

# INTOUCH

May 8, 2011

*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;*

*give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality . . . [Emphasis ours]*

Romans 12:9-13

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Mothers Day

SUNDAY – MAY 8

6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER  
6:00 PM EXCEL High School will not meet in deference to Mother's Day

MONDAY – MAY 9

7:00 AM **Teleios: Women's Prayer and Bible Study** Family Room  
9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing" Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – MAY 10

6:30 PM Elder Shepherding Monthly Meeting 209  
6:30 PM **Teleios: Managing Our Finances God's Way** Library (205)  
6:45 PM **GriefShare "Heaven"** Family Room

WEDNESDAY – MAY 11

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch" Fellowship Hall  
5:30 PM EXCEL 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Dinner 209  
6:45 PM EXCEL Junior High Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM EXCEL High School Small Groups meeting in homes

THURSDAY – MAY 12

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil" Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Young Adults Ministry Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – MAY 13

9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off" Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY – MAY 14

10:30 AM Messianic Bible Studies 209

SUNDAY – MAY 15

9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
Dr. Tim Savage  
KNOWING CHRIST

#### "What Gospel Life Looks Like"

Philippians 1:19-30

9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304  
9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (19 months – gr. 3) 101-103, 201, 203  
9:00 AM Adult Fellowship Classes 208, 209  
9:00 AM **Teleios: Six Steps to Encouragement** Library (205)  
10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304  
10:40 AM Children's Church (19 months – gr. 3) 101-103, 201, 203  
10:40 AM **Teleios: Crown Study – God Provides** Family Room  
10:40 AM **Teleios: The Reason For God** 207

12:30 PM **BIBLICAL CONCERT** Sanctuary

**David Britton, Bass Soloist**

accompanied by Guy Whatley and presenting a brief concert of  
*Italian Songs and Arias*

12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meets in Fellowship Hall  
2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry serves at Osborn Health & Rehab  
6:00 PM EXCEL High School 208209

6:30 PM **DESSERT POTLUCK** Fellowship Hall  
**with guest Chad Gestson, Principal of Camelback High School**

We are so looking forward to this time of fellowship, discussion and prayer with Dr. Chad Gestson, as he shares his heart for his school, and we consider how we might partner with him, continuing our outreach to the Camelback High School community and beyond.

Along with prayer for this remarkable opportunity to serve in our world as Christ served in His, we'll be in prayer for our summer outreaches – Vacation Bible School and Summer Camps specifically.

(See the back of the IN TOUCH for more details)

"The subject of hospitality often stirs up fear in people's minds. It raises many uncomfortable questions. When most Christians hear about their responsibility to practice hospitality, they can think up an amazing number of creative excuses to explain why they cannot be hospitable. Yet Christians are commanded to practice hospitality. In *Testaments of Love*, one of the finest scholarly studies on the biblical doctrine of love, Dr. Leon Morris, former principal of Ridley College, in Melbourne, Australia, states, 'Hospitality was evidently rated highly, as seems obvious by the number of exhortations to engage in it.'<sup>1</sup> I am convinced that only by studying the living, breathing, life-change Word of God can we find hope for overcoming our fears, excuses, and apathy regarding hospitality. Only the power of the Word and the Spirit can convince us that hospitality is to be an essential part of healthy Christian living and can move us to act.

"Paul mandates the practice of hospitality to Christians in Rome: 'contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality' (Romans 12:13). To fully appreciate the significance of this brief exhortation, we must explore the larger context in which it appears, which begins in Romans 12:1, 2. Here, Paul urges Christians to present themselves to God as living sacrifices who are not conformed to this evil world but are transformed by a godly mind that knows God's will:

*I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

"Immediately following these challenging verses of personal dedication, Paul gives specific exhortations that explain what it means in practical, everyday life to have a renewed mind and to live in conformity to God's will.

"First, Paul talks about humility and the exercise of spiritual gifts (vs. 3-8). Next he gives a series of short, imperative commands that are headed by the theme of love: 'Let love be without hypocrisy.... Be devoted to one another in brotherly love' (vs. 9, 10a). Biblical commentator, Charles E. B. Cranfield, suggests that a caption for verses 9-13 could be 'love in action' or 'the marks of love.'<sup>2</sup> So, the exhortation to practice hospitality appears within the context of love and sacrificial Christian living. Love and hospitality always go together.

"As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are to be a close-knit family. We are to be together, love one another, and care for one another. We cannot do this when our doors are closed. Hospitality, then, is a beautiful expression of our transformed lives being offered wholly to God. Furthermore, let us not overlook the fact that verses 9-13 are Spirit-given commands that every Christian in every culture is to practice. The New Testament does not suggest that only certain people or certain cultures have the ability to show hospitality. Rather, it portrays hospitality as an essential part of brotherly and sisterly love and Christian community. Since we are commanded to love one another as Christ loved us, we should not be surprised to find a New Testament command to practice hospitality. It is something all Christians should do in obedience to God. Helga Henry, the wife of writer and theologian Carl F. H. Henry, forcefully expresses this point: 'Christian hospitality is a matter of obedience to God.'<sup>3</sup>

"Brothers and sisters, allow me to ask you the following questions. Do you eagerly pursue opportunities to practice hospitality, or is it something you do only on holidays and during special events? Do you understand the important role that hospitality has within the Christian community? Do you see the relationship between brotherly love and hospitality? Beloved, only when we understand that the Spirit of God commands us to practice hospitality will we be adequately motivated to sacrificially open our homes to others."

<sup>1</sup> Leon Morris, *Testaments of Love* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981), p. 46.

<sup>2</sup> C.E.B. Cranfield, *Romans: A Shorter Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985), p.308

<sup>3</sup> Quoted from V.A. Hall, *Be My Guest* (Chicago: Moody, 1979), p. 9.

This article is quoted from an outstanding booklet previously made available here at CBC, *The Hospitality Commands*, by Alexander Strauch, (Littleton: Lewis and Roth Publishers, 1993), pp. 32-35.

**AND HERE'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY!**

Sixty-five young women, members of the California Baptist University's Women's Choir (Riverside, California) are in need of overnight housing on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The choir will bring their gift of music to both services on Sunday and present a concert at 2:00 PM that afternoon.

As they share their offerings with us may we share our homes with them. Obviously, **many homes are needed for this overnight stay!** The stay will be from Saturday evening to Sunday morning and involve only a light evening snack and light morning breakfast.

**PLEASE contact Tammie Valencia in the church office ASAP.** We need to stay on top of this early on so we are prepared when May 21<sup>st</sup> arrives. Thank you!

**CAMELBACK HIGH SCHOOL FOOD BANK  
May 8 and 15, 2011**

Give generously and reach out to Camelback High School one more time this Spring!

One of our Home Community Groups is taking on the responsibility of keeping the food bank at Camelback High well-stocked. Today, May 8<sup>th</sup>, after both services, come by the ministry booth and pick up a bag to fill up and return next Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! Here are the needs (in normal grocery store sizes, please, not bulk size):

Canned Fruit	Rice (Brown or White in plastic bags)
Baby Food	Pasta
Saltine Crackers	Ziploc Bags (quart size)

Please return your filled bag next Sunday before the service you attend. See the CBC trailer parked by the Sanctuary.

**SYMPATHY** is extended from the CBC family to several within the church family whose personal families here on earth have been diminished by the homegoing of one of their own: John "Jack" Dawson, the beloved 95 year-old grandfather of Gary Klint, left this life for his eternal life on April 2<sup>nd</sup>; Earl Roth, father of Steve Roth, entered the presence of the Lord on April 26<sup>th</sup>; and John Wipf, father of Paulette Stravitz, said goodbye to this world and joined the Lord in heaven on April 27<sup>th</sup>. May the comfort of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with these dear brothers and sister and their families.

**SYMPATHY** is extended as well to Pastor Tim Savage, his mother, Betty, and all of their family at the recent passing of his maternal grandfather, Alfred LeRoy Nelson (Roy). In Tim's own words: "Granddad Nelson, born in 1905, loved Jesus with all his heart and all his life, imparting to us immense intellectual wisdom, showing us you could think deeply and be a Christian, and even a better Christian." With the Savage family, we thank God for the long, Christ-loving life and example of this man.

**2011 CBC DIRECTORY IS HERE!** Be sure and take a moment to pick up a new CBC directory for your family! It's compact for your "take-along" convenience – and available in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center. You may also pick up a copy at the church office between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

**WELCOME NEW 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!** You and your parents are invited to a pizza dinner to hear students and youth staff share about EXCEL Student Ministry. Come on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> for dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 PM in Room 209. Following dinner, join us in Fellowship Hall for EXCEL Small Groups from 6:45 to 8:15 PM. Please RSVP by tomorrow, May 9<sup>th</sup>, by calling the church, 602-955-6370.

**EXCEL STUDENTS:** Please visit the EXCEL booth on the patio and pick up information about Summer Camp at Forest Home, June 19-24. The last day to register is May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!** We will be honoring you and praising God for His work in your lives on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, in both services. Please complete your information form (sent to you by email) and email it back to [gina@camelbackbible.org](mailto:gina@camelbackbible.org) as soon as possible so your information can be included in a special bulletin insert.

**DAVID BRITTON (BASS)** will minister to us in a **BIBLICAL CONCERT** directly after the 10:40 service next Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary. David sang the bass solos in our Sanctuary choir's presentation of Handel's Messiah in December of 2009. He will be singing a concert of Italian songs and arias, and will be accompanied by Guy Whatley. Invite others to join you – for church and concert!

**MEET CHAD GESTSON, Principal of Camelback High School for a dessert potluck, discussion, and prayer!** Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we have the opportunity to hear from Dr. Chad Gestson in the morning service as well as hear his heart for his school that evening. At 6:30 PM we will have dessert and discussion with Dr. Gestson and hear how together we can address the problems facing his school and partner with him to help bring Christ to our City in this tangible way! We will close the evening by praying as a family to ask His blessing to further our outreach into our city and pray for our various summer outreaches as well. **RSVP to Pastor James at: [hoxworth@camelbackbible.org](mailto:hoxworth@camelbackbible.org) BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE!**

**SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"  
Sunday, May 15 – August 7, 2011, 9:00 AM**

Through prayer, God reveals our sinful hearts, makes His will known, discloses His kingdom purposes, and reveals Himself to His children. Join us this summer as we study, in each of the following options, The Lord's Prayer as a model for our prayers.



**Participation Options:**

- **Children's Classes – Age 4-KG (Rm. 201) & Grade 1-3 (Rm. 203)**
- **Intergenerational Class (Rm. 207)** – for families, couples, singles & everyone, age 4-104. Registration required.
- **Home Study** – using the Family Devotional Guide for "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

Go to [www.cbcaz.org/summerdiscipleshipfocus](http://www.cbcaz.org/summerdiscipleshipfocus) to learn more, register for the Intergenerational Class, or to purchase a Family Devotional Guide.

**PEACEMAKERS: BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR HANDLING CONFLICT**, taught by Mike and Cindy Bailey, is scheduled to take place on Sundays, 9:00 to 10:30 AM, June 12 – August 7, in the Library (205). God's Word says much about how to view and handle conflict in a way that brings honor to God and serves others. This class is designed to explore and then apply God's truths to the very present conflicts in our lives. Through discussion format, participants will be able to hone their understanding of passages related to conflict management, and then be challenged to apply these principles to situations that they or others they know currently confront. You may register by calling the church office during business hours.

**TWO OF OUR OWN ARE CURRENTLY IN AFRICA!** Both Bob Schill and Paul Bell are serving the Lord there, each in their own unique way. Bob, a "retired" architect travels extensively in Africa providing his expertise and architectural services to a variety of Christian schools, churches, and ministries. Paul, a recent college graduate, is in the year-long process of traveling around the world ministering in the name of Christ. Both of these men would covet your prayers – for their continuing health, travel safety and, most importantly, their use by God in His Kingdom work.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL . . . SUMMER SEAQUEST . . . JUNE 6-10, 2011**

The hours will be 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Monday-Thursday), 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Friday) immediately followed by the Closing Program and Family Festival! Set sail with us on a life-changing VBS voyage! Each action-packed day includes skits, contests, Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, games, snacks and much more! The age range is from 4 yrs to gr. 5 (children must be age 4 by Sept. 1, 2011 and grade levels are for the current school year, 2010-2011). Cost is \$20/child, \$40 maximum/family, and \$7/T-shirt. Fliers available at the Welcome Center. Register at [www.cbcaz.org/vbs](http://www.cbcaz.org/vbs). *Space is limited. Deadline to register is Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**MUSIC JAMBOREE 2011** is coming in July! Sponsored by Desert Bells and CBC, this training camp provides general music instruction with specific application in the playing of bells and percussion. Open to 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, it will be held July 11-15, 18-22 here at CBC. Registration forms are available in the church office.

**CBC GIVING TO DATE, 2011**

<b>Budgeted Need for May 2011</b>	\$128,847.00
Last Week's Giving	\$ 26,891.00
May Giving to Date	\$ 26,891.00
Remaining Need for May 2011	\$ 99,956.00