

# INTOUCH

January 31, 2010

*Next Sunday it is our privilege and blessing to come to the communion table, "a great and intimate table," a place of profound significance and purpose. May we come with minds attuned and hearts open to take in the fullness of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection we celebrate. We offer this meditation to that end.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY – JANUARY 31

12:30 PM	S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! LUNCHEON <i>with guests Dr. Travis and Kathy Holcombe</i>	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	New Song Singers (Grades 4-9)	206
4:00 PM	Campanitas Bells (Grades K-3)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (Grades K-3)	206
5:00 PM	Bell Canto Bells (Grades 4-6)	207
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Grades 7-12)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Discovery II – Session Two	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

### MONDAY – FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Turbo Blast"	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	F. Hall, 206-207,209

### TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 2

7:00 AM	Teleios Women's Prayer/Study: <i>Psalms 20</i>	Library
9:00 AM	Teleios Women's Precept Study: <i>James</i>	207
9:15 AM	Teleios Women's Study: <i>The Apostles Creed, Pt. 2</i>	Library
5:00 PM	College Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Elder Prayer	Sr. Pastor's Office
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: <i>Simple Answers to Hard Questions</i>	Library

### THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	College & 20-Somethings Ministry (dinner/study)	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	Phoenix Chamber Music Society Concert <i>50th Anniversary Festival Concert</i>	Sanctuary

### FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
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### SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 6

10:30 AM	S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! Coffee/Light Brunch <i>with guest, Pastor Tim Savage</i>	Library
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### SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP Dr. Tim Savage LIGHTS OF THE WORLD, Part III <i>"Bringing Christ To The City"</i>	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: <i>"Delighting in Our Calling" Part II (Women)</i>	205
9:00 AM	Discovery I (Once a month introduction to the church)	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, 206
10:40 AM	EXCEL (Jr. High and High School)	Fellowship Hall
10:40 AM	Baptism Preparation Class (Grades 4-8, w/ parent)	209
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehabilitation
2:00 PM	Discovery II – Session Three	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	New Song Singers & Campanitas – not meeting tonight	206
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto – not meeting tonight	206
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Grades 7-12) – not meeting tonight	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults) – not meeting tonight	20
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

## At The Table

By Jill Carattini

When summer comes and city corners are full again of kids with bikes and basketballs, my mind returns to a particular playground. For several summers I worked at a church with an outdoor recreation ministry, whose intent was to serve the neighborhood, meeting the kids and building relationships. We played games, read stories, jumped rope, and organized basketball tournaments. One year a volunteer came and helped the kids make pottery, so we commissioned them to create some new communion plates and chalices for the church to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Many of these kids had never taken communion before; many had never heard of the Lord's Supper or been told the story of Jesus and his disciples in the upper room. So with muddled hands we told the story, and together that summer several sets of communion plates and cups were fashioned by kids eager to see them in use. I have never seen more colorful, misshapen objects grace the altar of a church. Nor have I ever seen so many wide-eyed children come to life at the communion table. The elders held the lopsided plates and cups, inviting the church community to come and remember the one who shapes us. The children had a physical reminder of their place at the table, and the rest of us were reminded again that we are children being nourished by the Son of God.

Having just celebrated the Incarnation, the gift of a God who comes noticeably near his creation, the Lord's Supper is another gift worth noticing. The table is a place, like the manger in Bethlehem or the Cross of Calvary, where we are welcome—rather, summoned—to come forward as we are: the poor to a benevolent giver, the sick to a physician, the sinful to the author of righteousness, children to the Father of life. Jesus left this sign and seal specifically with humanity in mind. When he gave us the command to take the bread and the cup in remembrance of his presence among us, he gave us a sign of this presence that was both visible and physical. Fourth century preacher John Chrysostom wrote of this physical gift as a vital reminder both because we ourselves are physical and Christ as well: "Were we incorporeal, he would give us these things in a naked and incorporeal form. Now because our souls are implanted in bodies, he delivers spiritual things under things visible." We are given a sign to hold, a reminder of Christ's nearness that nourishes both body and soul. In the act of remembering, we are given the assurance of a real and present Christ: "Lo, I am with you always even unto the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:20).

Coming to the table like the disciples centuries before us, we consume a meal that sustains us like any other. And yet, it is at his table that we ingest the very death and life of Christ; we participate in his birth among us, his suffering on the Cross, his humiliation and burial, his resurrection and new life. As a visible sign, it is far from one-dimensional. Like the children who first witnessed the Lord's Supper from bright plates painted at their own hands, it is immensely personal. It is so much more than a meal.

Christ calls any who will hear to his redemptive table of communion. He calls us to locate ourselves in the presence of a great community and in the midst of a remarkable story. We are called to see our lives within the history of a covenant people and the vast community of believers. For we are children sustained by a mighty Father, a provident parent aware of our vast need and more than able to fulfill it. Christ was born as a child on earth not merely to come nearer, but to usher the world into communion and community, into his life and his death, the journey of faith, the pilgrimage of believers, and the story of salvation. We are invited to a great and intimate table:

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and broke it and gave it to those he loved saying, Come, take and eat, this is my body broken for you.

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## Teleios 2010 Winter/Spring Classes

Take a look at the three great classes starting up in February! Complete Teleios fliers with details and brief descriptions are available at the Welcome Center, in the office, and on line at [www.cbcaz.org](http://www.cbcaz.org). Signing up for any class is as easy as calling the church office, 601-955-6370, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**"Titus 2 Discipleship Training" (for women only) – Led by Beccy Jones**  
Sunday, February 28, 9:00 AM hour, repeated at 10:40, in the Library  
These valuable and practical training classes are offered on a quarterly basis. Each session is open to any and all who would like to be encouraged and further equipped to help and guide a younger woman in her God-given roles and obedience to Jesus Christ. This upcoming class will address the topic: "Hope." If you'd like to grow in this area of service, please contact Beccy Jones (602-509-7724) or the church office (602-955-6370) to sign up.

**"Six Steps to Talking About Jesus" – Led by Bill Eaton**  
Sundays, 10:40 AM – 12:00 PM, February 21 – March 28, in Room 208  
This short training course provides biblical knowledge and practical skills to help you get started in taking opportunities to talk about Jesus with greater confidence. Over six interactive sessions, with video input, Bible study, practical exercises, prayer, and group discussion, you'll explore topics like: 1) the core motivation for reaching out to others; 2) how to depend on God in prayer; 3) how to invite people to read a book or come to an event; 4) how to tell your own story of what God has done for you in Christ; 5) how to explain the Gospel of Jesus in a simple way.

**"Discovery III: Finding your Place of Ministry in the Church" – Led by Pastor Ron Elwardt and Gary Balok**  
Sundays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, February 28 – March 28, in Room 209  
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 He gifts us to fulfill a very unique role within the mission. For those unsure of what that unique role is, you are invited to explore your gifts, talents, experiences, and passions towards the purpose of finding your place within the Lord's mission.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR STUDENTS GRADES 4-8**, a three-week series of classes taught by Pastor Jason Doughty, **begins next Sunday!** The classes will be held from 10:40 AM to 12:00 Noon on Sundays February 7, 14 and 21 in Rm. 209. Parents, please prayerfully consider enrolling your child in this important class. Please contact Renee in the church office to sign up, [renee@camelbackbible.org](mailto:renee@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370, ext. 106. Thank you.

**S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! COFFEE**, held on the first Saturday of the month, will take place this coming Saturday, February 6, at 10:30 AM, in the Library. Senior Pastor Tim Savage will be our featured guest. You won't want to miss this informal opportunity to hear Pastor Savage update us on the state of the church today and the new challenges facing the church. A light brunch will also be provided.

**CHILDSAFE CLASS**, Sunday, February 28, 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 205. This class is **required** for all Children's Ministry and Excel Staff, including Nursery Workers. This class is vitally important for preparing those who work with children and/or youth to know what legal and ethical responsibilities they have towards those in their care. Please RSVP to Renee Zuck at [renee@camelbackbible.org](mailto:renee@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370, ext. 106 no later than Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Childcare is provided.

### WE SEEK GOD'S LEADING

It's that time of year when we ask the members of CBC to think and pray about what men God might be bringing to mind and spirit to serve as elders of our church family.

This all-important biblical role, surely one of the most important given to man, is described, both in function and qualifications, on the Elder Nomination Forms that were included in this morning's worship bulletins, and will be available in the narthex, at the Welcome Center, and in the office.

Nominations are to be made by members of the church and must be received by February 14<sup>th</sup>. The nomination portion of the form may be turned in to the office, to a pastor, or to a committee member. The Nominating Committee this year is made up of Chairman, Elder Scott Whyte, John Bentley, Travis Holcombe, J.E. Lindner, and Julie Urig.

### PRAYING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION Monthly Prayers for our Children

#### February's Theme: *Faith*

Father, grant our children a faith that tenaciously grasps Your promises for both salvation and life. In uncertainty and trial may they look expectantly to You, even anticipating the impossible. May their confidence be rooted not in human wisdom, strength or means, but wholly in Your trustworthy person  
Romans 4:18-21, Hebrews 11, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 46:1-3

**OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS** are coveted for Katie and Mike Siebert (daughter and son-in-law of CBC missionaries Malcolm and Peggy Hartnell) who have suffered the recent loss of their three triplets, each born prematurely, one still-born, one surviving only hours, and one surviving just a few days. Cards, notes, or letters of encouragement and comfort may be sent to them at 5702 Plum Street #B, Shaw AFB, Sumter SC 29152. Katie's testimony, from the deepest places of her heart and soul, is shared in her blog which you can find at <http://ayearofhope.blogspot.com/>.

**BETHEL CHOIR WILL BE VISITING US** on March 14, singing in our morning services, joining us for our monthly Fellowship Luncheon, and performing in a concert in the afternoon. Housing is needed for Saturday night, March 13, and Sunday night, March 14. If you can help with housing, please contact Julie Shumate in the church office at 602-955-6370 or [Julie@camelbackbible.org](mailto:Julie@camelbackbible.org). And please call Christina Watson at 602-681-9203 to offer extra food for that day's luncheon.

**CBC FAMILY CAMP – SAVE THE DATE! NEW LOWER PRICE!** Join us for our Third Annual Family Camp in Pine Valley, California, July 8-11, 2010. Families, singles, couples – everyone – come be part of this wonderful, memory-filled time away. Register online at [www.cbcaz.org/familycamp](http://www.cbcaz.org/familycamp). The cost is \$200/Adult and \$100/Child (age 3-11). A *10% non-refundable deposit is needed to reserve your spot*. Questions? Please contact Pastor Jason at [doughty@camelbackbible.org](mailto:doughty@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370. We look forward to hearing from you and having you with us!

**SPRING FLING RETREAT**, to include all 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, will be held this year from April 23 through 25 at Pine Summit Camp in Prescott, Arizona. This is a great weekend for the children, offering challenging Bible Lessons, Singing, Climbing Wall, Zip Line, Field Games, Crafts and more! The *early-bird special* cost is \$80 by March 31<sup>st</sup>. After March 31<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$90. To register, go online to <http://www.cbcaz.org/springfling>. If you need a paper registration form contact Renee Zuck at 602-955-6370, ext. 106 or [renee@camelbackbible.org](mailto:renee@camelbackbible.org). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jason at [doughty@camelbackbible.org](mailto:doughty@camelbackbible.org) or 602-955-6370. **We have a limited number of spots, so register TODAY!!**

### ***GriefShare Video/Support Group Coming Soon!*** **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM to 12:40 PM** **then** **Tuesdays from 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM** **Starting February 16<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>**

GriefShare is designed to offer a compassionate, interactive, ongoing ministry to those grieving the loss of a family member or someone close to them. Practical information is given from a Biblical point of view. There is a Christ-centered focus on the spiritual issues which accompany the grieving process. GriefShare is part seminar and part support group. The seminar portion, presented through videos, features top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos also include real-life stories of people who have experienced losses. The support group segment allows participants the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss and talk through issues and feelings related to their own grief experiences.

Our vision for this ministry is two-fold: 1) to those of the Body of CBC, we want to stand beside them showing our love, supporting and assisting them wherever we are needed when we learn of their loss. Also, we would like to educate the Church Body as to how they can be of assistance in so many ways; 2) to those in our community, we want to reach out and meet their needs. In our culture grief and the deep hurts that accompany it are among the most significant spiritual turning points in a person's life. We want to introduce hurting people to a personal relationship with Christ, the only lasting comfort for the numbing, sobering ache that occurs in the soul without a spiritual anchor.

Contact the facilitators for a list of books that may be borrowed from the Grief-Share Library: Sandra Cook, David Graeff, Mardette Hemann, Fran Landro, Susan Nsubuga, Susan Straub, or Heidi Vucurevich. See the CBC directory.