

November 8, 2009

INTOUCH

God In Daily Conversation

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.
Psalm 75:1

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 8

3:00 PM	Phoenix Chorale Special Event Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	New Song Choir (4th-9th Grade)	206
	Campanitas Bells (K-3rd Grade)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (K-3rd Grade)	206
	Bell Canto Bells (4th-6th Grade)	207
	CBC Ringers (7th-12th Grade)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 9

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 – NOVEMBER 10

7:00 AM	Teleios Women's Prayer/Study: Luke 12:22-40	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	Small Group Leadership Training	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	Teleios: GriefShare Seminar/Support Group	Library

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
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: "Say Goodbye to Whining..."	Library

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 12

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

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 13

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	Phoenix Chamber Music Society Concert	Sanctuary

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 14

7 AM-2PM	"Treasure Hunt" Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall
	Raising funds to provide a well in Uganda through The Masters Vineyard	

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 15

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP Dr. Tim Savage LIFE AS SUFFERING A four-part series in the Old Testament book of Job "Can God and Pain Coexist?"	Sanctuary
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: "Charity and Its Fruits"	207
9 & 10:40	Teleios: Titus 2 Women's Discipleship Training "Godliness with Humility, the Cross of Jesus Christ in Discipleship"	Library
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
10:40 AM	EXCEL (Jr. High & High School)	Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
3:00 PM	Samuel Metzger, Organ Recital Arizona native and nationally acclaimed organist brings his offering of music	Sanctuary
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	Library

In giving thanks to God and recounting the Lord's wondrous deeds, what can it mean that His name is near? Must it not be that the name of God is *in the minds and on the lips* of those speaking? I see in my own experience, and in that of others, that we Christians can converse for hours together, about the things of our days and of our interests, our work, our families, our church, and the things of this world, —and *never mention the name of the Lord*, who is the very Source and Savior and Treasure of our lives!

Why is this the case? For myself, there is the problem of compartmentalization. Having given some daily time to personal worship and prayer, I then "move on to other things," which means a shifting of gears, a transfer of interests and concerns from the Lord and His Person, to "the next thing," or "what I need to do now." This is not bad or evil, but somehow makes time with the Lord just a unit of necessary activity that can be checked off in the course of one's busy day. (In the measure that it becomes merely an item on one's "to do list," it just might be evil!) May God forgive us our insensitivity.

Yet, in our relation to certain people, God and His activities in our lives become the most natural subjects of conversation. What makes the difference? I find that those "certain people" are believers with whom I have a close spiritual tie that has been cultivated over time. This does not mean that humor or many other categories of speech are not engaged in, but that the Person of the Lord is very "near the surface" and naturally introduced in relation to countless subjects that might arise, becoming the focus of serious thoughts and mutual appreciation. I also observe that the more I admire and love that "certain person" as a close personal friend, the easier it becomes to speak of our Lord. This is a factor that should encourage the strengthening and deepening of relationships within the family of believers.

I have been rather averse to the term, "being *in love* with the Lord." Yet, there is an aspect of affection in our relationship to Him that *ought* to be there. This is pictured in one's deep affection for another human being. A person "in love" thinks constantly of the beloved, and cannot refrain from relating the elements of one's day to that person. Speaking of that person comes as a most natural outworking of the endearment one feels. Should this not be true also in our love for Jesus Christ? Our affection for our heavenly Father? Our appreciation of the presence of the Holy Spirit? If love of God is the supreme ethic placed upon mankind, and Jesus stated it to be so (Mark 12:30), then a *passion for God* must become the norm, and not the exception, among believers in Jesus Christ.

Without a pompous piety or pretense of what is not true in us, are there means to encourage mention of the Lord's name and Person in our personal interchanges with others? Here are suggested inoffensive ways for believers to introduce reference to the Lord Himself in personal conversation:

- How has the Lord been blessing you lately?
- What do you experience God teaching you these days?
- In what ways do you find the Lord revealing Himself to you?
- How is God manifesting His presence in your life nowadays?
- Are you finding the Word showing Christ to you in new ways? How?
- As you walk with the Lord, what are you learning about His Person?
- Has your time with the Lord recently been enriching? In what areas?
- Do you find Jesus Christ more real to you now than previously? In what ways?
- Where, in your day, do you sense Jesus Christ to be most real to you?
- How does the sense of the Lord's presence encourage you?
- What is God teaching you about love? Obedience? Witnessing? Prayer?
- Has the Lord been revealing any new things to you this week? In what way?
- Is there anything you feel that Christ has been impressing upon your heart recently?
- Are there ways that you especially sensed God working in your life lately? How?
- Has god recently shown you His care of you in new ways? Can you share them?
- Has the Lord met specific needs in your life lately? How has that come about?

What God desires to do in our lives is more important than what anyone else is doing for us, or what we are doing for our own sake. Could we but see this with clarity—and subject our wills fully to His—would that not relieve us of a myriad of fruitless selfish efforts to *appear* to "have it together" spiritually? And would not a passionate love for Him show itself in our every thought, attitude, word and action? May it be so!

Gordon Donaldson - October, 2009

This Holiday Season

provides the perfect opportunities for extending our hospitality and love to our brothers and sisters in the Camelback Bible Church family!

The warmth of our home and its table over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays may be God's very provision of Himself to one or several in our church family who need His touch.

Please take heed of God's heart and His word to us and make use of the sign-up sheets available at the Welcome Center (or contact Mardette Hemann at 602-957-1438 or mhemann@cox.net) to make you and your home available. With a rich pool of holiday hosts, we'll extend an invitation to brothers and sisters who would cherish such hospitality and help make the connections.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES are extended from the CBC family to newlyweds **Mark and Carissa (Cluff) Savale**, married on Sunday, November 1st, here at CBC by Pastor Bill Pinalto; and **Ben and Elizabeth (Lambert) Davis**, married yesterday, November 7th, in our sanctuary by Pastor Tim Savage. God bless both of these young couples, and their ministry among us, their CBC family.

SYMPATHY is extended to **Paul Carmichael** following the passing of his 84 year-old mother, Lorraine Carmichael, on the weekend of October 24-25. Paul, at his father's request, presided over the memorial service in California. Sympathy is also extended to **Meredith Bentley** following the sudden and unexpected homegoing on October 28th of her step-father, Frederick Harper, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Services were held in Little Rock on Monday, November 2nd. Please uphold in prayer this sister and brother in the Lord, as well as their families, and particularly the spouses of the departed.

SAMUEL METZGER ORGAN RECITAL, Sunday, November 15, 3:00 PM, in the Sanctuary: To quote the information provided by Dr. Guy Whatley: "come hear a great organist play in a wonderful acoustical space. For years Samuel Metzger has been the organist of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. One of our nation's leading Christian musicians, Samuel is regularly heard in concert and in television broadcasts all across the country. He is known for his warm and engaging lecture concerts where he performs a wide variety of musical styles." And next Sunday, Samuel will bring an offering of his heart, his gifted musicianship, and a varied program of Christian music. For more information about Arizona native, Samuel Metzger, please visit www.metzgermusic.com.

TITUS 2 DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: "Godliness with Humility, the Cross of Jesus Christ in Discipleship" . . . Next Sunday, November 15, at 9:00 AM or 10:40 AM in the Library. Our Titus 2 Women's Discipleship Ministry has a two-fold purpose. One is to be a means and help to build up our women in one-on-one discipleship relationships, matching older women with younger women in our body. The second purpose is to equip women who are discipling other women. Each quarter we offer a Sunday morning training to equip and encourage women to disciple to God's glory. If you would like to seek a match for one-on-one discipleship you can find an application at the Welcome Center, in the church office or on the CBC website: www.cbcaz.com. If you have questions please contact Beccy Jones at beccyjones@cox.net or 602-509-7724 or Catherine Phillips at headandhelp@gmail.com or 602-952-8496.

HARVEST SUNDAY is November 22nd and we need 1 to 2 people to decorate our Harvest Table. Decorating would need to be done on Saturday, the 21st and everything is provided. If you are interested, please email Julie Shumate at the church office: Julie@camelbackbible.org or call her at 620-955-6370, Ext. 112.

Women's Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 5, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

"At Peace"

"My peace I give to you." John 14:27

Tickets to the brunch are now on sale! Ladies pick up your tickets after church services, or at the church office during regular office hours. Ticket price is \$5, but if you would enjoy contributing extra to cover costs, it would be greatly appreciated. Lesli Savage's talk, "At Peace," will be an encouragement to you and your loved ones, so invite many. Reserved seating is available for anyone requiring special assistance. Scholarships are available. Questions? Call Nancy Whalen at 602-677-5263 or email her at ncwhalen@cox.net.

PRAYER

Mason Swierenga, in Phoenix Children's Hospital beginning to respond to the peritoneal dialysis that is meant to restore his kidney function to normal; **Paul Saduskyj**, hospitalized at St. Joe's and diagnosed with Mersa Staff infection in the bone of his toe/foot, awaiting test results and treatment options; **Molly Johnson**, suffering a severe flare-up of her fibromyalgia with little or no relief from her medications; **Ernestine Wilson**, recovering from severe stomach issues and needed surgery, longing to get back to church and needing a way to get here.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES! A highlight of last year's Ladies Christmas Brunch was the delicious selection of Christmas cookies homemade by our CBC ladies. If you would like to contribute your favorite Christmas cookies (2-3 dozen), let us know when you buy your tickets, or email Marlene Delnoce at MCJRP@aol.com. Please plan to deliver your cookies to the Church kitchen on Friday, December 4th.

MASTERS VINEYARD MINISTRY RUMMAGE SALE/FUNDRAISER, Saturday, November 14, 7:00 AM-2:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall: Help us dig the well for the Master's Vineyard Ministry to the Karamoja in Uganda so that the gospel of Christ may be shared as the ministry team provides water to a people afflicted by drought and famine. **Donations and volunteers for the sale are needed.** Beginning Sunday, November 8th, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM you can drop items off in Room 205. They may also be left Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information contact Susan Nsubuga at www.mvministry.org or 480-330-9266 or Peg Miller at 480-948-6780.

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS may be difficult for those who have lost a loved one. The "Surviving the Holidays" seminar provides help for those dealing with grief at this time of year. Nationally recognized experts provide the content on video and a booklet including devotionals is provided. The cost is \$5.00 for materials. Scholarships are available. It will be held Tuesday, November 17, from 6:45 to 8:45 PM in the CBC Library. RSVP to the church office, 602-955-6370, or Sandra at 480-220-9784, to assure a booklet; but come whether RSVP or not!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT – This year we are once again partnering with Neighborhood Ministries to collect NEW jackets for children in need. Our goal is to collect **75 brand new jackets**. To participate, please find the Wardrobe Rack that is located outside the classrooms on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Grab a coat hanger from the rack with attached tag and follow the instructions on the tag. Bring your jacket back on the hanger and hang it up on the Wardrobe Rack. **Final donation day is Wednesday, December 2.** Thank you!

S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! 55+ LUNCHEON, Sunday, November 29th: We have a wonderful program planned! Kay Cook, Founder and Artistic Director of Desert Bells International, is certainly known as a visionary. Kay and her Desert Bells choirs are sought after to perform on many prestigious stages throughout Arizona, the United States, and the world. We are privileged indeed to have Kay as the director and an instructor of handbell choirs here at Camelback Bible Church. She will be sharing "her story" with us at the luncheon, and she will also direct the CBC Bell Choir in a special performance for our enjoyment. We will gather in Fellowship Hall following the 10:40 a.m. worship service. Please join us for the program, food and fellowship.

BUDGET COACH AVAILABLE AT CBC! Has the downturn in the economy produced stress in your finances? Is there too much month at the end of the money? The Camelback Bible Church family has within its ranks a trained budget coach from Crown Financial Ministries who is willing and able to assist you with your financial questions and help you along your "Journey to True Financial Freedom." There is no charge for the coaching. Please contact Sandra Cook, our Crown Budget Coach at 480-229-9784 to get started.

ONE OF OUR CBC MISSIONARIES FROM JAPAN is in need of a vehicle during his furlough here in the Valley, from December 19 to March 1. If you can help, please contact Becca Devereaux at beccaewardt@gmail.com or 602-820-7676.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Giving Need	\$ 795,679
Fourth Quarter Giving to Date	\$ 133,114
Remaining Need	\$ 662,565
Last Week's Giving	\$ 18,161