

November 28, 2010

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Our Advent

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 28 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>		
12:15 PM	BIBLICAL CONCERT	Sanctuary
	<i>Frank Joyce, French Horn, and Heather Joyce, Soprano</i>	
	Reception following in Fellowship Hall	
4:00 PM	New song singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	EXCEL High School	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER	will not be meeting this evening
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 29		
7:00 AM	Teleios: Women's Prayer & Bible Study	Family Room
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing"	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 30		
6:45 PM	Teleios: GriefShare:	Family Room
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 1		
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers	Sanctuary
5:30 PM	Elder Prayer	Sr. Pastor's Office
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells	Sanctuary
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	201, 203, 206-209
6:45 PM	EXCEL Junior High	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	Teleios: What Makes a Man or Woman Godly?	Library (205)
7:00 PM	EXCEL Senior High Small Groups	meeting at homes
THURSDAY – DECEMBER 2		
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Young Adult Ministry Dinner/Study	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Ecclesiastes Bible Study (alternate weeks)	Josh Brook's
FRIDAY – DECEMBER 3		
8:00 AM	Women's Christmas Brunch Setup begins	
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY – DECEMBER 4		
9 AM-Noon	Grapefruit Picking	The Vucurevich's home
10:00 AM	<i>Women's Christmas Brunch</i>	Sanctuary and F. Hall
	<i>"In The Fullness of Time"</i>	
6-8:00 PM	EXCEL Jr. High Christmas Party	The Andrew Miller's home
SUNDAY – DECEMBER 5 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>		
All morning	Angel Tree gifts dropped off	206
9:00 and 10:40 AM	Prayer for Worship Services	Prayer Room
9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	
HISTORY'S GREATEST SONGS: CAN YOU SING THEM?		
"Zechariah's Song" – Luke 1:67-79		
9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 3)	101-103, 201, 203
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowship Classes	208, 209
9:00 AM	Teleios Study (Youth): Fundamentals of the Faith	207
9:00 AM	Discovery I	Family Room
<i>An introduction to God's strategic role for the local church</i>		
9:15 AM	Women's Teleios: Loving God with All Your Mind	Library (205)
10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo. – gr. 3)	101-103, 201, 203
10:40 AM	Teleios Study (Youth): TrueU-Apologetics for Youth	207
12:30 PM	Osborn H & R Ministry meets @ Subway, 44th St. & Indian School	
2:00 PM	Osborn H & R Ministry serves	at Osborn Health and Rehab
3:00 PM	Orpheus Male Chorus Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	New song singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	EXCEL High School	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER	Library (205)

Most of us, no doubt, have experienced the feeling—usually sometime in early January—that we somehow missed (again!) the opportunity to have a truly meaningful Christmas season. The crush of extra expectations and pressures, social and gift-giving responsibilities, and full schedules manage each year, if we are not careful, to rob the season of what we know is the most important thing: CHRIST! It is our hope that with a little thought and planning this year might be one of the most meaningful Advent/Christmas seasons ever for you and your family.

Beginning today, Sunday, November 28th and continuing until Christmas Eve, is the church season known as Advent. During Advent, Christians celebrate the coming (Latin: *adventus*) of the promised Messiah. This coming of Christ is recognized by Christians in the 21st Century in three ways:

- first, in thoughtful recollection of the many centuries leading up to the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem in the fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies; *Jesus is the Ruler come out of Jacob, a Shoot come up from the stump of Jesse, a Branch that will bear fruit, the Root of Jesse, a righteous Branch, Immanuel, Shepherd, Savior, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, Israel's Ruler, the Capstone, a Stone in Zion, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, a King, the LORD Our Righteousness, Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek, the Anointed One.*
- second, in grateful acknowledgment of the coming of Christ into our lives when we receive Him as Lord and Savior;
- and third, in joyful anticipation of the second coming of Christ in bodily form to receive His own.

Although Camelback Bible Church does not celebrate the Advent season in the same manner that some churches do who strictly follow a liturgical calendar, we do recognize the season in a purposeful way and want to help our members who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to contemplate what the Scriptures teach about the coming of Christ.

Here are some ways you can make the season more meaningful to you and your family this year:

1. Plan—*now*—to make time in your busy schedule to pray, read Scripture, and spend time talking with your loved ones about the coming of Christ.
2. Pay attention to the lighting of the Advent candles in the sanctuary on each of the Sundays of Advent and on Christmas Eve. There are a number of different Advent themes that could be emphasized during the candle lighting; this year notice the connection each week with Pastor Tim's message of the morning.
3. Notice the decorations in the church sanctuary during Advent. The greens put up during Advent remind us of the life in Christ and the blossoming to come. Candles remind us that Christ is the Light of the world.
4. Invite your friends and loved ones to services and all the special events at Camelback during the month of December, and perhaps most importantly, to the *Festival of Lessons & Carols* on Christmas Eve. This year we will have two identical *Lessons & Carols* Services: an early one at 4:00 PM and the later one at the traditional 6:00 PM. Your loved ones will never be so open to attending church events as they will be at Christmas. What a wonderful way to demonstrate to them just how much you love them.

Look for special announcements and information about all the events during Advent.

Pastor Tom Bookhout

Angel Tree

Hopefully, you've stopped by the tree in the narthex and selected one or more angels, each representing the child of a prison inmate with a suggested item to purchase for them. If not, do so today and be sure to register your angel at the table near the tree! If you missed doing so today, please contact Nancy Baldwin at 602-956-9642 or johnandnancy6543@msn.com. She'll be delighted to hear from you!

The purchased gift, with angel attached can be returned at any time: to the office during the week and to Room 206 next Sunday, December 5th.

New last year and planned again this year on Friday, December 17th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall is a Christmas Party where we all, together, host these children and their families/caretakers. Please do keep this ministry in your prayers, asking God to touch and reach many hearts through the love expressed and received, and through the Good News of Jesus Christ presented!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Mr. and Mrs. (Melody Hulsebos) Jed Such who were joined together in holy matrimony on Friday, November 26th, with Pastor Tim Savage officiating. We thank God for this dear couple and the joining of these two families. May Christ always be the center of their marriage and may their marriage thrive, to the glory and honor of God and for the good of all in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS to Myllin and Joanna Solowska Safir on the birth of their third child, a second daughter, Neria Karina, on November 18th. She came quickly and easily, and the proud papa came by the church to let us know the good news!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH, this Saturday, December 4th, 10:00 AM:

Tickets to the brunch are now on sale! Ladies, pick up your tickets after the church services, or at the church office during regular business hours. Ticket price is \$5 but if you would enjoy donating more to help cover costs, it would be greatly appreciated. This year's message "In The Fullness Of Time" will be delivered by Kathy Holcombe. Invite all the women in your life! Scholarships are available. Reserved seating is available for anyone requiring extra assistance. Questions? Call Nancy Whalen at 602-677-5263 or email her at ncwhalen@cox.net.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED: Your homemade Christmas cookies have become a favorite tradition at the Women's Christmas Brunch. If you are willing to make two dozen of your family's favorite cookies, please let us know when you buy your Brunch tickets. Or tell Nancy Whalen: ncwhalen@cox.net or 602-677-5263. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen on Friday morning, December 3rd.

SHOP AT THE BRUNCH! Support our missionaries by shopping at the Women's Christmas Brunch. We have purchased unique items from our missionaries in India, Brazil, Rwanda, and the Philippines. Proceeds from selling these items will support local ministries in the countries mentioned. Hope Jewelry will also be selling handcrafted items. Go to www.hopejewelry.org to learn about how Hope Jewelry is supporting women and girls freed from sex trafficking and slavery.

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 4th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The grapefruit that is 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. Call Heidi Vucurevich with questions and/or to let her know you'll be there, 602-955-7297.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PROJECT – Our goal is to collect 100 NEW jackets for children in need through our partnership with Neighborhood Ministries. If you'd like to help us reach our goal, please stop by the wardrobe rack located outside the classrooms on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. **Final donation day is Wednesday, December 1.** Thank you!

PRAYING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION Monthly Prayers for our Children

DECEMBER: Lord, may this child know Christ's love in all its dimensions – the height, depth and width – so that he/she is transformed by it and enabled to experience the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)** *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

EXCEL JR. HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 4th from 6-8 PM at the Miller home, 6117 North 14th Street. EXCEL Jr. High students, families and friends are invited to an evening of fun Charles Dickens style! Come dressed in Victorian attire (or your Sunday best). A Dickens-like surprise is in store! Feel free to bring a special Christmas treat to share, if you'd like. Please RSVP by December 2nd to gina@camelbackbible.org or by calling her at 602-955-6370.

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY FOR CAROLING to the residents at Osborn Health & Rehab on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:15 PM. The address is 3333 North Civic Center Drive, Old Town Scottsdale. After caroling, at 7:15 we'll host a party for the staff and carolers with chili, hot apple cider and cookies. If you'd like to contribute items, please contact David Haneke, dhaneke@gmail.com or 602-339-5639. Blessing these folks in this way brings the Christ of Christmas into their confined world and shines the light of His love into their lives.

LOGOS CHRISTMAS PARTY – A FAMILY EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!

Wednesday, December 15, 6:45-8:15 PM. Come as a family, enjoy some carol singing, a reading of the Christmas Story, and some excellent desserts and refreshments (do you like Cheesecake Factory Cheesecake?) No RSVP required. Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share, homemade or otherwise! And please bring a non-perishable food item, as we traditionally bring gifts of food to give, in honor of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ! **Children must be accompanied by parents or another responsible adult. Please do not drop children off.*

CHRISTMAS EVE NUSERY WORKERS NEEDED, Friday, December 24!

2 SERVICES THIS YEAR, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM: This is a great way to serve not only our own CBC body but the many visitors who attend on Christmas Eve. We need 10 volunteers for each service. Consider signing up as a family or small group. Please contact **Carmen Benford, 480-831-5059**, no later than Friday, December 17 and let her know your preferred time of service. Thank you!

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW to join your sisters for a relaxing and spiritually rejuvenating time at the **"Heart Spa" – the 2011 Women's Retreat**, coming up January 21-23 at Living Water Retreat Center in Cornville, Arizona. **Tickets go on sale between services next Sunday, November 21st** and will continue each week until sold out. Be sure to invite your friends and get your tickets early as spaces are limited. The cost is \$125 and includes four meals and accommodations. New this year, gift certificates will be available for purchase. Financial assistance is also available. Please contact Tiffany Auger (602-748-8551 or tiffanyauger@cox.net) or Monica McQueen (602-432-5100 or monica@treschicaz.com) with questions or if you would like to contribute your time, talents or a partial or full scholarship.

EXCEL WINTER RETREAT 2011 – ALL OUT WAR! January 14-17, Pine Summit Camp, Prescott AZ.

The speaker will be Pastor Brent Klontz. Cost is \$135. The Bible says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." In 2006, U.S. Navy Seal Michael Monsoor did just that, demonstrating that LOVE WINS in ALL OUT WAR. Come hear the details of this amazing story as we seek the ultimate source of this GREAT LOVE, Jesus Christ. Register online by January 2nd: www.cbcaz.org/excel. (Make a summer camp commitment NOW and save \$50 off Summer Camp 2011, June 19-24 – pay only \$275 instead of \$325.)

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Financial Need to make budget by end of 4 th Quarter	\$902,488
Actual 4 th Quarter Giving To Date	\$279,092
Remaining Need to make budget by end of 4 th Quarter	\$623,396
Last Week's Giving	\$27,415