

August 15, 2010

# FEAR FACTOR

By Keith A. Mathison

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY – AUGUST 15

12:30 PM Osborn H. & R. Ministry meets Fellowship Hall  
2:00 PM Osborn H. & R. serves at Osborn Health & Rehab  
6:00 PM EXCEL – High School Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM EXCEL Jr. High Small Group Parties:  
Guys contact Chiko for information – 602-677-6205  
Girls contact Stacey for information – 602-738-1647  
6:00 PM EXCEL High School Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

### MONDAY – AUGUST 16

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

### TUESDAY – AUGUST 17

NOTICE: The Women's Prayer/Study held previously on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM will move to Monday mornings beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>. The time the same; meeting in The Family Room

### WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 18

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 Fellowship Hall  
7-8:30 PM EXCEL High School Small Groups:  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Graders @ the Pitrat's home, 4119 East Oak Street, Phx.  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders @ the Klontz home, 3917 E. Fairmount Ave., Phx.

### THURSDAY – AUGUST 19

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

### FRIDAY – AUGUST 20

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

### SUNDAY – AUGUST 22

8:35 AM LOGOS Staff Prayer Time Library (205)  
9:00 and 10:40 AM Prayer for Worship Services Prayer Room  
9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
Pastor Bryce Morgan  
**"Would You Be Listed?"**  
Hebrews 11:32-40  
9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304  
9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (24 mo–gr 6) 101-104, 201, 203, 206  
9:00 AM Sojourners Adult Fellowship 208  
9:00 AM Diakonia Adult Fellowship 209  
9:00 AM LOGOS New Staff Orientation Library (205)  
10:30 AM LOGOS New Staff Orientation Library (205)  
10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304  
10:40 AM Children's Church (24 mo. – gr. 6) 101-104, 201, 203, 206  
12:15 PM LOGOS – All Staff Meeting & Potluck Fellowship Hall  
12:15 PM Current & Potential Small Group Leader Luncheon 209  
12:15-12:45 **BIBLICAL CONCERT SERIES** Sanctuary  
**Elizabeth Buss on the Piano**  
**A concert offered to God for His glory,**  
**and we have the privilege of listening in!**  
6:00 PM EXCEL High School Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

When I moved to central Florida in 1992, I was told that this part of the state had not been directly hit by a hurricane since the fifties. We were hit by the outer edges of some hurricanes and tropical storms on occasion, but nothing major. All of that changed in 2004 when this one small part of the state was hit by not one, but three strong hurricanes in the short space of six weeks. Hurricane Charley hit us the evening of August 13. Three weeks later we were hit by Hurricane Frances. Three weeks after that we were hit by Hurricane Jeanne. It was not a pleasant time to live in this part of Florida.

There was one side effect of the 2004 hurricane season that I probably should have expected but did not, and that was the effect it would have on our local meteorologists. As the 2005 hurricane season approached, some of them lost their minds. If I may be permitted a bit of hyperbole, the typical weather report that year could be paraphrased as such: "A tropical depression has formed off the coast of Africa. It is probably going to turn into a major hurricane. It is probably going to hit us, and we are probably all going to die." They seemed to have one goal — to create a perpetual state of fear and anxiety. I stopped watching after a few weeks of this and asked my wife to let me know if and when we needed to board up the windows or evacuate.

Those who have watched or read the news over the last several years have likely noticed this tendency regardless of where you live. Watch the news long enough and a monologue begins to develop in your mind: "The economy will soon collapse, hampering our war against the terrorists who are on the verge of attacking us again. The only thing that may stop them is a pandemic of bird flu, swine flu, or the black plague, but this pandemic will only affect those of us who haven't already succumbed to the dire effects of global warming. Stay tuned for a report on what popular food product has been shown to cause cancer in lab rats and chimpanzees."

How do we deal with all of this media-induced paranoia, fear, and anxiety? An example from church history proves instructive. Saint Augustine (354–430) lived at a time of great fear and anxiety. His world changed dramatically in A.D. 410 when the barbarian Alaric entered Rome. This was the beginning of the end for the western half of the Roman Empire. As refugees fled to northern Africa, bringing all manner of ominous reports, Augustine was forced to deal with the issues as many were going so far as to blame the fall of Rome on Christianity. His classic work *The City of God* was written to respond to the crisis. One of my favorite quotes from this book addresses the fearfulness of his readers. He encourages Christians who are surrounded by danger on every side, saying: "Among the daily chances of this life every man on earth is threatened in the same way by innumerable deaths, and it is uncertain which of them will come to him. And so the question is whether it is better to suffer one in dying or to fear them all in living" (bk. 1, chap. 11). These are the words of one who trusts the sovereignty of God. Augustine knew there was no point in being constantly fearful about all of the dangers surrounding him. He knew God was in control and that not a single hair could fall from his head apart from God's will.

The world is fearful and anxious, but it is fearful and anxious about the wrong things. The world is fearful about the economy. The world is fearful about retirement accounts. The world is fearful about natural disasters and man-made disasters. The world is fearful of terrorism, and the world is fearful of disease. The world, however, is not fearful of God. Jesus tells us that we are not to fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead we are to fear God who can destroy both ([Matt. 10:28](#)). The wrath of God makes all other objects of the world's fears seem like nothing in comparison. A truly fearful thing is to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb. 10:31).

Those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ, however, have nothing to fear from man, or from anything else for that matter. Those who trust Christ have nothing to fear from hurricanes, diseases, economic collapse, war, famine, or even death. All of these things are under the control of our sovereign Father in heaven. Of course, this is easy enough for us to say, but we all too easily take our eyes off of God and dwell on the dangers surrounding us.

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Sunday, August 29

Dr. Tim Savage

begins a new series:

**Crucified WITH Christ, Raised WITH Christ**

**"New Life"**

Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Is there anything we can do to fight worldly fear and anxiety? I believe Paul provides one important clue by contrasting fear with prayer. He writes: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7). A neglect of prayer almost always results in a corresponding rise in our fear and anxiety. This is no coincidence. Prayer is an act of faith in God, and faith in God leads to the peace of God.

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**SUNDAY EVENING EXCEL MINISTRIES:** Tonight, our High School students will be meeting in Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 7:45 PM; our Jr. High students will be meeting in Small Group Parties from 6:00 to 8:00 PM – for information and location, guys contact Chiko at 602-677-6205 and girls contact Stacey at 602-738-1647. In the months ahead, High School EXCEL will meet every Sunday, 6:00–7:45 PM and Jr. High EXCEL will meet, generally, on the first and third Sundays, 6:00-8:00 PM. These are great evenings for inviting friends and fellow students, so invite yours along!

**OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR** will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** (not the 18<sup>th</sup> as previously announced). Any and all who have an interest in joining this vibrant music ministry plan to come on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening from 6:45 to 8:15 PM in the Choir Rehearsal Room behind the chancel in the Sanctuary. More information about the Music Ministry at CBC and the Sanctuary Choir is available online at [www.cbcaz.org/choirs](http://www.cbcaz.org/choirs). For further information, please give Pastor Tom Bookhout a call in the church office, 602-955-6370.

**CURRENT AND POTENTIAL SMALL GROUP LEADER LUNCHEON, next Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:15 PM in Room 209.** Have you led a small group in the past? Do you have an interest in leading a small group in the future? If so, please attend this important informational meeting on small groups and get to know James Hoxworth, new Pastor of Small Groups! RSVP by tomorrow, Aug. 16: [hoxworth@camelbackbible.org](mailto:hoxworth@camelbackbible.org).

**SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING SEMINAR coming next month!** Please mark your calendars for **Friday night, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** for an in-town small group leader training intensive! We will have a fun-filled equipping time on how we will structure our small groups and ministry Christ effectively in these groups. This event is for all small group leaders and those interested in leading a small group. RSVP by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to James Hoxworth at [hoxworth@camelbackbible.org](mailto:hoxworth@camelbackbible.org).

**OUR RWANDA TEAM** has set up a blog on the internet which gives us the opportunity of following their ministry in Rwanda. Please go to <http://cbcaidsproject.blogspot.com/> to join them – Ricky and Kelly Stewart, Steven Cosand, Denise Pence, Michael Berryman and Morgan Miller – in this grand adventure that is theirs (and ours).

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF VOTER GUIDES (2010 Primary Election)** are available in the narthex and in the office. Published by Center for Arizona Policy, this non-partisan survey includes the positions of each candidate on a number of issues. The same survey (personalized with only the candidates who will appear on your ballot) is available online at [azvoterguide.com](http://azvoterguide.com). As stewards of our citizenship, voting is both a privilege and a responsibility. May we be good stewards! The important primary election is August 24<sup>th</sup> and the general election is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP**  
with Tom & Lucy Blanchard  
Sunday, August 29, 6:00 PM  
Library (205)

Sadly, it's time to bid farewell to Tom and Lucy who soon head back to France.

Do come and share your prayers & your love with this dear couple.

## PRAYER

for our **Rwanda Missions Team**, in Rwanda ministering with Child-led Families: for **Paul Van Liew**, recovering from what turned out to be quadruple by-pass surgery; **Patty and Phil Bruce** as they seek God's glory and His perfect will in the care needed for Phil; **Dustin Grace**, recovering from thyroid surgery (cancer); **Mark Stravitz**, recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident; **Hank Martin**, who will undergo out-patient back surgery tomorrow morning; and for the several who are suffering with chronic, debilitating health issues, including **Barbara Piatt** and **Jim Lake**. May God's presence and love be known in each situation and His healing touch be felt.

## EARLY BIRD TELEIOS CLASS – ENROLL NOW! "Crown Financial Ministries Biblical Financial Study"

Taught by Tom Bonetto on Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM, August 23 – November 1, it will be held at the Bonetto's home (Central and Thunderbird). With over 2,350 verses that address everything you need to know about handling money, the Bible is a blueprint for managing your finances. In this 10-week in-depth Bible Study, you will learn the profound impact managing your money has on your relationship with God. **NOTE: This study starts before our "official" Teleios kick-off begins. Register now through Sunday, August 22.** Contact Tom Bonetto, 602-358-8138 or [tbonetto@cox.net](mailto:tbonetto@cox.net), or call the church office during the week, 602-955-6370. *Cost for materials (includes helpful software): \$55 for couples; \$45 for individuals.*

**AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU** to all who gave blood last Sunday! By God's grace and your participation, 29 units of blood were collected, the most ever and enough (when divided into its components) to save 72 lives! This is a Godsend, as supplies are critically low. PLEASE, any and all who haven't given before, join the others who give faithfully and plan to participate in the next drive on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## URGENT NEED: OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!

With the departure from our office staff of Julie Shumate, who served as our morning receptionist (and assistant to the music ministry), we are in immediate need of volunteers to fill in as receptionist/office assistants until such time as the staff position is filled. Beyond that, it would be good to have a larger pool of office volunteers from which to draw.

**Qualifications:** A love for the Lord God whom we serve, a servant's heart, a warm and welcoming phone voice and presence at the front desk, and although Computer skills are optional, they would be greatly appreciated!

**Hours Needed:** 9:00 AM – Noon, Tuesday-Thursday; 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Fridays. If you would like to be added to our pool of greatly appreciated volunteers, please call the church office (602-955-6370) and speak to Joy Bauerlein, Office Manager. We are eager for you to join in ministry with us during this "crunch time" – and beyond.

**THE S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! (55+) QUARTERLY LUNCHEON** will be held on Sunday August 29, 2010 at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall following the second worship service. CBC Elder and Harvest staff member Keith Edwards and his wife Ann will be our featured guests. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to hear Keith and Ann's personal testimonies and stories!

**LOGOS KIDS CLUB** for all 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders is held on Wednesday evenings, from 6:45 to 8:15 PM, and is scheduled this coming year to meet from August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to May 4, 2011. Can your children tell you who Jesus Christ is? Do their lives reveal the impact that only Jesus can have? Are they confident in Christ? Do they share Him with their friends? LOGOS Kids Club helps you to present your child: "Complete in Christ." LOGOS is also a great way to invite your friends and neighbors to church, so be sure to spread the word. Join us for our **LOGOS Hot Dog Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:15 PM** (registration/check-in begins at 6:15 PM). This first Club night is for the **WHOLE FAMILY!** We'll have a tasty hot dog dinner and a fun time of getting to know the LOGOS staff and other clubbers and their families. **Registration:** [www.cbcaz.org/logos](http://www.cbcaz.org/logos). **Cost:** \$15/child (\$30 maximum/family), includes a Club T-shirt, awards and handbook.

## CBC GIVING UPDATE

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| Budgeted Need for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter     | \$370,400 |
| Actual 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Giving To Date | \$137,198 |
| Remaining Need for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter    | \$233,202 |
| Last Week's Giving                            | \$14,511  |