envelopes makes for easier processing and reporting back to you at year-end. If you've not had envelopes previously, you may sign out a set at the same tables where the assigned sets are located. THANK YOU!

THROUGH CONTACTS WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE, we have been made aware of the need for medical professionals to assist with the growing cholera epidemic. They are in need of doctors and nurses that might be able to come to Haiti for 1 or 2 weeks. If you have any interest please email haitimedical@samaritan.org ATTN: Morgann Greene for more information.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Financial Need to make budget by end of 4 th Quarter	\$902,488
Actual 4 th Quarter Giving To Date	\$304,335
Needed to make budget by end of 4 th Quarter	\$598,153
(Less Reduced Expenses)	(\$100,000)
Remaining Year-end Need	\$498,153
Last Week's Giving	\$25,242