

September 20, 2009

# INTOUCH

## The Final Apologetic

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20

12:15 PM	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH	Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
3:00 PM	CONCERT – God's gift of music celebrated!	Sanctuary
	<b>Dr. Guy Whatley joining forces with Tromba Mundi Trumpet Choir</b>	
4:00 PM	New Song Choir (4 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	206
	Campanitas Bells (K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	206
	Bell Canto Bells (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	207
	CBC Ringers (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6-7:00 PM	CORPORATE PRAYER led by Pastor Tim	Fellowship Hall

#### MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Turbo Blast"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Teleios: "Biblical Financial Study" (Crown)	The Bonetto's
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	205-207, 209 & Fellowship Hall

#### TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 AM	Women's Prayer & Bible Study: 2 Cor. 10:23 – 11:1	Library
9:00 AM	Teleios Women's Precept Study in Colossians	207
9:15 AM	Teleios: "Say Goodbye to Whining...."	206
9:15 AM	Teleios Women's Study: "The Apostle's Creed"	Library
6:30 PM	Elder Board Meeting	Library
6:45 PM	GriefShare Seminar/Support Group	209

#### WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	Classrooms
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	EXCEL Student Ministry (Jr. High & High School)	F. Hall
6:45 PM	Teleios: "Say Goodbye to Whining...."	Library

#### THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	College & 20-Somethings Ministry (dinner/study)	Fellowship Hall

#### FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
5:30-9PM	Sanctuary Choir Retreat	Squaw Peak Inn

#### SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 26

8 AM-4 PM	Sanctuary Choir Retreat	Squaw Peak Inn
5-7:30 PM	LUAU IN THE PARK	Arcadia Park

See the announcement on the back for details and RSVP information

#### SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	

CHANGING THE WORLD – Part XXII – Mark 14:43-65; 15:1-15

"Two Trials, One Verdict, Zero Justice" =

*The Son of Man Seated at the Right Hand of Power*

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 or 10:40	Teleios: "Foundations" (Time TBD)	Pastor's Office
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, 207-209
10:40 AM	EXCEL (Jr. High & High School)	Fellowship Hall
10:40 AM	Teleios: "Passionately Pursuing Peace"	209
10:40 AM	Teleios: "Discovery III, Finding Your Place..."	205
4:00 PM	New Song Choir/ Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir/ Bell Canto Bells/CBC Ringers	206, 207, 208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer – all invited!	Library

If there's a message that the Lord has been speaking to me over many years it is the crucial aspect of what it means to be a Christian community.

What Jesus would say to his disciples the closing evening before he would be arrested and tried is of such importance in our understanding what it means to be Christian. I'm beginning to see that it is not what it means to speak "Christianly" per se, but rather, to be Christians. Jesus said in John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." The old commandment was from Leviticus 19, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Now here, Jesus raises the bar and says, the standard of your love for one another will not be your love for yourself; it'll be my love for you: "As I have loved you, you must love one another."

If you read John 13 through 17 in one sitting, you will see that the bookend chapters are different in many ways. John 13 is an active parable of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. John 17 is Jesus' prayer to the Father. Here we are afforded one of the most sacred episodes of eavesdropping as we listen to a conversation within the Trinity. John 14 through 16 is centralized teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit. But the middle chapters can never be detached from John 13 and 17, where the Holy Spirit is not mentioned by name. We begin to see that Jesus is sharing with the disciples something that is part of the being of God. Then in John 15:9, Jesus says again, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." In other words, the standard of love for us within the body of Christ is the standard by which the Father loves the Son.

As we listen to Jesus speak to his Father in these chapters, we discover the important doctrine of God that is so special to Christians. It is significant to note that the doctrine of the Trinity did not come to us either by philosophical or theological speculation. Rather, it comes to us by three historic encounters: God at the foot of Mt. Sinai, God on the dusty streets of Palestine in Jerusalem, God in the Upper Room. Are there three gods? No; because if there is more than one God each of those gods would necessarily be limited. Is it one person playing three roles? After all, we hear one person speaking to another. We hear the Son speaking to the Father, the Father speaking to the Son. We heard the Son referring to the Holy Spirit as another person. But no—not three gods, not one person playing three roles.

Thus the only obvious, inescapable conclusion: here are three persons, who in some amazing, mysterious way constitute one God. And their relationship is going to be the standard by which our love for one another would be measured.

In the country of my birth, India, I have often shared the gospel with Hindus and Muslims. And of course, you need to have an apologetic for them when you ask them to follow Christ because you are calling them out of a community. Hindus and Muslims have very strong communities. I'm now discovering in the Asia Pacific that Buddhism is also an equally strong community. But when you ask them to follow Christ, are you inviting them into a community or are you calling them out of their communities into a vacuum?

To be a part of the body of Christ is about constructing such communities. That's exactly what Jesus is saying here in John 13-17. The demonstration of the reality of the Trinity, in the final analysis, is not going to be theological; it is going to be experiential. It has to be demonstrable. It has to be seen and felt by people that they would know that we belong to Christ.

The only way people will know that you are my disciples, says Jesus, is to demonstrate it, not individually, but by your relationships—for there can be no real apologetic without a community of love and relationships. "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." After we have given all the arguments, the defenses and the evidences, this indeed is the final apologetic.

L.T. Jeyachandran is executive director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries in Singapore. His article appeared as the September 9<sup>th</sup> daily email devotional of the RZIM ministry *A Slice of Eternity* ("Slice 2025). Information about and sign up for this free ministry may be found on line at [www.RZIM.org/USA/Resources/Read/ASliceofInfinity.aspx](http://www.RZIM.org/USA/Resources/Read/ASliceofInfinity.aspx).

## Teleios: An Equipping Ministry

Our Fall 2009 Session has kicked off with classes underway and others still to come. We have been blessed with a wealth of classes that God has provided! Two are scheduled to begin next Sunday. You don't want to pass up this opportunity!

### REGISTER BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 !!!

1) "Foundations" – led by Elder Dave Jones, **Sundays, 9:00 or 10:40** (TBD by those attending), September 27 – December 20, 2009, in Pastor Tim's Office. *This class is a study/discussion of the basic biblical theology of God, His Word, and what it teaches us today, along with its application to our lives. This is a great class for those returning to, or who are new in their faith, as well as anyone looking for a biblical theology review.* Call Dave at 602-861-4080, or call the office.

2) "Discovery III: Finding Your Place of Ministry in the Church" – led by Pastor Ron Elwardt and Gary Balok, **Sundays at 10:40 AM**, September 27 – October 25, in Room 205. *Being a Christian means that you have been united to Christ – placed in His body. With that privilege comes the joyful responsibility to serve in and with that body. Christ saves us with a mission in mind and gifts us to fulfill a very unique role within that mission. For those unsure of what that unique role is, you are invited to explore your gifts, talents, experiences, and passions towards the end of finding your place within the Lord's mission..* Call the office.

Other excellent studies are yet to come. For example, due to begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> is "Memory and Scripture" with Gordon Donaldson, and on October 4<sup>th</sup> is "Charity and Its Fruits: Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life" (a look at and discussion of a classic series of sermons from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13 by Jonathan Edwards) led by Fred Graef. Please be sure to check out these two classes and others at [www.cbcaz.org/teleios](http://www.cbcaz.org/teleios) or by calling the office. And sign up by calling the office – by Tuesday for the two above and soon for the others!

SYMPATHY is extended from their CBC family to Ryan, Jeannine and Jessie Silverstein, following the homegoing on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, of Jeannine's mother, Marriann Gofonia. Now free from the illness that plagued her over recent months, she revels in the presence of her Lord. Services were held at the Franciscan Renewal Center yesterday afternoon.

SYMPATHY is extended from their CBC family to Tim and Rita Smith, and the entire Smith family, following the homegoing on Monday of this past week of Tim's mother Bernice. Services were held yesterday morning in the far west valley, where she, a cotton farmer for many years, is very well known. We praise God with Tim for her release from her failing body and presence with her Lord.

LUAU IN THE PARK, Saturday, September 26, 5:00 to 7:30 PM, at Arcadia Park, located on 56<sup>th</sup> Street just south of Indian School Road. Come and join us for this fun event with the CBC family and the Camelback Christian School family taking part, a wonderful opportunity to minister the love of Christ to one another, including the school's teachers, parents and children. Dinner will be served so please RSVP and give us a headcount. Go to [www.cbcaz.org/children](http://www.cbcaz.org/children) and click on "Family Events."

NOTE THE CORPORATE PRAYER THIS EVENING led by Pastor Tim Savage. Is there anything more important than our communication with our God?... especially in terms of our prayer on behalf of His own and His kingdom work here on earth! It is our privilege to come before him in praise, thanksgiving, confession and petition. May we do so in greater numbers than ever before.

WITH THE MEN'S RETREAT FAST APPROACHING the opportunity to provide the financial assistance that some need still exists. If you should be in a position to provide such scholarship assistance, please contact Pastor Ron in the church office. Such a provision would be greatly appreciated!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN several members of the CBC S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! (55+) group who will be attending this afternoon's 4:00 PM worship service at International Bible Church, 1037 East Lemon Street, Tempe, AZ 85281 (meeting at Quo Vadis Books, SW corner of Lemon and Terrace). We will be providing refreshments after the service and if you would like to help with that provision, please contact Mardette Hemann at [mhemann@cox.net](mailto:mhemann@cox.net) or 602-957-1438. Former CBC member Jon Sanborn is the pastor of this church community serving the international neighborhood east of ASU. They are a small and friendly group of followers of Jesus Christ committed to caring for and helping the students in the ASU area.

## PRAYER

for our GriefShare Ministry which began its fall sessions on Saturday, that God would work mightily in the lives of those who came and are yet to come, that He would work through the ministering team as only He can; for **Doug Horney** who suffered a hard, 15-foot fall that resulted in multiple injuries (head, wrist, ankle and lacerations/ bruises everywhere) and great concern in ICU, especially about his head; but by God's grace he has come through with only a mild concussion, no brain injury, no needed surgery for broken bones, and is now home praising God and continuing the recovery process; for **John and Hazel Patterson** as John suffers health issues that are not treatable and limit his mobility with rehab not an option; for **Doug and daughter Krystal Landro's** safe travel home to Ukraine and wife, Marina, and son, Bogdan, as well as for his ability to care for his health as he attempts to ease off a bit from his tendency to over-work.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE for CBC missionary, **Doug Landro**, and his daughter, Krystal, on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Jack and Peg Miller between 5:00 and 9:00 PM. Doug and little Krystal will be returning to the Ukraine on the 28<sup>th</sup> and look forward to this time of fellowship with their CBC family. The Millers' address is 12027 North 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, 85254.

NEW DEADLINE FOR *IN TOUCH* INCLUSION!!! The deadline for submission of material/announcements/blurb etc. for both the Sunday *IN TOUCH* and the online *In Touch* is the Tuesday before the weekend. PLEASE: email [pajarie@cox.net](mailto:pajarie@cox.net) for the Friday email version AND [marygayle@camelbackbible.org](mailto:marygayle@camelbackbible.org) for the Sunday print version. Submissions after Tuesday will be held until the following week.

## Our CBC Pictorial Family Album Awaits You!

Thank you all for being so patient! Our new church directory is ready and we can't wait for you to have your copy! It is our desire that this directory be a blessing and a wonderful prayer tool for the whole church family to enjoy. What an exciting way to celebrate God's faithfulness in ministry and in bringing us together to be a part of this wonderfully unique church family!

Sundays, tables will be on the patio, just west of the Welcome Center, where one copy per household will be available. (Should you wish to help defray the production costs of this beautiful "family album", receptacles will be available there for donations.) Copies may also be obtained in the office.

Additional copies may be purchased for \$20 each.

May God be praised, and bless each of you as you peruse and use this new directory!

S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! Coffee will be on Saturday morning, October 3, at 10:30 AM in the Library. A delightful, light brunch will be served and a featured guest (to be announced next week) will join us. All, whether 55+ or younger, are invited to join us for this morning of sweet fellowship, guest testimony, and good food.

"PACKAGES FROM HOME" – a ministry to our service men and women overseas – is being coordinated by two in our church family: David Haneke and Jack Pitrat. Through this non-profit organization packages of donated items are sent abroad to those who serve us so faithfully, and such are several from our own congregation. The deliveries they receive are reminders that Americans love and care about them! We at CBC have the opportunity to participate by donating items here on campus through October 18<sup>th</sup>. Containers will be spotted around campus beginning next Sunday. The following is a list of the top ten very specific requested items: 1) AT&T International Phone cards – specifically for calls from the Middle East to the US; 2) Pre-sweetened Powdered Drink Mixes (Crystal Lite, Gatorade, KoolAid etc.); 3) Coffee (ground, vacuum pack or small cans); 4) Beef Jerky (small packages); 5) Foot Powder (Gold Bond, etc.); 6) "Cool Ties" (homemade ties that provide cooling around the neck – check the website for details); 7) Eye Drops (for desert environment); 8) Lip Balm (Blistex, Carmex, Chapstick etc.); 9) Men's Deodorant (stick type – NOT anti-perspirant) and 10) Hand Sanitizer (small and medium size). For additional items, see [www.packagesfromhome.org/things-to-donate.com](http://www.packagesfromhome.org/things-to-donate.com). For more information, contact Jack Pitrat at 602-233-1432.

## CBC GIVING UPDATE

Budgeted Need through September	\$1,174,677
Actual YTD Giving	\$948,198
Remaining Need	\$226,479
Last Week's Giving	\$17,476