

INTOUCH

November 15, 2009

A Mighty Evangel

by Ravi Zacharias

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 15

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	Sanctuary
<i>Arizona native and nationally acclaimed organist brings his offering of music</i>		
4:00 PM	New Song Singers (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 16

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Turbo Blast"</i>	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 17

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	Elder Board Meeting	209
6:45 PM	"Surviving the Holidays" Seminar	Library

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"That's A Stretch"</i>	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 19

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

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Dance It Off"</i>	Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 21

7-9:00 PM	Summer Missions Trips Presentation	Fellowship Hall
Looking at what's possible in 2010 and what God did in Rwanda in 2009!		

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22

HARVEST SUNDAY

A Great Sunday to Bring/Invite Guests!

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
<i>Glory and honor to God, in Thanksgiving!</i>		
Dr. Tim Savage – CBC Creatives – Sanctuary Choir – Children's Choirs		
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
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
12:15 PM	BIBLICAL CONCERT SERIES	Sanctuary
Our own Walter Cosand at the piano praising God with a varied selection of musical offerings		
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	CORPORATE PRAYER	Fellowship Hall

Years ago, I read a definition of worship that to this day rings with clear and magnificent terms. (1) The definition comes from the famed archbishop William Temple:

"Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God. It is the quickening of the conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of will to his purpose—all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable."

The more I have thought of that definition, the more I am convinced that if worship is practiced with integrity in the community of God's people, potentially, worship may be the most powerful evangel for this postmodern culture of ours. It is imperative in planning the worship services that church leaders give careful attention to every element and make sure that the worship retains both integrity and purpose. People come to church generally "beaten down" by the world of deceit, distraction, and demand. There is an extraction of emotional and spiritual energy that brings them on "empty" into the community. The church's task is to so prepare during the week that it is collectively the instrument of replenishment and fresh energy of soul. Even being in the presence of fellow believers in worship is a restorer of spiritual hope. We so underestimate the power of a people in one mind and with one commitment. Even a prayer can so touch a hungry heart that it can rescue a sliding foot in a teacherous time.

A few years ago, two or three of my colleagues and I were in a country dominated for decades by Marxism. Before we began our meetings, we were invited to a dinner hosted by some common friends, all of whom were skeptics and, for all practical purposes, atheists. The evening was full of questions, posed principally by a notable theoretical physicist in the country. There were also others who represented different elements of power within that society. As the night wore on, we got the feeling that the questions had gone on long enough and that we were possibly going in circles.

At that point, I asked if we could have a word of prayer with them, for them, and for the country before we bade them good-bye. There was a silence of consternation, an obvious hesitancy, and then one said, "Of course." We did just that—we prayed. In this large dining room of historic import to them, with all the memories of secular power plastered within those walls, the prayer brought a sobering silence that we were all in the presence of someone greater than us. When we finished, every eye was moist and nothing was said. They hugged us and thanked us, with emotion written all over their faces. The next day when we met them, one of them said to me, "We did not go back to our rooms last night till it was early morning. In fact, I stayed in my hotel lobby most of the night talking further. Then I went back to my room and gave my life to Jesus Christ."

I firmly believe that it was the prayer that gave them a hint of the taste of what worship is all about. Their hearts had never experienced it.

Over the years I have discovered that praying with people can sometimes do more for them than preaching to them. Prayer draws the heart away from one's own dependence to leaning on the sovereign God. The burden is often lifted instantly. Prayer is only one aspect of worship, but one that is greatly neglected in the face of people who would be shocked to hear what prayer sounds like when the one praying knows how to touch the heart of God. To a person in need, pat answers don't change the mind; prayer does.

(1) Adapted from Beyond Opinion: Living the Faith We Defend (Thomas Nelson, 2007), ed. by Ravi Zacharias.

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May God bless our worship, individually and corporately, as we "submit all of our nature to Him... gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable." May that blessing not only enrich us in Him, but may it also reach beyond us to draw in, build up, and send out. And may this Thanksgiving and Advent-Christmas season be filled with His miracles!

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, or the office) 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.

SAMUEL METZGER ORGAN RECITAL, Today at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary: For years Samuel Metzger was 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." Samuel will bring a varied program of Christian music. For more information about Arizona native, Samuel Metzger, visit www.metzgermusic.com.

HARVEST SUNDAY is next Sunday, 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.

COME HEAR ABOUT ALL the possible **Short Term Mission Trips** this next summer. This coming **Saturday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall, we'll present the potential possibilities and look back at the great trip to Rwanda this past summer, showing a short video put together by Sadie Such featuring actual pictures and footage taken by the team while they were in Rwanda. Please come if you plan to go, or would like to explore going, on a short term missions trip. Dessert will be served.

HELP WITH RECOVERY: Paul Sadusky has the need of a stationary bicycle for his two-month recovery (from a Mersa Staph infection in the bone of his foot), until he can walk. If you are able to help with this need, please call the church office, 602-955-6370, or Paul at 602-242-5720 or 602-295-9815.

CHRISTMAS AT OSBORN HEALTH AND REHAB: Sandi Miller and family will be putting together gift bags with hygiene items as Christmas gifts for the 70+ residents of this facility (the focus of our CBC Nursing Home Ministry) to let them know how much we love them. We encourage the body of CBC to get behind this effort with the gifts that are suggested. Normal-sized items are preferred (as opposed to travel or super-sized), something the residents can enjoy for a period of time. Donations bins are located near the Welcome Center, near Fellowship Hall, and on the north side of the sanctuary. **Please bring: baby powder, soap, hand lotion, comb or brush, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, washcloth, cotton tube socks, lap blanket.**

CONTRIBUTION POLICY: To insure that our church body continues to handle contributions with integrity and in line with IRS regulations, our treasurer has developed a contribution policy which was recently adopted by our elders. The policy may be found on our website (cbcaz.com) under "Resources/position papers." The elders invite you to stay informed about this policy and the associated IRS regulations.

OUR BIBLICAL CONCERT SERIES continues next Sunday, **November 22nd,** with international concert pianist **Walter Cosand.** The half hour program will begin at about 12:15 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of the 10:40 service. Walter will offer sacred music by Bach and more recent composers. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be ministered to by a truly remarkable musician and member of our church.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH, Saturday, December 5th, 10:30 AM 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT CBC

8:00 AM

Turkey Bowl Game

*Flag Football – Under 25's vs. Over 25's
at the Phoenix Country Day School Athletic Field*

10:30 AM

Praise and Thanksgiving

Informal Family Service

*Sharing our praises and thankfulness to God with one another
Fellowship Hall*

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.

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; 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!

CBC FAMILIES: SERVE TOGETHER THIS CHRISTMAS! Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4 at Neighborhood Ministries (1913 W. Van Buren). Come help set up the "Christmas Parent Store." This store, for the neighborhood parents who volunteer and serve with Neighborhood Ministries all year, provides a time and place for them to purchase Christmas gifts for their children through the service points they have earned. You are invited to choose a time period between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM either or both of these two days (be it an hour or two or more) to assist with pricing store items, including the jackets that our own CBC and LOGOS families have given. Contact Pencie Culiver @ 480-298-4374 or penciec@aol.com to arrange a time to help out. Don't go without calling first! **THANK YOU!**

OUR ANNUAL GRAPEFRUIT PICKING at the Vucurevich home, 3637 East Colter Street (4 blocks north of the traffic light at 36th Street and Camelback Road) is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The grapefruit that our picked will be used as Christmas gifts to American Indian families in northern Arizona. All are welcome – husbands and children of women attending the Women's Brunch, be sure to come! The more hands on hand, the more grapefruit get picked. If you have a friend that would enjoy this fun outdoor project, invite them. Bring your appetite – breakfast and lunch will be served.

ONCE AGAIN, CBC HAS AN OPPORTUNITY to participate in Project Angel Tree, our opportunity to give Christmas gifts to children of parents in prison. Look for our Christmas Tree with angel tags on the next two Sundays: November 22nd and 29th. Other ways to get involved include buying Fry's grocery gift cards, providing postage stamps, providing Christmas cards, delivering gifts, and attending a party for these children on Thursday, December 17th. Please call Winkie Schwartz at 602-290-3672 or email Kai at kai.schwartz@hotmail.com if you would like to participate.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Giving Need	\$ 795,679
Fourth Quarter Giving to Date	\$ 148,189
Remaining Need	\$ 647,490
Last Week's Giving	\$ 15,074