

INTOUCH

December 19, 2010

THE WEEK AHEAD

Christ is Born!

Come; let us adore Him!

This Friday, December 24th, the family of Camelback Bible Church – along with extended family and friends, invited guests, and many from our community – will gather for what has become a longstanding and beloved tradition at Camelback Bible Church: our Christmas Eve Service of a *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, this year being offered at two times, 4:00 and 6:00 PM.

Our sanctuary will be filled with the familiar sights and sounds of Christmas at Camelback. The votives surrounding the interior of the sanctuary will be lit, the Advent wreath will await the lighting of the Christ candle, and the organ will be softly playing as we gather. The atmosphere is hushed; the time is at hand....

We'll begin our worship as we have for over 25 years with the beautiful processional carol, "Once in Royal David's City." Beginning with the singular beauty of a young boy's voice singing the first verse, the entire choir will sing the second verse and the congregation will join in the singing of the remaining verses.

The service then moves forward, alternating between Scripture readings and carols that reflect the unfolding of God's great purpose of salvation through the coming of His Son Jesus Christ – born a babe in Bethlehem. With the unfolding of His purpose comes greater and greater joy, culminating in the traditional carol sung at our departing, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Offering their gifts of music will be our Sanctuary Choir, organist Dr. Guy Whatley, a brass quintet, bells and percussion. Offering their voices in the reading of God's word will be members of our church family, representing a spectrum of ages.

This service, in its present form of nine lessons from Scripture with carols interspersed, goes back in history to late 19th century England. Its swift rise as a favorite Christmas devotional service began with its introduction at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England in 1918. The Scripture lessons were chosen to illustrate the story of redemption, beginning in the Old Testament and ending in the New Testament. Every year since 1928, with the exception of 1930, versions of the service have been broadcast on the radio, increasingly covering the globe. Since 1963 shorter versions have been filmed at King's College chapel by the BBC and have been telecast internationally, broadcast in the United States on PBS channels.

First and foremost, the *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* is a service of celebration and worship, a corporate act of Christ's family as it remembers His birth, and His purpose in coming.

We are grateful to God for His use in past years to reach lives through these services and the message they contain. In this year, a year in which world and life events have caused many to pause and wonder, let us not keep God's wonderful news to ourselves but, instead, invite others in! Let us pray that God will once again reach lives and perhaps, this year, reach more lives than ever before, that more and more may know the joy of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

*Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing!*

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 19 *Christmas Sunday*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12:30 PM Osborn H & R Ministry meets in Fellowship Hall
 2:00 PM Osborn H & R Ministry serves at Osborn Health and Rehab
 5:00 PM Desert Bells *Joyful Sound* Handbell Celebration Sanctuary
The CBC family is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy this Christmas Concert (Tickets available on the patio today are free to the CBC family!)
 6:00 PM EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

MONDAY – DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing" Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Community Bible Study Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 22

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch" Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM Elder Prayer Sr. Pastor's Office
 6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsal Choir Room

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 23

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 24 *Christmas Eve*

All Day Office closed

4:00 and 6:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Traditional Candlelight Service

with

Sanctuary Choir

Organist Dr. Guy Whatley – Brass Quintet – Bells

Scripture Readers

Congregational Singing

and

greeting by Dr. Tim Savage

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 25 *Christmas Day*

Wishing you and yours

all the rich blessings of this joyous day of celebration.

Jesus Christ is born!

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 26

9:00 and 10:40 AM Prayer for Worship Services Prayer Room
 9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary

Dr. Tim Savage

WHY SHOULD I?

Part 1

"Why Should I Read the Bible?"

2 Timothy 3:10-17

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 Diakonia Adult Fellowship Class 209
 10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 23 months) 301-304
 10:40 AM Children's Church (24 mo. – gr. 3) 101-103, 201, 203

Music rehearsals and evening prayer will not be held this evening.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU!

The Angel Tree Ministry team wants to extend their heartfelt thank you for the love this church family has poured out through the Angel Tree Ministry: 190 gifts have been donated by members and friends of Camelback Bible Church for Angel Tree children. Because of your generosity, 38 families have been provided with two \$20 Fry's grocery gift cards. Several volunteers brought food to the party for the children and their families on Friday night; volunteers picked up families without transportation to the party; and several people are on call to deliver gifts to the families who did not attend the party.

If you are available to deliver gifts, if needed, please email Nancy Baldwin at johnnandnancy6543@msn.com.

FOR THE CAMELBACK FAMILY! Tickets for the Desert Bells Christmas Concert today at 5:00 PM are available to the CBC family free of charge. See Tom Cook (husband of bell director, Kay Cook) on the patio after church service.

CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY 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](mailto:Carmen.Benford@camelbackbible.org), 480-831-5059, right away!

THIS YEAR, AFTER BOTH OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, we will have cookies and hot chocolate, cider and coffee available on the patio. This will allow people to fellowship together and hopefully visit with visitors. **We need cookies – lots of cookies?** If you are willing bring cookies with you (home-made or store-bought) please email Jeanne Bookhout at jbookhout@camelbackbible.org. Thanks so much for helping make this wonderful celebration even more wonderful!

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER POTLUCK! You are invited to dinner at 1:00 PM on December 25th! This is a potluck and a time to celebrate together the wonder of our Lord's entry into the most humble of circumstances. God's family at Camelback would love to share fellowship and worship on this wonderful day of celebration. Please RSVP by December 23rd. This time we would like to know beforehand what your potluck dish will be. Please call or email [Mardette Hemann](mailto:Mardette.Hemann@camelbackbible.org) at (602-957-1438 or mhemann@cox.net). Guests are welcome. The dinner may be in Fellowship Hall or in a home, depending on the number of people joining in. You will be contacted about which location, if you make an RSVP.

ARIZONA CITYFEST (the sponsoring organization of the *Season of Service* community outreach in which we are currently participating and is leading up to this March event) is looking for a truck to use from January 1 through April 10, 2011. If you have a truck in good condition that is currently not being used we'd love your help. The truck will be used to distribute promotional materials for City Fest being held at Tempe Town Lake, March 19-20, 2011. We will gladly supply insurance and all maintenance costs for the vehicle for the duration. Please call 602-385-0772 or email chad.damewood@palau.org if you have any questions or are able to help.

TELEIOS WINTER/SPRING 2011 IS HERE! Registration is now open – and 19 fantastic classes are being offered. Please pick up a Teleios flyer, detailing all 19 classes beginning mid-January – either at the table on the patio, in the office or online at www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios. We hope you'll take advantage of the great teaching offered here at CBC, season after season. The variety is wide and the purpose is to equip the saints (that's us!). Our growth in Christ enables us to minister more effectively – sharing Christ's love with each other and with our city. To register:

- Stop by our Teleios Booth following either worship service hour. Sign up for the class that best suits you
- OR simply call the church office (602-955-6470), Monday-Friday, from 9:00 to 4:00 PM (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM the week after Christmas.)

WITH A THANKFUL HEART, we praise God for our 30th years of picking grapefruit to be used as Christmas gifts for the Navajo Indian people. Our precious Lord provided sunny weather, fruit from very old trees, safety and a joyous spirit of service. Our 120 helpers included 48 Navajos, 40 students from Camelback High School and members of our church family. We were able to pick 55 trees and boxed 180 fruit boxes. Special kudos to house hostesses [Mardette Hemann](#) and [Barbara Piatt](#) who managed the food and interior traffic flow, while [Heidi Vucurevich](#) managed the picking and boxing in the citrus groves. Praise God for a job well done!

SANCTUARY CHOIR WILL BE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS IN THE NEW YEAR...

After Christmas, the Sanctuary choir will begin preparing for a joint concert with the Southwestern College Chorale that requires a fairly large choir. Pastor Tom encourages members of our church family who have a background in singing, or who want to learn more about singing, to join the choir when rehearsals resume on January 5th. The music is tentatively scheduled to be [Randall Thompson's "Peaceable Kingdom"](#) and short work by Bach. If you have any questions, you may email Pastor Tom at tbookhout@camelbackbible.org.

A YOUNG ADULT SKI TRIP is planned for January 1-5! Come be a part of the annual winter ski retreat to beautiful Durango, Colorado. Pastor Bryce Morgan will be sharing. The cost is approximately \$250-\$300. Email Pastor James Hoxworth ASAP to reserve your spot – hoxworth@camelbackbible.org – Space is limited!

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.)

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 are on sale at the table on the patio** 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](mailto:Tiffany.Auger@camelbackbible.org) (602-748-8551 or tiffanyauger@cox.net) or [Monica McQueen](mailto:Monica.McQueen@camelbackbible.org) (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.

NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR 2011 SPRING FLING! Originally scheduled for April 8-10, Spring Fling has been changed to March 4-6. Please change your calendars!

FAMILY CAMP 2011 OFFERS TWO OPTIONS THIS YEAR: Half Week, July 3-6;

Full Week, July 3-9! Family camp is time well spent with your church family. Grow together in Christ, be refreshed by the Gospel, and be challenged to live out your faith. Please contact Pastor Jason to learn more, doughty@cbcaz.org.

THANK YOU to the approximately 40 people from Camelback, along with a few from the community, who blessed 85 residents in addition to the Osborn Health and Rehabilitation staff with homemade chili, home baked cookies, Jesus' love and caroling! We sang wonderful carols in the hallways, and several people ventured into the rooms to sing with residents and family. Everyone was very appreciative.

One staffer told us that she has been waiting all year for the chili; another resident who had never previously been open to our invitations to attend Worship thanked us for the small wrapped gift we gave all the residents (hygiene items and an ornament), and several people from Camelback were deeply touched about the future opportunity to come back and visit with residents. . . . praise God!

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Financial Need to make budget by end of 4 th Quarter	\$902,488
Actual 4 th Quarter Giving To Date	\$392,910
Needed to make budget by end of 4 th Quarter (Less Reduced Expenses)	\$509,578 (\$100,000)
Remaining Year-end Need	\$409,578
Last Week's Giving	\$57,729