

# INTOUCH

April 24, 2011

## Eastertide

by Margaret Manning

### THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – APRIL 24

### Resurrection Sunday

*Have a most blessed day of celebration*

for

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

MONDAY – APRIL 25

7:00 AM **Teleios: Women's Prayer and Bible Study** Family Room  
9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing" Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – APRIL 26

9:00 AM **Teleios: Women's Precept Study of Jeremiah** 207  
6:30 PM Elder Board Meeting Library (205)  
6:45 PM **GriefShare "Top Twenty Lessons of Grief" Pt. 1** Family Room

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 27

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch" Fellowship Hall  
5:30 PM Sanctuary Bells (Adults) Sanctuary  
6:45 PM LOGOS Kids Club Classrooms  
6:45 PM EXCEL Junior High Fellowship Hall  
6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room  
7:00 PM EXCEL High School Small Groups meeting in homes

THURSDAY – APRIL 28

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Young Adults Ministry Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – APRIL 29

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

SATURDAY – APRIL 30

10:30 AM Messianic Bible Studies 209

SUNDAY – MAY 1

9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
Dr. Tim Savage

#### *A New Series in Philippians: 'Knowing Christ'*

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: Christian History . . .** 207  
9:00 AM **DISCOVERY I** Family Room  
*Our first of the month introduction to the strategic role of the local church*  
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 Library (205)  
12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meets at Subway, 44th & Indian School  
2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry serves at Osborn Health & Rehab  
3:00 PM Orpheus Male Chorus Spring Concert Sanctuary

#### *Water in the Desert*

*Offering a variety of musical favorites focusing on the theme of water*

4 & 5:00 PM Children's Bell and Voice Choirs 206, 207  
5:00 PM CBC Ringers 208  
6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)  
6:00 PM **DISCOVERY II** 209

6:30-8:00 PM

### Ignite Celebration

All ages are welcome to this outreach evening with Jason Wright  
Fellowship Hall

(See the announcement on the back of the IN TOUCH)

There is a great amount of anticipation leading up to Easter Sunday. Even for those who are "Christmas and Easter" church-goers, or for those who simply sit at home and dream of Easter baskets, chocolate rabbits, and colored eggs, anticipating Easter, on the one hand, is like waiting for the door to finally be unlocked, unhinged and opened onto a verdant spring meadow. On the other hand, Easter is stepping out onto that meadow and closing the door behind on the long, cold, dreary winter.

Yet, for many, the day comes and goes and then what? Easter is over again until next year. For many, winter still hovers above and the grey of death has not given way to the springtime. The candy is eaten, the brunches are over, and everything seems to return to normal. All that anticipation ends in just one day—with grand celebrations and powerful sermons, and perhaps with even a first playful roll in the springtime grass—and then it's over. Or is it?

The celebration of Easter is insignificant if the celebrations do not point to the continuing reality of the Risen Lord. Indeed, in many church traditions, the season of Eastertide which lasts until Pentecost asks this very question of those who lead congregations into continual contemplation of the resurrection until the day of Pentecost: how do we perceive the continuing presence of the risen Lord in our reality? Indeed, how do we? Is it all about anticipating a historical event that happened long ago and only comes out once a year? Or does the entirety of reality change as a result of the on-going presence of the Risen Lord?

If we're honest, many of us do wonder what difference the resurrection has made in the practical realities of our lives. We still argue with our spouses and loved ones; we still have children who go their own way. We have difficulties at work or at school. We still see a world so broken by warfare, selfish greed, oppression and sin. Like the two men on the road to Emmaus recounting the events surrounding Jesus, perhaps we wonder aloud: "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21a). Things seem pretty much as they were before Easter Sunday, and the reality of our same old lives still clamor for redemption.

This is often the way we feel if we have only understood resurrection as an event long past that only speaks to a future yet to come. We feel this way if we do not connect Jesus' prayer for God's will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven" with the reality of the cry, "He is risen, as he said." The glimpse into the kingdom of God that we get in the life and ministry of Jesus is ratified through the resurrection. **New creation, new life, resurrected living is now a possibility for those who follow Jesus.** [Emphasis ours]

The Risen Jesus told his followers, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (John 20:21). Jesus' resurrection is not a promise for escape from the world, or a life free from trouble, but rather it commissions those who would remember that he is risen to be his agents in the world. He sends us out with this extraordinary news: death and evil do not have the last word! And as we begin to live in light of the resurrection, we can gain new insight into the practical realities of our everyday lives. As N.T. Wright has concluded: "Jesus is raised, so he is the Messiah, and therefore he is the world's true Lord; Jesus is raised, so God's new creation has begun—and we, his followers, have a job to do! Jesus is raised, so we must act as his heralds, announcing his lordship to the entire world, making his kingdom come on earth as in heaven."<sup>1</sup>

**We are sent out beyond Easter Sunday into Eastertide because everything has changed. As we live into and out of the resurrection, we demonstrate the continuing presence of the Risen Lord in our lives and in this world.** [Emphasis ours]

<sup>1</sup> N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope* (New York: Harper Collins, 2008), 56.

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## Teleios Summer Session

In support of the three major goals set forth for CBC this year, Summer Teleios classes are geared to promote growth toward those goals. Class details are available on our website: [www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios](http://www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios). You may also register by calling the church office throughout the weeks ahead.

### Goal #1: GROWING AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

- 1. Peacemakers: Biblical Principles for Handling Conflict**, taught by Mike & Cindy Bailey  
Sundays, 9:00AM-10:30AM, June 12-August 7, Library
- 2. Six Steps to Encouragement**, taught by Pastor Ron Elwardt  
Sundays, 9:00AM-10:30AM, May 8-June 12, Library

### Goal #2: FURTHERING OUTREACH

- 3. Master Plan of Evangelism**, taught by Bill Eaton  
Sundays, 9:00AM-10:20AM, May 8-June 12, Room 206
- 4. The Reason for God**, taught by Pastor James Hoxworth  
Sundays, 10:40AM-12:00PM, May 8-June 12, Room 207

### Goal #3: FOSTERING GENEROSITY

- 5. Crown Financial Ministries Study: "God Provides,"**  
taught by Erick Holm  
Sundays, 10:40AM-12:00PM, May 8-June 12, Family Room
- 6. Crown Financial Ministries Study, "Managing Our Finances God's Way"**  
taught by Tom & Ivonne Bonetto  
Tuesdays, 6:30PM-7:30PM, May 3-June 14, Library

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** are extended from the CBC family to Mr. and Mrs. (Morgan Guenther) Dash Cooper who were joined in marriage last Saturday, with Pastor Tim one of the officiating pastors. With Dash's parents, Vince and Sheryl Cooper, we celebrate this new union and the addition of a daughter-in-law to their family!

**VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS, YOU ARE INVITED** to our next **DISCOVERY I** session next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 AM in the Family Room, just off the narthex of the Sanctuary. Meeting on the first Sunday of every month, *Discovery I* introduces you to the strategic role of the local church. 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. Come and marvel at our revolutionary calling.

**OUR NEXT DISCOVERY II SERIES** is scheduled to begin on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and run for four consecutive Sundays. Those who have attended *Discovery I* are eligible to participate in this series which prepares its attendees for the joy of membership at Camelback Bible Church. Led by Pastor Tim Savage and Pastor Ron Elwardt, this series considers what it means, as an individual and as a church family, to be God-glorifying, Cross-Centered, Life-Transforming, and Serving in our world as Christ served in His — specifically how we are drawn into Christ, how we are built up in Christ, and how we are sent out for Christ. **Please call the office tomorrow Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, if you desire to be a part of this series. Classes will be held at 6:00 PM in Room 209 (with a possible change of time on May 8<sup>th</sup>).

**S.A.I.N.T.S. LIVE! COFFEE (Senior Adults In New Testament Service)** You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM in the Library (Room 205) for fellowship and a light brunch as we get better acquainted with three Camelback Bible Church office staff members: Joy Bauerlein, Renee Zuck and Gina Collins. Few of us know what all is handled and accomplished by the office staff and this will provide us with the opportunity to learn about the specific responsibilities of their essential roles in our church, and to hear their personal testimonies and prayer needs. Do come and join us, and them!

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PUT *MUSIC JAMBOREE 2011!*** on your calendar! Sponsored by Desert Bells International and Camelback Bible Church this Desert Bells Training Camp, with its instruction in playing bells, percussion and in music, is open to youth in grades one through senior high. It will be held here at CBC Monday through Friday July 11-15, 18-22. Registration forms are available in the office.

All ages are invited to the

## Ignite Spring Celebration

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall!

Come join the Young Adults ministry for a wonderful time of worship, community, and intimacy with Christ. Guest speaker will be Jason Wright, former running back of the Arizona Cardinals. Come and listen as Jason shares his story of how he came to know Jesus and how he has lived his life for Christ on and off the football field. Invite your friends to this great outreach opportunity. Contact Pastor James if you have any questions — [hoxworth@camelbackbible.org](mailto:hoxworth@camelbackbible.org).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL . . . SUMMER SEAQUEST . . . JUNE 6-10, 2011

The hours will be 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Monday-Thursday), 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Friday) immediately followed by the Closing Program and Family Festival! Set sail with us on a life-changing VBS voyage! Each action-packed day includes skits, contests, Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, games, snacks and much more! Age 4 – Grade 5 (children must be age 4 by Sept. 1, 2011 and grade levels are for current school year, 2010-2011). Cost is \$20/child, \$40 maximum/family, and \$7/T-shirt. Fliers are available at the Welcome Center. Register at [www.cbcaz.org/vbs](http://www.cbcaz.org/vbs).

**VOLUNTEER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (JUNE 6-10, 2011)** This is the major Children's Ministry outreach into our community each year. There are many ways to volunteer including: Classroom (teaching), Admin/Office Work, Crafts, Decorations, Music, and Recreation & Snacks. Please consider prayerfully whether God would have you serve. If you are interested in serving, please contact **Pastor Jason at 602-955-6370** or [doughty@camebackbible.org](mailto:doughty@camebackbible.org). Thank you!

**OUR EXCEL STUDENT MINISTRY'S SUMMER CAMPS** - Junior High and High School, being held in separate locations at Forest Home Camp in Forest Falls, California from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – promise to be two of the best ever. Mark your calendars and pick up several of the great fliers that are available and invite friends to come along. Contact: Pastor Brent at 602-955-6370 or [klontz@cbcaz.org](mailto:klontz@cbcaz.org) for more details. Register online at [www.cbcaz.org/excel](http://www.cbcaz.org/excel).

### SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

**Sunday, May 15 – August 7, 2011, 9:00 AM**  
Through prayer, God reveals our sinful hearts, makes His will known, discloses His kingdom purposes, and reveals Himself to His children. Join us this summer as we study, in each of the following options, The Lord's Prayer as a model for our prayers.

#### Participation Options:

- **Children's Classes – Age 4-KG (Rm. 201) & Grade 1-3 (Rm. 203)**
- **Intergenerational Class (Rm. 207)** – for families, couples, singles & everyone, age 4-104. Registration required.
- **Home Study** – using the Family Devotional Guide for "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

Go to [www.cbcaz.org/summerdiscipleshipfocus](http://www.cbcaz.org/summerdiscipleshipfocus) to learn more, register for the Intergenerational Class, or to purchase a Family Devotional Guide.



**OUR CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY HAS ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to extend itself. Coming in May — arriving on Saturday, May 21, singing in our two services on Sunday morning, May 22, and giving a concert at 2:00 PM that day — are the 95 members of the California Baptist University Women's Choir of Riverside, California. We have the privilege and blessing of providing their overnight accommodations. Many homes are needed and the earlier you let us know of yours being available, the better. Please contact Tammie Valencia just as soon as you can. Call her at the church office, 602-955-6370, Ext. 112 or email her at [tammie@camelbackbible.org](mailto:tammie@camelbackbible.org). She looks forward to hearing from you!

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE AGENCY** has planned an information meeting for families or individuals interested in learning more about foster care and adoption. It will be held from 6:30-8:30 PM on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3603 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Phoenix.

### CBC GIVING TO DATE, 2011

<b>Budgeted Need for April 2011</b>	\$141,172.00
Last Week's Giving	\$ 39,038.00
April Giving to Date	\$ 89,104.00
Remaining Need for April 2011	\$ 52,068.00