

INTOUCH

January 13, 2008

Paul's Prayers

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JANUARY 13

5:00-5:55 PM	CBC Ringers (Older Youth into High School)	208
5:00-5:45 PM	Campanitas Ringers (Grades 1-4)	207
5:00-5:45 PM	Bell Canto Ringers (Grades 5-8)	209
5:45-6:10 PM	Dinner before New Song	206
6:15-7:15 PM	New Song Singers (Grades 4-6))	206
6:00-7:15 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Camelback Singers (Grades 7-12)	Choir Room
6:00 PM	<i>Jonathan Edwards: Religious Affections</i> Study	Library

MONDAY – JANUARY 14

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>Circuit Training</i>	Fellowship Hall
7-8:30 PM	Community Bible Study – <i>Romans</i>	F. Hall, Classrooms

TUESDAY – JANUARY 15

7-8:30 AM	Women's Prayer/Study – <i>Psalms 105:1-11</i>	Library
9:00 AM	Women's Precept Class	207
9:00 AM	<i>Tuesday Mornings in the Word</i> – Women's Study	Library
6-7:30 PM	Children's Church Connection Time	F. Hall
	Teacher Enrichment & Training	
6:30 PM	Small Group Facilitators Meeting	207

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 16

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>Stretching Exercises</i>	F. Hall
5:45 PM	Carol Choir (Grades 1-3)	208
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	Classrooms
6:45 PM	EXCEL Midweek	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	<i>How to Think Rightly About the Faith</i> - Teleios Study	Library

THURSDAY – JANUARY 17

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>Pilates Strength Training</i>	F. Hall
6:30 PM	College Ministry dinner together	The Delnoce's
7:00 PM	College Ministry – study in James	The Delnoce's

FRIDAY – JANUARY 18

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>Step Aerobics</i>	Fellowship Hall
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SUNDAY – JANUARY 20

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP Dr. Tim Savage <i>THE LIFE OF GOD IN US</i> 1 John 3:4-9	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Nursery (infants – 24 months)	301-304
	Children's Discipleship (2 yrs–6 th grade)	102, 201, 203, 206
	Adult Fellowships	208, 209
	<i>Foundations</i> Study	Church Office
	Children's Baptism Class	205
10:40 AM	Nursery (infants – 24 months)	301-304
	Children's Church (2 yrs–6 th grade)	101-104, 203, 207-208
	EXCEL (Jr. High & High School)	Fellowship Hall
	Nursing Home Ministry – meet at	Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry – Service of Worship	Osborn H & R
2:00 PM		
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6:00 PM	ChildSAFE Class	209

6:00 PM

The CBC Family GATHERED IN PRAYER
Answering God's call to be a people of prayer
Fellowship Hall

Throughout the life of a Christian (and Christ's church), circumstances both brought and allowed by God serve to reinforce His call to "pray without ceasing" (1Thessalonians 5:17). The circumstances force us to our knees in total faith, in complete trust in and dependence on Him, the place we are always meant to be. Whether we lift praise, thanksgiving and rejoicing or offer sorrow, confession and petition – or best of all, encompass all aspects together in humble, heartfelt communication with God – prayer is vital to the spiritual health of God's own, be they an individual believer, a gathering of two or more, or an entire church family.

And we are never without circumstances, big or small. Life and God's call on how we live it, as an individual and as a church family, are constant. **Payer is always vital!**

As we approach next Sunday evening's Prayer Gathering, with the encouragement that we all attend, we offer several of the Apostle Paul's prayers (prayers for the recipients of his letters then and NOW) as God-given encouragement to our own hearts and examples of God-directed prayer for us to offer.

May the God who inspires men to endure, and gives them a Father's care, give you a mind united toward one another because of your common loyalty to Jesus Christ. And then, as one man, you will sing from the heart the praises of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. So open your hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to you, and God will be glorified. (The Letter to Rome 15:5-7)

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope. (The Letter to Rome 15:13)

... I thank God continually for you and I never give up praying for you; and this is my prayer. That God, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ and the all-glorious Father, will give you spiritual wisdom and insight to know more of him: that you may receive that inner illumination of the spirit which will make you realize how great is the hope to which he is calling you – the magnificence and splendor of the inheritance promised to Christians – and how tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God.... (The Letter to Ephesus 1:16-19)

... I fall on my knees before the Father (from whom all fatherhood, earthly and heavenly, derives its name), and I pray that out of the glorious richness of his resources he will enable you to know the strength of the Spirit's inner reinforcement – that Christ may actually live in your hearts by your faith. And I pray that you, firmly fixed in love yourselves, may be able to grasp (with all Christians) how wide and deep and long and high is the love of Christ – and to know for yourselves that love so far beyond our comprehension. May you be filled through all your being with God himself! Now to him who by his power within us is able to do infinitely more that we ever dare to ask or imagine – to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever, amen! (The Letter to Ephesus 3:14-21)

My prayer for you is that you may have still more love – a love that is full of knowledge and wise insight. I want you to be able always to recognize the highest and the best, and to live sincere and blameless lives until the day of Christ. I want to see your lives full of true goodness, produced by the power that Jesus Christ gives you to the praise and glory of God. (The Letter to Philippi 1:9-11)

.... We are asking God that you may see things, as it were, from his point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master's name, and that you may bring joy to his heart by bearing genuine Christian fruit, and that your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper. As you live this new life, we pray that you will be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that you will find yourselves able to pass through an experience and endure it with joy. You will even be able to thank God in the midst of pain and distress because you are privileged to share the lot of those who are living in the light. For we must never forget that he rescued us from the power of darkness, and reestablished us in the kingdom of his beloved Son. For it is by his Son alone that we have been redeemed and have had our sins forgiven. (The Letter to Colossae 1:9-14)

Now the God of peace, who brought back from the dead that great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, by the blood of the everlasting agreement, equip you thoroughly for the doing of his will! May he effect in you everything that pleases him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (The Letter to the Hebrews 13:20-21)

The scripture passages quoted here are from *The New Testament in Modern English*, translated by J. B. Phillips, The Macmillan Company, Paperback Edition 1962

To All Women of CBC,

The **CBC Annual Women's Retreat** is coming up fast. Our theme is: **Refresh, Renew, and Re-energize your Relationship with Christ.**

Come share a weekend with women desiring this for their lives. We will enjoy a great getaway filled with God's encouragement, spiritual motivation, and fellowship in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Various women from CBC will be sharing their testimonies of God's faithfulness in their lives. You will not want to miss it.

Here are the details:

When: February 29th – March 2nd

Where: Chapel Rock in Prescott, Arizona

Who: The women of CBC, Roosevelt Community Church (Downtown) and Way of Grace (Buckeye)

What: Motel style rooms (2 beds, 1 bath, linens included)

There are limited spaces so please bring your \$130 and sign up at the table outside the sanctuary or stop by the church office during the coming week.

Feel free to contact Sue Tessmer with any questions at asntessmer@yahoo.com or 602-808-0804.

CONGRATUALATIONS are extended from the CBC family to Corey and Rachael White on the birth January 7th of their second child and first boy, Corey Allen White, III. All are doing well and singing God's praises for this beautiful addition to their family.

JUNIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT – January 25-27 at Prescott Pines Camp. Join us for an awesome weekend of worship, Bible study, friends, games and fun! Our speaker is Josh Kellso, worship leader at Grace Bible Church, Tempe (Pastor Scott Maxwell's church). Registration is \$115. Please sign up after either church service on the patio today or next Sunday, or at all EXCEL meetings. Registration cut-off date is next Sunday, Jan. 20th. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome – and please invite your friends! Contact Pastor Brent for more info: 602-955-6370, klontz@camelbackbible.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT – February 14-18 in Telluride, Colorado. All high school students are encouraged to come on this exciting retreat for skiing or snowboarding, Bible teaching, small groups, and making new friends! Pastor Tim Savage will be speaking to us from 2 Corinthians 3 – 4. Please invite ALL of your friends and sign up as soon as possible (as this trip can fill up quickly). Sign-ups will be taken on the church patio after services today and next week, or at any EXCEL meeting. Cut-off date is Sunday, February 10. Registration fee is \$295. Don't miss this amazing weekend retreat ... sign up today! Contact Pastor Bill for more information: 602-955-6370, Pinalto@camelbackbible.org.

FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

One of the great privileges of the family of God at Camelback Bible Church is to be a part of the final services for beloved brothers and sisters – a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for their being home with God. Such a privilege and blessing has been attested to over this past year. A funeral or memorial service can be an important highlight in our family's celebration of the work of God in our lives. Although we mourn the loss of the earthly presence of our loved ones, we "do not grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).

As your church, Camelback wants to offer you the opportunity to plan in advance any of the details of your own eventual funeral or memorial service. The time of your home-going will be one of bereavement for those close to you, and any help you can give your loved ones in planning your final service will serve to lessen the burdens on them at that time. Your loved ones will take comfort in knowing that the service they plan does accurately reflect your preferences and desires.

If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact Pastor Tom Bookhout or pick up a simple questionnaire at the Church Office. The completed paperwork that you return to the Church Office will be kept on file and will be available for use when needed any time in the future.

PRAISE

To God our Father whose great love is bestowed upon us,
that we should be called children of God.

PRAYER

That God would so move in our minds and hearts that prayer would be to us as the very air we breathe, vital to our very life, because it is! for **Pastor Emeritus Malcolm Cronk** who was hospitalized a week ago with excessively low heart rate and successfully received an implanted pacemaker on Monday, may it be the solution and restore his strength; for **Elder Bob Schill** who spent two days in the hospital this week due to strong pain in his left arm but tests show a healthy heart, may cause be determined; for **Diane Coar** whose new hospice-provided medication has given her noticeable relief, may it continue to do so, and for **the Coar's grandson Julian**, 3 years old, who has been taken off dialysis, that his markers in normal range remain so and that God would lead to next step in treatment; for several of our **families who are in the midst of or facing financial difficulties** due to current or potential unemployment, may God provide exactly what is needed.

PASTOR CRONK WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM US! Pastor's address is: Dr. Malcolm Cronk, Liberty Village, #341, 2080 Navajo Drive, Freeport, Illinois 61032. Should you wish to send an email, send it to Mary Gayle in the church office, (marygayle@camelbackbible.org) and she will forward it to Pastor's son in Illinois.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE TAKE NOTE: OUR CBC PRAYER CHAIN has a new email address: prayerchain3900@gmail.com. When sending requests for prayer, please use this address.

OUR CBC WEBMASTER is looking for a skilled assistant. If you possess web skills and have a willingness to serve Christ by using those skills to advance the CBC website, please contact Pastor Ron.

CAMELBACK SINGERS (grades 7-12) will begin rehearsals with Pastor Tom tonight at 6 PM in the Choir Room. All interested students are encouraged to join us! This is a great way to serve God, make new friends, and use your voice, together with others, to "sing to the Lord a new song."

CHILD SAFE CLASS is being offered next Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, from 6 PM to 7:30 pm in Room 209. Children's Ministry Workers who have not yet taken this class are requested to attend. Please RSVP to Renee Zuck in the church office.

ONE OF THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MINISTER – to the family of God at CBC and beyond – is through the simple and easy contribution of the pulpit flowers on Sunday morning. Not only do they bring a special touch of God's creative beauty into our worship but they go on to minister in a similar way to others (home or hospital bound, or the residents of the nursing home to which we minister). It is our custom to invite you to make that contribution, selecting your Sunday(s) and providing the personal dedication your desire. Please call Mary Gayle in the office to make your reservations and confirm your dates.

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CHURCH (Our church plant in downtown Phoenix) invites us to attend all or part of a mini-conference they are having this coming Saturday and Sunday. Pastor Reddit Andrews, Soaring Oaks Church, in Elk Grove, California (a friend of RCC Pastor Vermon Pierre) is speaking on "God's Missionary People – The Missional Church." The times are 10:00 AM on Saturday, 10:00 AM on Sunday and at 5:30 PM on Sunday evening.

BEFRIEND AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT THIS YEAR! Be a missionary from the comfort of your living room as you host a future leader from a foreign nation who is here in the U.S.A. getting an advanced degree – usually at A.S.U. There will be a preparation/training session on Sunday, January 27th, from 9-10:30 AM in Room 207. You will then be assigned a student. You will be asked to pray for them frequently, email them once a week and invite them over once a month. Contact Beth Weise at 602-639-0657 to reserve your spot. One family's student is now Chief of Police over a province in China.

A SOMALI FRIEND of CBC member Beth Weise experienced a fire in her apartment. Neighbors have supplied her with kitchen items, however she lost some furniture as well. She has 6 children, ages 7 months to 8 years. Please call Beth at 502-639-0657 if you have any of the following to offer: small kitchen table and chairs, two sets of bunk beds, dressers, lamps.