

INTOUCH

July 11, 2010

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JULY 11

After both services – **Rwanda Mission Team Bake Sale** on the patio
 Today 3rd ANNUAL CBC FAMILY CAMP concludes
 6:00 PM EXCEL – High School Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

MONDAY – JULY 12

EXCEL High School – Local Missions Trip 2010
Heart for the City
 9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing" Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – JULY 13

EXCEL High School – Local Missions Trip
Christ to the City
 7:00 PM Teleios: *Crown Biblical Financial Study* Library (205)

WEDNESDAY – JULY 14

EXCEL High School – Local Missions Trip
The City to Christ
 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 – Pool Party at the Tyler's home
Bring friends and come for swimming, basketball, ping pong and fellowship together in the Lord!

THURSDAY – JULY 15

EXCEL High School – Local Missions Trip
Bringing the Mission Home
 9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM College & 20-Somethings Dinner/Study Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – JULY 16

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

SUNDAY – JULY 18

9:00 and 10:40 AM Prayer for Worship Services Prayer Room
 9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary
 Dr. Tim Savage
"Aging America, Ageless God"
 Part VI
 Haggai
 9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304
 9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 3) 101-104, 201, 203
 9:00 AM Teleios: *Intergenerational Stewardship Class* 207
 9:00 AM Teleios: *Six Steps to Talking about Jesus* Library (205)
 9:00 AM Sojourners Adult Fellowship 208
 9:00 AM Diakonia Adult Fellowship 209
 10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304
 10:40 AM Children's Church (24 mo – grade 3) 101-104, 201, 203
 12:30 PM Osborn H. & R. Ministry meets Fellowship Hall
 12:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting The Family Room
 2:00 PM Osborn H. & R. serves at Osborn Health & Rehab
 6:00 PM EXCEL – High School Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rev. John P. Sartelle

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). There is a family I have known for many years. I find myself eagerly anticipating every visit to their home. What is the reason for my avid expectation? There is always hospitality, food, and conversation. However, hospitality, food, and conversation can be found in many places, but a solid, underpinning joy is rare. The foundation of all those characteristics in that home is a genuine joy. That is the reason I am drawn to their abode like a child to candy. Is joy a hallmark of your life and of your home? I am convinced that one of the most powerful testimonies to Christ in our lives is a sensual, spiritual, unabashed, reveling, and unleashed joy.

A Commanded Joy

"Rejoice in the Lord always." That is a command from God. Many think that joy is like the flu: it is something you catch. It just happens. Others opine that joy is in the genes. It is an innate character trait in some people that automatically emerges from their DNA. Yet all through Scripture, God commands joy. Joy is the second element listed in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Love is the first. Is love a virus that is caught? Is love automatic? No, God commands us as Christians to love, even in the most difficult situations. Husbands and wives are commanded to love each other because authentic love is not an involuntary action. Just so, we are commanded to rejoice. It is a decision – a choice – we make. Every day we will choose either joy or cynicism; joy or despair; joy or desolation; joy or worry; joy or complaining. Many Christians are like Eeyore, the perennially dreary donkey from the Winnie the Pooh series who spreads gloom over the Hundred Acre Wood. He is not dismal because bad things happen to him. He is grim by choice even in favorable circumstances.

A Consecrated Joy

"Rejoice in the Lord always." The world can know love and joy because every person has been made in the image of God. So why is joy listed as a unique element in the fruit of the Spirit? How is the Christian's joy different from the world's joy? Our joy is founded on Christ. It is a consecrated joy. It is a supernaturally empowered joy. The follower of Jesus has been changed by the Holy Spirit in the core of his being. He has been given a heart with a greater capacity for joy. More than that, he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who brings His omnipotence to bear in every part of his life. This joy is testimony to the reality of a reborn heart and the presence of the Holy Spirit. An individual can confess orthodox Christian doctrine with his lips and deny the faith with a life marked by despondency and melancholy. Consecrated joy flows only from the ocean of our Creator and Redeemer. William Gurnall wrote that "Christ takes no more delight to dwell in a sad heart, than we do to live in a dark house."

A Constant Joy

"Rejoice in the Lord always." Our joy is founded in the Lord, not in circumstances. Thus, this joy can be a constant in our lives. Joy is easily expressed when you are enjoying a beautiful morning and all winds are favorable. It is not so easy to say, "This is a day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" when leaving the cemetery after burying your ten-year-old daughter. Yet, even though the circumstances have changed, the Lord has not. He is still sovereign, good, merciful, and present. His promises to work even the darkest acts of death for the good of His children are current and valid (Rom. 8:28). Does that mean the Christian parent who has suffered such a loss leaves the graveside laughing? Such a thought is a shallow misinterpretation of this joy. Beneath the heart-wrenching sorrow, beneath the tears there abides the truth that we have a Father who gave His own Son to die for our sins. There is the truth that this daughter is with Him and that we shall see her again. There is the reality that no sorrow is outside of His all-powerful consolation. We cannot know the power of His joy until we walk through our darkest hours.

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A Conquering Joy

This joy is a fortress for the Christian in a fallen world. Nehemiah said to his people who were in tears, "Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength" (Neh. 8:10). We may think he should have said, "The strength of the Lord is your joy." No! Nehemiah understood. The great joy of the Lord is a powerful fortress. Dear reader, what keeps our lives from being consumed by sorrow, despair, and cynicism? The joy of the Lord is our stronghold. In all the great cities of the ancient world, there was an *acropolis* (*acro*=hill + *polis*=city). It was a fortified height in the city to which the people retreated when threatened by an enemy. The acropolis of the kingdom of God is the joy of the Lord. That is what Paul implied when he said we are "more than conquerors" in difficult situations (Rom. 8:37).

Will the world see this constant, consecrated, conquering joy in us today?

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EXCEL JUNIOR HIGH is celebrating the summer with weekly outings on Wednesday evenings, each at a different location. This Wednesday evening we'll be meeting at the home of Dan and Lisa Tyler, 5850 East Anderson in Scottsdale, 85254, for swimming, basketball and ping pong, along with the joy of bringing along our friends and getting to know new friends. Plan to be there this coming Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:45 PM!

AUDIO ASSISTANTS NEEDED! We are seeking additional volunteers to assist Ben Davis with the audio needs during our Sunday morning services. Whether you have experience or just an interest in learning, we could use your help. Please contact Julie Shumate in the church office to let her know of your interest.

A THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes is being offered to any and all in the CBC family who would like to attend. Led by Josh Brooks who is mentoring under Pastor Elwardt, it is being held at his apartment every other Thursday beginning at 6:30 PM. It will meet this week, on the 15th. He lives at *The Peaks at Papago Park*, on 52nd Street just south of McDowell, right off the 202. His apartment number is 1388. If you have any questions on how to get there, or about the study, you can call Josh at 602-459-1796. Hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for our next Blood Drive on August 8th. Our donations of blood are vital to help replenish the blood supplies available in the Valley of the Sun. Please contact Kris Pitrat at jkpitrat@msn.com or 602-799-0330 to reserve your preferred time slot on the 8th.



Due to the AIDS crisis and the genocide in 1994, there are 6,000+ families in Rwanda that are led by children. These children are responsible to care for themselves as well as their younger brothers and sisters. The CBC HIV/AIDS Project is a ministry with six of these child-led families. We participate in each family's adoption by contributing 85% of their monthly needs while our partner church, Good Shepherd Community Church in Rwanda, provides the other 15%. In addition, GSCC sends members of the church and pastors to the homes of these children to mentor and shepherd their walks with the Lord and meet their spiritual needs. We are in desperate need of more sponsorship for the families we have adopted. Any amount of participation from \$10 per month to full support of \$150-\$250 a month is welcome! Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter. Please contact Kelly Stewart with your interest: k.stewart@yahoo.com or 602-321-6885.

MEN'S RETREAT 2010 IS THIS IT? GODLY LIVING IN A SECULAR WORLD

October 8-10, 2010
Chapel Rock in Prescott, Arizona

Registration is now open for this October's Men's Retreat, one you won't want to miss! We will look into God's word and contrast the emptiness of life described in Ecclesiastes with the fullness of life found in Christ, seeking to come away with new perspectives of godliness that can be demonstrated in our work, our family, and our church. Our speaker will be Dr. William Kynes, Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church in Annandale, VA and council member, along with Pastor Tim, of The Gospel Coalition.

Information and registration is on line at www.cbcaz.org/men/retreat.

Plan now to come! Invite friends along! Register early!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
that the joy of the LORD is ours and is our strength!

PRAYER

for the **EXCEL High School students** who will be participating in a four-day local mission outreach this week – may God be glorified and lives be transformed; for the **CBC Family Camp attendees** as they conclude their time at camp and head home or continue on vacation – may Christ's heart be enlarged within them and their lives reflect him more brightly than ever before; for **Rick Huisman**, recovering from emergency abdominal surgery – needing encouragement in Christ, may God provide a deep sense of the ministry of Jesus in the hearts of both Rick and his wife, Prissilla. Parents of five young boys and facing a long recovery period, may they rest in God's sovereign care and know deeply the true peace available through the Prince of Peace.

EXPECTANT MOMS MEALS MINISTRY: Looking for an opportunity to serve the Body? God is in the business of growing our families here at Camelback Bible Church! When a new baby joins a family, we as a Body serve the new mom and her family by bringing meals. It's a greatly appreciated ministry – by the moms and their families! Don't like to cook? Take out dinners are also always appreciated! To sign up for a particular expectant mom, stop by the Sanctuary Nursery or contact Catherine Phillips at headandhelp@gmail.com or 602-952-8496. The sign-up sheets have the name of each mom as well as her due date and major cross streets. This is a very tangible way to love and minister to families of new babies.

TWO JOB OPPORTUNITIES have come to our attention this week, one a part-time and the other a full-time position:

Southwestern College is seeking to fill the position of Administrative Assistant in the Music Department, 25 hours per week, working with the department chairman, faculty, staff and students. Independent, organized, confidential individual with problem solving and project management abilities being sought. Tasks include creating documents in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher with web, Facebook and Google calendar experience required. High School diploma required with some musical/theatrical experience a plus. Applicants should forward a letter of interest/desire for serving this Christian College, resume, and salary history to: June Taylor, Business Office Manager at june.taylor@swcaz.edu.

Christian Family Care Agency is seeking to fill the position of Executive Assistant to the President, full-time, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The list of duties and required qualifications is too long to include here. If you are interested, please contact Mary Gayle in the church office and she can forward the email we received which contains all the pertinent information.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Budgeted Need for 3 rd Quarter	\$370,400
Actual 3 rd Quarter Giving To Date	\$25,597
Remaining Need for 3 rd Quarter	\$344,803
Last Week's Giving	\$25,597