

# INTOUCH

December 25, 2011



**Camelback**  
Bible Church

## THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 25

### *Christmas Day*

*Wishing you and yours  
all the rich blessings of this joyous day of celebration,  
Jesus Christ is born!*

MONDAY – DECEMBER 26

HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 27

10AM – 3PM Office Open

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 28

10AM – 3PM Office Open

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 29

10AM – 3PM Office Open

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 30

10AM – 3PM Office Open

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 31

7AM – 3 PM RUMMAGE SALE Fellowship Hall  
to benefit a short-term mission's trip with The Master's Vineyard Ministry  
whose work is taking place in Uganda  
10:30AM Messianic Bible Studies 209

SUNDAY, - JANUARY 1, 2011

### *New Year's Day*

9:00 & 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
Pastor James Hoxworth  
*"Remember"*  
Deuteronomy 8:7-20 and Joshua 4:1-7  
Communion

9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304  
9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (19 months – gr. 3) 101-103, 201, 203  
9:00 AM Diakonia Adult Fellowship 209  
11:00 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304  
11:00 AM Children's Church (19 months – gr. 3) 101-103, 201, 203  
12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meet at Subway, 44th St. & Indian School  
2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry serve at Osborn Health & Rehab.

*Wishing you and yours  
A safe and blessed New Year*

*May the LORD bless you, and keep you;  
the LORD make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up His countenance on you,  
And give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## *The Celebration of an Arrival...*

... for a long awaited child received expectantly by a family in our church, like Andy and Renae Smith experienced this month. Or for a promised Savior, whose birth we celebrate this Christmas Day.

A new logo for our church can't begin to compare to these life altering, eternity changing experiences. Nevertheless, we do celebrate the arrival of a new logo for our family. A logo helps us introduce ourselves in an authentic way and remind each other of what defines us as the body of Christ. It is a representation of the identity we share together.

The new logo was born out of the superb efforts of our Communication Team. They have worked hard to capture a compelling image of who we are to share with others who may not know us very well. Those responsible for this effort were capably led by Kim Miller and included the following valued team members: Denny Collins, David Cosand, Dixie Duffey, Bob Luedtke, Jim and Naomi Rhode, and Jeff Watson. They wisely engaged a gifted individual in Mike Jones (who grew up in our midst) to bring clarity to the process and bring forth what he describes as follows: "The mark or symbol incorporates three main elements: **Camelback Mountain, an open Bible, and the cross of Jesus Christ.** These help to establish the solidity of Camelback Bible Church - spiritually, theologically, and physically within the context of the local community."

The result is the readily identifiable logo pictured above, visible on the new screen in the sanctuary and artfully displayed above the coffee bar outside of the sanctuary. It is intended to take on the essence or "brand" of our church (a term that deserves more clarification beyond the connotation of some slick marketing technique). It is a bold statement without trying to be something we aren't. Allow this excerpt from the team to help us better understand the significance:

*The word brand comes from the word "bronze". Yes, it has its origins in the marking of cattle, or the etching of symbols on objects to easily and quickly identify who it belongs to. The idea has evolved over time to being more than just your mark or your signature, but your entire uniqueness, your essence. Similar to how our behavior is directly affected by what we believe, a brand is a representation of who we really are. Sometimes the word brand makes us think of logos, corporate marketing campaigns, or a layer of cosmetics applied to something to make it more appealing than it really is; but in reality, a brand is what is really there behind a group, person, or organization. When everything else is removed, a brand is what remains.*

There you have it. An authentic brand enables us to boldly interact with our community – a community that we define as anyone who can see Camelback Mountain – reaching out from its visible presence for nearly fifty years . . . under the cross of Christ, with an open Bible . . . and for the next fifty years.

Don Swierenga  
Director of Ministry Development

## HIS BIRTH AND OUR NEW BIRTH

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son,  
and they shall call His name Immanuel,  
which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ”

Matthew 1:23

**His Birth in History.** . . . that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35). Jesus Christ was born *into* this world, not *from* it. He did not emerge out of history; He came into history from the outside. Jesus Christ is not the best human being the human race can boast of – He is a Being for whom the human race can take no credit at all. He is not man becoming God, but God Incarnate – God coming into human flesh from outside it. His life is the highest and holiest entering through the most humble doors. Our Lord’s birth was an advent – the appearance of God in human form.

**His Birth in Me.** “My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you . . .” (Galatians 4:19). Just as our Lord came into human history from outside it, He must also come into me from outside. Have I allowed my personal human life to become a “Bethlehem” for the Son of God? I cannot enter the realm of the kingdom of God unless I am born again from above by a birth totally unlike physical birth. “You must be born again” (John 3:7). This is not a command, but a fact based on the authority of God. The evidence of the new birth is that I yield myself so completely to God that “Christ is formed” in me. And once “Christ is formed” in me, His nature immediately begins to work through me.

**God Evident in the Flesh.** This is what is made so profoundly possible for you and for me through the redemption of many by Jesus Christ.

December 25

*My Utmost For His Highest*  
by Oswald Chambers

(An updated Edition in Today’s Language)

**WE PRAISE GOD WITH FULL HEARTS** for the treasured opportunity to come together for worship yesterday in our much-loved traditional Christmas Eve service, *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols!* What a blessed time of rejoicing in the redemptive reality provided by God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son. Thank you to all who participated: the Sanctuary Choir, the Brass Quintet, the Sanctuary Bells, Dr. Guy Whatley on organ and piano, Harrison Whyte, percussionist, and all nine of our Scripture readers. May God use the blessing provided to touch many hearts and change many lives. To him be all honor and glory!

**NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS BREAKS (These will not be held):**

**Grade 4-6 Children’s Classes** (9am and 11am) thru January 1<sup>st</sup> (resume the 8<sup>th</sup>)

**LOGOS Kids Club**, December 21 and 28 (resumes Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>),

**EXCEL Student Ministry**, December 21, 25, 28 and January 1<sup>st</sup> (resumes the 4<sup>th</sup>)

**OUR NEXT DISCOVERY I** will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, rather than January 1<sup>st</sup>. Newcomers, do plan to join us at 9:00 AM in the Library (R00mm 205).

**OFFICE HOURS** – we will be closed Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tuesday through Friday of this week, December 27-30<sup>th</sup>, the office hours will be 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**YEAR-END GIVING** – As indicated, the office will be open and able to receive our gifts until 3:00 PM on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. All gifts postmarked December 31<sup>st</sup> will be counted as received in 2011. (The January 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday offerings will be counted as received in 2012.)

**TELEIOS WINTER-SPRING SESSION SIGN-UPS ARE HERE!** Yes, another Teleios session is just around the corner. Classes begin mid-January. We’re all encouraged to check out the classes and ask God how he would have us take part. Go to [www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios](http://www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios) for a full listing of classes with descriptions. There is something for everyone! Registration is available by calling the church office during regular office hours, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM this week only (or by leaving a message on the service at any time).

**UGANDA IS THE DESTINATION** and a short-term mission’s trip there, in conjunction with The Master’s Vineyard Ministry (founded by our own Susan Nsubuga), is the goal. To help make this possible, a **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held this Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. PLEASE CLEAN OUT CLOSETS, STORE ROOMS, and GARAGES and bring the items any time this week, Tuesday through Friday, between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to Fellowship Hall. Call Susan (480-330-9266) for any “pick-up”, questions, and to find out the unique privileges earned by providing donations!

**OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR** is on a brief break following their many offerings of music throughout this Advent/Christmas season. However, they look forward to resuming rehearsals in the New Year on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, and invite any and all who have a voice to sing and a heart to join them to come to the Choir Room (located in lower level of the Sanctuary, behind the chancel) at 6:45 PM on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions, please call Tammie Valencia in the church office, 602-955-6370.

**OUR S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! MINISTRY** (A very robust group of “senior servants”) invites us to join them for their next Saturday Morning Coffee where a light brunch will be served and time with one of God’s servants who is in our midst is featured. Plan to come on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM in the Library (205) when our own Bob Moffitt, Harvest Foundation president and co-founder of the Disciple Nations Alliance will be our guest. His ministry, through Harvest and DNA, covers the world. His stories of God at work in nations near and far are many and fascinating.

**THE PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY** which meets on Tuesday mornings, beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>, is blessed to have five young moms (and their young children) join them for their 2012 winter/spring study. In order for these moms to have the benefit of study with other women each week we are in need of 3 women to care for the children (ages 4 months to 4 years). This is a paid position, Tuesdays, January 10<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon. If you are 18 years old or older and would like to help, please contact the church office.

**S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! (the 55 and over ministry within our church family)** is sponsoring an outing to Organ Stop Pizza (1149 East Southern Ave., Mesa AZ) on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Plan on arriving there about 1:00 PM. The doors will open for our group at 1:15 PM with a special concert just for us (and another senior adult group from another local church) beginning at 1:30 PM. For those who want to share a ride, there will be some carpools leaving from our church at 12:00 PM. The cost for the event will be \$10.00 a person and will include a salad and all you can eat pizza and drinks (tea, sodas, coffee). Sign-ups (and money collection) will be held January 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to invite a friend to enjoy Christian Fellowship with the family of God and make some good memories to start the New Year. Questions? Feel free to call Jim & Susan Hawthorne at 480-661-7568 or email them at [jrhhomeoffice@cox.net](mailto:jrhhomeoffice@cox.net).

**ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! SAVE THE DATE!** Our Winter Retreat is scheduled for February 17-20, 2012. Mark your calendars now! Our theme is **BORN IDENTITY** and we have the distinct pleasure of having Jason Fischer, High School Pastor for Scottsdale Bible Church, along with us to help us discover the surpassing identity we have in Christ. Sign up by January 22<sup>nd</sup> at [www.cbcaz.org/excel](http://www.cbcaz.org/excel).

**FRANCIS CHAN**, best-selling author of *Crazy Love* and *Forgotten God*, host of the BASIC series, will speak at Grand Canyon University Arena on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Tickets, \$10, will be available in our office beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CBC YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Giving Goal for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:

**\$825,000.00**

Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Gifts Received to Date:

**\$337,513.00**

Last Week’s Giving:

**\$53,080.00**

Gifts Needed to Finish the Year with Ministries Funded:

**\$487,487.00**