

January 9, 2010

INTOUCH

Our Uncommon Grief

*We "do not grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope."
I Thessalonians 4:13*

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JANUARY 9

12:15 PM	NEW YEAR'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON	Fellowship Hall
	<i>Mexican Potluck</i>	
	Everyone bring a Mexican Dish to feed 8 to 10	
12:15 PM	Small Group Pastor-Elder Training	209
12:30 PM	Missions Team Meeting	Family Room
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 – JANUARY 10

7:00 AM	Teleios: Women's Prayer and Bible Study	Family Room
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Kick Boxing"</i>	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

TUESDAY – JANUARY 11

9:00 AM	Teleios: Women's Precept Study of Jeremiah	207
6:30 PM	Elder Shepherding Monthly Meeting	TBD

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 12

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"That's A Stretch"</i>	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Youth)	Sanctuary
6:00 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 at homes

THURSDAY – JANUARY 13

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Cirque Du Soleil"</i>	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Young Adults Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Arizona Bach Festival Concert	Sanctuary
	<i>Chamber Ensemble Haagsche Hofmuzieck</i>	

FRIDAY – JANUARY 14

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Dance It Off"</i>	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	EXCEL Winter Retreat	meet at CBC for departure

SATURDAY – JANUARY 15

9:30 AM	Sue Swierenga Memorial Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sue Swierenga Memorial Service Reception	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	Fellowship Hall

Toy Story 3

SUNDAY – JANUARY 16 (Plan for the P.F. Chang Marathons this morning)

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

A NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN, Part 2
"Quick To Hear and Quicker To Do"

James 1:19-27

9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 6)	101-103, 201, 203, 206
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowship Classes	208, 209
9:00 AM	Teleios Study: <i>Discipling the Next Generation</i>	Library (205)
9:00 AM	Teleios: <i>Parenting Foundations I</i>	Family Room
10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo. – gr. 6)	101-103, 201, 203, 206
10:40 AM	Teleios Study: <i>Discipling the Next Generation</i>	Library (205)
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Subway, 44 th St. & Indian School
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehabilitation
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	EXCEL High School	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	CORPORATE PRAYER	Family Room

Led by Pastor Tim Savage

The Unexpected Death . . .

Dear CBC Friends and Family,

One of the challenges of writing this is recognizing that some of you may not be aware of the circumstances our family faced as we entered the New Year. For those reading this who are not aware, it is with great sadness that I share with you the untimely death of my wife Sue on New Years Day.

Her passing occurred following a lovely holiday season celebrated with our family in Telluride, Colorado. The time there was marred only toward the end of our stay by difficulties Sue had breathing at upper elevations. Our perception was that altitude was causing shortness of breath. Upon her return to Phoenix on New Years Eve, she appeared to have overcome the symptoms.

New Years Day morning brought with it an onset of labored breathing and 911 was called. It was during her transport to the hospital that she passed away. On Monday the Medical Examiner's Office declared her death to have resulted from pulmonary embolism.

Many decisions and plans have been made these past few days amidst the grief that is shared by all those who loved Sue very much.

We recognize this is a heartbreaking loss to a wide community of those we cherish that stretches from Phoenix to the Midwest and beyond. Our family is very appreciative of the many expressions of sorrow and condolence that have been extended. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Don Swierenga

of a Woman of Uncommon Grace . . .

Sue was born on October 21, 1959, to loving parents James and Edna Kosten in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After graduation from South Christian High School and attending Grand Rapids Junior College, Sue met and married the love of her life, her husband, Donald A. Swierenga. Married for 28 years, Sue and Don raised four exceptional sons: Mark (fiancée, Heather Van Loo), Matthew, Michael, and Mason. Sue is also survived by her parents and siblings, Bonnie Timmer (Mark), Kristi Bradman (Marcus), and Jim Kosten (Joyce).

A woman of uncommon grace, Sue is warmly remembered for her abiding commitment to family, very intentional nurturing of new and life-long friendships, and the unstinting hospitality she offered to all who crossed her path. Sue possessed a true sense of adventure, which, accompanied by her infectious laughter, raised the spirits of those fortunate enough to be around her and encouraged them too to enjoy life to the fullest.

Blessedly, because Don was able to step away from many years in a fulfilling business career, the two of them were able to live life fully together over the past five years experiencing the great joys of marriage, family, good friendships while nurturing their mutual faith and life in Jesus Christ. Sue will surely be remembered for a life well lived affirmed through an undying commitment to her Lord and Savior.

Whose Life We Celebrate!

This Saturday, January 15, at 9:30 AM there will be a memorial service and reception here at Camelback Bible Church. This service will commemorate Sue's life in the community in which she became a beloved part during the past fourteen years in Arizona. The family asks that memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, be given to the Sue Swierenga Memorial Fund at Camelback Bible Church, which in turn will support the mission of the church to bring Christ to the City and the City to Christ.

Please see the back of the IN TOUCH for ways we can be of help:
with the reception, and with the provision of meals for the family.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Sue Swierenga Memorial Service Reception

There is likely to be a great many attending the service and reception. Needed are pastries, coffee cakes, mini-muffins and cookies (preferably homemade). Please contact Debra Cain no later than Wednesday, January 12, with what you will provide – by phone, 602-758-0820, or email, dkac4@cox.net. (Our plan is for you to drop off your items to Room 209 on Friday, January 14th.) THANK YOU!!!

Meals for the Family

Plans are underway to provide a way for us, the Swierenga's church family, as well as others in the community, to sign up via a website to bring them meals. Watch for more information coming by email, and in both the online and print IN TOUCH. NOTE: The three older sons are no longer living at home, so it is Don and youngest son, Mason, who will benefit from the outpouring of love that these meals will convey.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE 2011 Many of us signed up for the Bible Reading challenge last Sunday; that is, to read through the Bible in 2011 using M'Cheyne's calendar of readings. It is not too late to join in. If you did not get a calendar on Sunday you can access one from our blog (cbciblereading.blogspot.com). If you want to share what you are learning and learn from others join us on the blog each day. Questions about the calendar can be directed to Pastor Ron.

TELEIOS WINTER/SPRING 2011 IS HERE! Registration is still open for 19 superb classes being offered this season – DON'T MISS OUT! We are privileged to have so many great classes from which to choose – classes purposefully designed to equip the saints, enabling us to minister more effectively in our world. Many classes will be starting soon – and **this Sunday is the last day for our sign-up booth to be out on the patio**. If you haven't already received the Teleios flier, please go online at www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios to view class details. To register, please stop by our Teleios Booth following either worship service TODAY or call the church office during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 to 4:00 PM.

ONE OF THE TELEIOS CLASSES BEING OFFERED IS IMPORTANT IN TWO RESPECTS. "Parenting Foundations I" is important both for what it gives to parents in biblical wisdom and what it provides in preparation for child dedication. Led by Carmen Benford, Pastor Jason Doughty and Pastor Ron Elwardt, this three-week class is a pre-requisite for couples seeking for the first time to bring a child forward for dedication. But it also equips any parent, especially new parents, with a biblical framework for their calling, as well as provides vital information about the resources available, both within the church ministry and beyond, to aid parents in fulfilling their calling. In addition, much practical counsel will be given to provide parents with a great starting point for this lifelong journey. **The first offering of this class begins next Sunday, January 16th, and will be held at 9:00 AM in the Family Room.** PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE THIS WEEK TO SIGN UP!

CHILD DEDICATION IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH. Parents, if you desire to bring your child forward for dedication on this date, please call the office. And please know that if this is your first dedication at Camelback Bible Church, the class described above is a pre-requisite and is timed to end prior to the dedication. If you have dedicated a child previously here at CBC, contacting the office to participate in the dedication is all that is necessary.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2011 WOMEN'S RETREAT closes today, Sunday, January 9th, so please visit the registration table on the patio to register and make payments. This year's retreat focuses on resting in God, and we will be hearing from Suzy Kuhlman, Terri Sloan and Naomi Van Liew. The retreat is coming up on January 21-23 and there are just a few spaces left. Please contact Monica McQueen at 602-432-5100 if you are interested in attending.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – TOY STORY 3 – will be held this Saturday, January 15, 6:30-9:00 PM in Room 207. It's FREE! Yummy fresh-popped popcorn and a great family movie, what could be better? This is a great outreach opportunity so invite friends and neighbors. To read a review of this fabulous movie, go to www.pluggedin.com/videso/2010/q4/torystory3.aspx. See you on the 15th!

SANCTUARY CHOIR SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Sanctuary choir, along with the coming of the new year and the rehearsal of anthems to be sung in worship services, will begin preparing for a joint concert with the Southwestern College Chorale that requires a fairly large choir. Pastor Tom encourages members of our church family who have a background in singing, or who want to learn more about singing, to come and be a part. The music is tentatively scheduled to be Randall Thompson's "Peaceable Kingdom" and short work by Bach. If you have any questions, you may email Pastor Tom at tbookhout@camelbackbible.org.

For those who have thought about joining choir in the past, this is a perfect time to do so!

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR EXCEL WINTER RETREAT 2011 taking place this next weekend, January 14-17, at Pine Summit Camp, Prescott AZ. Students Grade 7-12 will leave CBC afternoon Friday (be here at 4:00 PM!) and travel north for three days together with the LORD. Pray for their safety and their spiritual nourishment. And pray for their speaker, Pastor Brent Klontz as he leads them in seeking the ultimate source of the greatest love, Jesus Christ. They will return to CBC at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 17.

CAMP NIGHT – PARENTS WELCOME! Wednesday, January 19th, 8:00-8:15 PM in room 207, Parents, come to Camp Night and get all your questions answered about our upcoming Spring Fling Retreat and our summer Family Camp.

DISCOVERY II, our next step in the membership process, will be held on four consecutive Sundays beginning on January 23 and ending on February 13. More details will be forthcoming, but **any and all who have attended the Discovery I are eligible to attend**, whether intending to pursue membership or not. Plan now to come to this deeper look into the role of God's church and your role within the church – God's family, Christ's body – here on earth! **Please call the office by Monday, July 17 to sign up.**

SPRING FLING RETREAT, March 4-6, Lost Canyon Young Life Camp in Williams, Arizona, for children grades 4-6. The cost is \$90 if paid by January 31st (Early-Bird Special) and \$100 after January 31st. Register on line at www.cbcaz.org/springfling by February 27th. Plan now to join us for a great weekend of challenging Bible lessons, singing, climbing tower, giant swing, field games, crafts and more! Questions? Please contact Pastor Jason at 602-955-6370 or doughty@camelbackbible.org.

FAMILY CAMP 2011 OFFERS TWO OPTIONS THIS YEAR: Half Week, July 3-6; Full Week, July 3-9! Family camp is time well spent with your church family. Grow together in Christ, be refreshed by the Gospel, and be challenged to live out your faith. Please contact Pastor Jason to learn more, doughty@cbcaz.org.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A NANNY OR CERTIFIED CAREGIVER WITH EXPERIENCE? A lovely woman in our congregation with good references and resume on request is available and seeking a position. She would love to serve the people of Camelback Bible Church. Please call Mary Gayle in the church office if you are interested.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED

The Arizona Bach Festival, which will take place Friday, January 7 through Saturday, January 15, features five offerings located in four different venues in Central Phoenix. Of particular interest is the Thursday evening, January 13, performance of Chamber Ensemble Haagsche Hofmuziek (Court Music of The Hague), a period instrument ensemble formed in 2005 while the members were studying together at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague, the Netherlands. Not only is the concert here, in our sanctuary, but the ensemble includes former CBCer **Mark Dupere on cello, and his new bride, Emily, on violin**. The other two instruments are flute and harpsichord. For more information on the ensemble and other concerts go online to www.arizonabachfestival.org.