

# INTOUCH

January 17, 2010

## Resolute for Mission

By Margaret Manning

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY – JANUARY 17

12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
4:00 PM	New Song Singers (Grades 4-9)	206
4:00 PM	Campanitas Bells (Grades K-3)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (Grades K-3)	206
5:00 PM	Bell Canto Bells (Grades 4-6)	207
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Grades 7-12)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	<b>CORPORATE PRAYER</b>	Fellowship Hall
	led by Pastor Tim Savage and Elder Bill Weldon	

#### MONDAY – JANUARY 18

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Turbo Blast"</i>	Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM	EXCEL Winter Retreat returns	CBC
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	F. Hall, 206-207,209

#### TUESDAY – JANUARY 19

7:00 AM	Teleios Women's Prayer/Study: <i>Hebrews 13:1-21</i>	Library
9:00 AM	Teleios Women's Precept Study: <i>James</i>	207
9:15 AM	Teleios Women's Study: <i>The Apostles Creed, Pt. 2</i>	Library
9:15 AM	Teleios Women's Study: <i>Lies Women Believe...</i>	206

#### WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 20

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"That's A Stretch"</i>	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Elder Prayer	Sr. Pastor's Office
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	Classrooms
6:45 PM	EXCEL Student Ministry (Jr. High & High School)	F. Hall
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	Teleios: <i>Simple Answers to Hard Questions</i>	Library

#### THURSDAY – JANUARY 21

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Cirque Du Soleil"</i>	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	College & 20-Somethings Ministry (dinner/study)	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Teleios: <i>Memory and Scripture</i>	Library

#### FRIDAY – JANUARY 22

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Dance It Off"</i>	Fellowship Hall
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#### SUNDAY – JANUARY 24

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP Dr. Tim Savage	Sanctuary
	LIGHTS OF THE WORLD Part 1 of a New Series	
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	Adult Fellowships	208, 209
9:00 AM	Teleios: <i>"Delighting in Our Calling" Part II (Women)</i>	205
10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo – 3 years)	101-104
10:40 AM	Children's Church (4 years – grade 6)	201, 203, 206
10:40 AM	Teleios: <i>"Being Salt &amp; Light in Contemporary America"</i>	207
12:15 PM	<b>BIBLICAL CONCERT SERIES</b>	Sanctuary
	<b>Robbie Buss, French Horn, and Guy Whatley, Organ</b>	
3:00 PM	<b>Desert Bells Concert</b>	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	New Song Singers (Grades 4-9)	206
4:00 PM	Campanitas Bells (Grades K-3)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (Grades K-3)	206
5:00 PM	Bell Canto Bells (Grades 4-6)	207
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Grades 7-12)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	<b>Discovery II – Session One</b>	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

The beginning of another new year invites contemplative souls to set goals, aspire to new heights, and dream new dreams. It is the chance for a fresh start and a new beginning. But for many, another new year compounds fears and dread of both real and imagined disaster. The world is often a terrifying place not welcoming to the timid, the sensitive, or the fearful at heart.

In one of the climactic scenes of *The Lord of the Rings*, the young hobbit, Frodo, laments the world he sees around him with all its tragedy and darkness. Looking at the difficulty in continuing on the mission before him, Frodo makes a plaintive request, "I wish it need not have happened in my time." Gandalf the Grey, ever his wise mentor, consoles him with these words: "So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us. There are other forces at work in this world, Frodo, besides the will of evil. Bilbo was meant to find the Ring, in which case you were also meant to have it. And that is an encouraging thought." (1)

All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us. It is fairly safe to say that in entering a new year there will indeed be crises of one sort or another. These crises might make even the strongest among us pine for another time from some yesteryear gone by or make us wish our journey would be a different and a far more pleasant trip.

While our longing for something more, something different, and something better speaks to us of what should be, we often allow our longings to lead us beyond our present moment. We make ourselves impotent to the possibility of decision to make the best of the time that is given to us. Mired in wishful thinking, we fail to act here and now with resolute mission in the times we have been given.

When Jesus prayed what would be one of his last prayers prior to his crucifixion, he prayed for his disciples as he knew he would leave them to a task far greater and more difficult than they could possibly imagine. Did he pray that God would rescue them from the times they would face? Peter and others in this fellowship would soon be martyred as a result of their mission. Yet, Jesus doesn't pray that they would be saved from the world in which they were living. Jesus prayed, "I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but to keep them from evil.... As you did send me into the world, I also have sent them into the world" (John 17:15-18).

Jesus, sent into the world by God, now sends his followers to bear witness to the faith, hope, and love found in the kingdom Jesus inaugurated in his life and ministry. Jesus encouraged those who would follow him to find their peace and security in him. "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). On the other hand, Jesus empowered his disciples by calling them to mission—to witness to him in the world, regardless of the tribulation they would find there. He called them to purposeful action in their world of "here and now," and sent them into their world to share the good news regardless of the times they had been given.

Like Frodo and the other members of the Fellowship of the Ring, we can so easily look around us and see the peril of the journey in this world. Our desire to avoid difficulty and pain, and our longing for another kind of world, to borrow the words of a familiar phrase, often make us so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good. Yet, our longings for what is good, beautiful, and right for our world do not have to lead us to escapism or flights of fantasy. Rather, as another new year begins, our longing for a better world can compel us as resolute witnesses to the gospel as the force of good for our world. Indeed, our longings can lead us to decide what we can do to make the best of the times we have been given.

(1) From the film *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, based on J.R.R. Tolkien's books by the same title, directed by Peter Jackson.

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## Teleios 2010 Winter/Spring Classes

We encourage each one of you to take a good look at the great classes that are being offered this Teleios session. Several new classes are offering important topics designed to build you up in Christ and prepare you to be His witnesses – thus, enabling you to better “Serve in our world as Christ served in His.” Some of the “old favorites” are being repeated, as well. Some classes start up this week – others, later in the session.

Please don't miss this opportunity – SIGN UP NOW!

To sign up for the class that best serves you, just call the church office at 602-955-6370, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit the church website at [www.cbcaz.org](http://www.cbcaz.org) and scroll down on the home page to “Teleios” icon and click on “PDF here” to access our downloadable Teleios flyer, providing details and brief descriptions for each class. Flyers are also available at the Welcome Center on Sundays, as well as in the church office, Monday through Friday.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are extended from the CBC family to Dave and Eve/Elise Buskirk on the birth of their daughter, Brynn Anaya, on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Born at home, Brynn's arrival, at 3:07 AM, expands the family to six members, including her two brothers, Carlin and Channing, and sister, Abby. Welcome, Brynn!

**SYMPATHY** is extended from the CBC family to Walter Cosand, and the entire Cosand family, following the homegoing on January 11<sup>th</sup> of his father, Rev. Rendel Loren Cosand. Rendel served as pastor of The Evangelical Friends Church in various locations for over 30 years, in Iowa, Ohio, and North Carolina. Services were held yesterday in his home town, Damascus, Ohio, where he was laid to rest beside family members, including his wife, Mary, who preceded him in death on August 5, 2009.

**SYMPATHY** is also extended to Babette and John Wood (former members of CBC, John a former elder) following the homegoing on Christmas Day of Babette's mother, Elizabeth Petersen Gamash. Services were held on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bethany Community Church in Tempe.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to the CBC family! With healing well on its way, if not nearing completion (both the toe and the foot have taken an extensive turn for the better, so much so that amputation of the toe is no longer being considered), I very much desire to thank those who have given both prayer and financial help during these trying months. I would have failed without such a family as CBC. By God's grace, I am approaching full healing. My most sincere thanks again to all! — Paul Saduskyj

**BABY/CHILD DEDICATION** is scheduled for Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Should you wish to bring your baby/child forward for dedication on that day, please call the office this week. Additionally, if it is your first dedication at CBC, an appointment with a pastor prior to the dedication is needed. Please talk with Mary Gayle Stewart in the office about setting up a pastoral appointment. Thank you.

**EXCEL JR. & SR. HIGH WINTER RETREAT 2010** returns tomorrow at 1:00 PM. Parents, plan to be here, east parking lot, to retrieve your EXCEL student.

**EACH JANUARY**, CBC offers Robert Murray M'Cheyne's calendar for daily Bible readings for an entire year, readings which take you through the Bible in its entirety. Please avail yourself of this great tool to guide you through the life-changing reading of God's Holy Word throughout 2010. We live in times of great need. Let God's Word be your strength and all you need for each day! M'Cheyne's Calendar is available in the sanctuary narthex and the church office.

**DEAR CBC FAMILY**, It is our desire to extend our profound thanks to the body of believers at CBC and the members of our Sunday School Class for the faithfulness of or their prayers this past year, particularly on John's behalf. Although after the strokes, John drags his left leg and has no use of his left arm, and has other health issues, he has recovered enough to attend the Messianic Class the past two Saturdays. Giving us other reasons to rejoice in January, we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary [the 23<sup>rd</sup>], and our son, Bill, returns from his 7<sup>th</sup> deployment with his Air Force Reserve unit. The Lord has blessed our lives immeasurably. In the words of Psalm 92: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord . . . to declare His loving kindness in the morning and His faithfulness by night.” Thank you so much for caring! — Hazel Patterson

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

to our Eternal God from whom we learn to number our days and so gain wisdom  
PRAYER

For **Mike and Katie Siebert**, whose third triplet, Will, passed into the presence of the Lord on Wednesday. May our Lord's peace and comfort minister deeply. For Will's grandparents, **Malcolm and Peggy Hartnell**, who grieve deeply as well but are seeking to minister God's strength, comfort and love to their daughter and son-in-law. May the witness of this family bring glory to God and draw others to Him

**S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! LUNCHEON**, Sunday, January 31, 2010. Camelback Bible Church members, Dr. Travis and Kathy Holcombe, will be featured at this luncheon. We will have the opportunity hear their personal testimonies and learn how God is using them in building up the church and expanding His kingdom. We will gather in Fellowship Hall following the 10:40 AM Worship Service. S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! is a ministry targeting adults who are 55+. However, we welcome anyone of any age who has an interest in attending the luncheon.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR STUDENTS GRADES 4-8** consists of a three-week series of classes taught by Pastor Jason Doughty. The classes will be held from 10:40 AM to 12:00 Noon on Sundays February 7, 14 and 21 in Rm. 209. Parents, please prayerfully consider enrolling your child in this important class. Please contact Renee in the church office to sign up, [renee@camelbackbible.org](mailto:renee@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370, ext. 106. Thank you.

**CBC FAMILY CAMP – SAVE THE DATE!** July 8-11, 2010 is the date and we are enjoying a new lower price this year! Join us for our Third Annual Family Camp in Pine Valley, California. Families, singles, couples – **everyone** – come be part of this wonderful, memory-filled time away. The cost is \$200/Adult and \$100/Child (age 3-11). A *10% non-refundable deposit is needed to reserve your spot.* Question? Please contact Pastor Jason at 602-955-6370 or [doughty@camelbackbible.org](mailto:doughty@camelbackbible.org).

**CHILDSAFE CLASS**, Sunday, February 28, 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 205. This class is **required** for all Children's Ministry and Excel Staff, including Nursery Workers. This class is vitally important for preparing those who work with children and/or youth to know what legal and ethical responsibilities they have towards those in their care. Please RSVP to Renee Zuck at [renee@camelbackbible.org](mailto:renee@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370, ext. 106 no later than Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Childcare is provided.

**OUR BIBLICAL CONCERT SERIES** will continue in the Sanctuary next Sunday, January 24, at 12:15 PM (directly after the second service) with a concert of music for French Horn and Organ, featuring the talented young horn player Robbie Buss and Guy Whitley.

**AN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** has been passed on to us by Paul Saduskyj. It is a secretarial position at the business where Paul worked previously. Some computer savvy is important. It is for 32 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (with long break over the lunch hour), with benefits. Contact Carol Hasher at 602-996-0882 (and mention Paul's name).

**BETHEL CHOIR WILL BE VISITING US** on March 14, singing in our morning services, joining us for our monthly Fellowship Luncheon, and performing in a concert in the afternoon. Housing is needed for Saturday night, March 13, and possibly on Sunday night, March 14. Please plan to have a pair (or more) of girls or guys stay with you. They're always a joy to have! Details are forthcoming. If you can help with housing, please contact Julie Shumate in the church office at 602-955-6370 or [Julie@camelbackbible.org](mailto:Julie@camelbackbible.org). If you're able to provide extra food for the Fellowship Luncheon, please contact Christina Watson at 602-681-9206.

**SHOULD GOD BE PROMPTING YOU** to provide help to those impacted by the recent earthquake in Haiti, one way that we can recommend is through Harvest Ministries. CBC Elder Keith Edwards, on staff with Harvest, indicates that whatever is given through Harvest will go directly to relief in Haiti through the Harvest staff ministering there. Make checks payable to Harvest Ministry and include a note in the envelope that the money is going to Haiti Relief (do not write Haiti Relief on the check). Send it to Harvest Ministry at 701 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Phoenix 85004.

**A DESERT BELLS CONCERT** has been scheduled in our sanctuary for next Sunday, January 24, at 3:00 PM. For more information, call 602-494-7464 or go on line to [www.Desertbells.org](http://www.Desertbells.org)