

INTOUCH

October 25, 2009

Our Lord's Resurrection Power

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 25 REFORMATION SUNDAY

12:15 PM	EXCEL Parent Summit	Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM	Phoenix Chorale Concert <i>"MODERN MASTERS"</i>	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	New Song Choir (4 th -9 th Grade)	206
	Campanitas Bells (K-3 rd Grade)	207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir (K-3 rd Grade)	206
	Bell Canto Bells (4 th -6 th Grade)	207
	CBC Ringers (7 th -12 th Grade)	208
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	208
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library

MONDAY – OCTOBER 26

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Turbo Blast"</i>	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Teleios: <i>"Biblical Financial Study"</i> (Crown)	The Bonetto's
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	205-207, 209 & Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 27

7:00 AM	Teleios Women's Prayer/Study: <i>John 2:12-25</i>	Library
9:00 AM	Teleios Women's Precept Study in <i>Colossians</i>	207
9:15 AM	Teleios: <i>"Say Goodbye to Whining...."</i>	206
9:15 AM	Teleios Women's Study: <i>"The Apostle's Creed"</i>	Library
6:30 PM	Elder Board	Library
6:45 PM	Teleios: GriefShare Seminar/Support Group	209

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 28

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
	<i>An Evening of Outreach – An Alternative to Halloween</i>	
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	Teleios: <i>"Say Goodbye to Whining...."</i>	Library

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 29

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Cirque Du Soleil"</i>	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	College & 20-Somethings Ministry (dinner/study)	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Teleios: <i>"Memory and Scripture"</i>	Library

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 30

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – <i>"Dance It Off"</i>	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	Phoenix Chamber Music Society Concert <i>The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center</i>	Sanctuary

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP Dr. Tim Savage <i>and celebrating God's grace in Communion and Baptism</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>"Charity and Its Fruits"</i>	207
9:00 AM	Teleios (Women): <i>"Delighting in Your Calling"</i>	205
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
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehab
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	Sunday Evening Prayer	Library
6:00 PM	Discovery II – Session One	Fellowship Hall

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." At the risk of repeating myself; I should like to begin this head [section] by asking you to remember last Sabbath morning's sermon, when we went to Gethsemane, and bowed our spirits in the shade of those grey olives, at the sight of the bloody sweat. What a contrast between that and this! There you have the weakness of man, the bowing, the prostrating, the crushing of the manhood of the Mediator; but here you see the strength of the God-man:—he is girt with omnipotence, though still on earth when he spoke these words he had received a privilege, honor, glory, fullness and power which lifted him far above the sons of men. He was, as Mediator, no more a sufferer, but a sovereign; no more a victim, but a victor; no more a servant, but the monarch of earth and heaven. Yet he had never received such power if he had not endured such weakness. All power had never been given to the Mediator if all comfort had not been taken away. He stooped to conquer. The way to his throne was downward. Mounting upon steps of ivory, Solomon ascended to his throne of gold; but Our Lord and Master descended that he might ascend, and went down into the awful deeps of agony unutterable that all power in heaven and earth might belong to him as our Redeemer and Covenant Head.

Now think a moment of these words, *"all power."* Jesus Christ has given to him by his Father, as a consequence of his death, *"all power."* It is but another way of saying that the Mediator possesses omnipotence, for omnipotence is but the Latin of *"all power."* What mind shall conceive, what tongue shall set in order before you, the meaning of all power? We cannot grasp it; it is high, we cannot attain unto it. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. The power of self-existence, the power of creation, the power of sustaining that which is made, the power of fashioning and destroying, the power of opening and shutting, of overthrowing or establishing, of killing and making alive, the power to pardon and to condemn, to give and to withhold, to decree and to fulfill, to be, in a word, *"head over all things to his church,"*—all this is vested in Jesus Christ our Lord. We might as well attempt to describe infinity, or map the boundless as to tell what *"all power"* must mean; but whatever it is, it is all given to our Lord, all lodged in those hands which once were fastened to the wood of shame, all left with that heart which was pierced with the spear, all placed as a crown upon that head which was surrounded with a coronet of thorns. ...

Since all power on earth is lodged in Christ's hands, he can also clothe any and all of his servants with a sacred might, by which their hands shall be sufficient for them in their high calling. Without bringing them forth into the front ranks he can make them occupy their appointed stations till he comes, girt with a power which shall make them useful. ***My brother, the Lord Jesus can make you eminently prosperous in the sphere in which he has placed you; my sister, your Lord can bless the little children who gather at your knee through your means. You are very feeble, and you know it, but there is no reason why you should not be strong in him.*** If you look to the strong for strength he can endue you with power from on high, and say to you as to Gideon, *"Go in this thy might."* Your slowness of speech need not disqualify you, for he will be with your mouth as with Moses. Your want of culture need not hinder you, for Shamgar with his oxgoad smote the Philistines, and Amos, the prophet, was a herdsman. Like Paul, your personal presence may be despised as weak, and your speech as contemptible, but yet like him you may learn to glory in infirmity, because the power of God doth rest upon you. Ye are not straitened in the Lord, but in yourselves, if straitened at all. You may be as dry as Aaron's rod, but he can make you bud and blossom, and bring forth fruit. You may be nearly empty as the widow's cruse, yet will he cause you still to overflow towards his saints. You may feel yourself to be as near sinking as Peter amid the waves, yet will he keep you from your fears. You may be as unsuccessful as the disciples who had toiled all night and taken nothing, yet he can fill your boat till it can hold no more. No man knows what the Lord can make of him, nor what he may do by him, only this we do know assuredly that *"all power"* is with him by whom we were redeemed, and to whom we belong. Oh, believers, resort ye to your Lord, to receive out of his fullness grace for grace. Because of this power we believe that if Jesus willed he could stir the whole church at once to the utmost energy. Does she sleep? His voice can awaken her. Does she restrain prayer? His grace can stimulate her to devotion. Has she grown unbelieving? He can restore her ancient faith. Does she turn her back in the day of battle, troubled with skepticisms and doubts? He can restore her unwavering confidence in the gospel, and make her valiant until all her sons shall be heroes of the faith and put to flight the armies of the aliens. Let us believe, and we shall see the glory of God. Let us believe, I say, and once again our conquering days shall come, when one shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight. ***Never despair for the church; be anxious for her, and turn your anxiety into prayer, but be hopeful evermore, for her Redeemer is mighty and will stir up his strength. "The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."*** Degenerate as we are, there standeth one among us whom the world seeth not, whose shoe's latchet we are not worthy to unloose: he shall again baptize us with the Holy Ghost and with fire, for *"all power is given unto him."*



Good Shepherd Community Church's first worship service in their yet to be completed sanctuary!

Greetings from Kigali.

I trust you are all well and our God continues to bless your efforts as you continue to serve Him. We are so grateful to our God for giving us a foretaste of what it will be like in the new sanctuary. My messages were centered on the building the temple, 1 Kings 5:5. On 18 October 2009, first and foremost, 16 people gave their lives to Christ!!!! Praise God! We all assembled in the church we are building, under the balcony. We intended to let people see what we are doing. Our choirs sang there and many people gave their testimonies of the goodness of God. One, a blind man and a pastor, gave a wonderful testimony. Many people came to this service. People gave cash, \$1200, and many pledges, which was over eight thousand dollars. Keep praying for us and this building project. We appreciate you so much.

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BAPTISM is scheduled for next Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Sunday. If God is calling you to take this important step of obedience and blessing, please **call the office by tomorrow**. We'll need to schedule a pastoral appointment by Thursday.

DISCOVERY I AND II will both be held next week, Sunday, November 1. **Discovery I**, our monthly introduction to God's strategic role for the local church will be held in the Library at 9:00 AM. All are welcome, newcomers especially. **Discovery II**, a four-week series of classes (November 1, 8, 15, and 22) prepares attendees for the joys of membership and is held at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. If having attended a Discovery I session, you are interested in Discovery II, please call the office by tomorrow, Monday, October 26th. Thank you.

HELP AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE is needed for organizing and pricing donations. Camelback Bible Church women are invited to help out this Friday, October 30th, any time between 9 AM and 4 PM. Bring a friend and join in the fellowship! Neighborhood Ministries: 1918 WEST Van Buren. Any questions? Contact Julie Urig at 602-370-7185 or julieurig@cox.net. Thank you!
Matthew 25:40: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Women's Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 5, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

"At Peace"

"Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:50

Ladies, mark your calendars for our CBC Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5th. Please plan to bring your friends and join us for this wonderful outreach event, where Christ will be glorified and lives changed. Tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, November 8th. We are planning a special time of food, fellowship, worship, and a Christmas message from our own Lesli Savage. Tickets are \$5, with scholarships available for those who would otherwise be unable to attend. We will be serving a buffet style brunch again this year, with reserved seating available for those with physical needs.

We are looking for willing hands to help with the morning. If you would like to help prepare food the day before the event, please contact Marlene Delnoce at 480-994-3041 or mcrip@aol.com. Christmas cookies homemade by the CBC ladies were a highlight of last year's brunch! Contact Marlene if you would like to make cookies.

Contributions to help with the costs of the morning would be appreciated. Please consider a donation in addition to your normal giving. Questions? Call Nancy Whalen at 602-677-5263 or email her at ncwhalen@cox.net.

PRAYING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION Monthly Prayers for our Children

November's Theme: *Life Transformation*

Father, may our children know true transformation. May they gaze into the face of Christ and be changed into His image. Grant them grace to put off the old self and to put on the new. Continually renew their minds as a safeguard against conforming to the world, and as a pathway to true life.

2 Corinthians 3:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:29, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 4:22-24.

ELDER DOUG WHITE is asking God for His provision of someone to come alongside and help with the needs in regards to Sunday morning baptisms. Might you be God's provision for aiding in this ministry? Please call Doug at 602-952-2502 or email him at ashpenaz@cox.net. May God provide!

S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! COFFEE will be held on Saturday, November 7th, at 10:30 AM in the Library. Bill Weldon, who chairs the Camelback Bible Church Board of Elders and the Missions Committee, will be our featured guest. Join us for this wonderful informal opportunity to learn more about the board and committee he chairs, as well as an opportunity to hear Bill's personal testimony. A light brunch will be served.

HARVEST SUNDAY is on November 22nd and we need 1 to 2 people to decorate our Harvest Table. Decorating would need to be done on Saturday, November 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.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING and we the body of Christ desire that our Christian hospitality reach out and embrace all within our CBC family who might benefit from our loving inclusion at this time of year. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord, and our Lord instructs us with these words: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love: give preference to one another in honor; ...contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality" (Rom. 12:10-13). Families, couples, Small Group Fellowships, plan now to include those in our body who wouldn't have, but would love to have, holiday fellowship. To facilitate your gracious hospitality, we ask you sign up at the Welcome Center in the next two weeks that we might create a rich pool of holiday hosts from which to draw as needs are made known. Thank you!

PARENTS: DO YOU HAVE YOUR CHILD SAFE ID CARD? Please don't forget to present the card when picking up your children, Age 4 – Grade 3, from their Sunday morning classes. Not only does this ensure that our CBC children are released to the proper adult but it also shows our visitors that we care very much about the safety of children here at CBC. **If you have misplaced or have never received your Child SAFE ID Card, please contact Renee Zuck IMMEDIATELY at 602-95-6370, ext. 106 or renee@camelbackbible.org.** Renee will mail 2 cards per family. In the meantime families may obtain a temporary ID card in their child's classroom or at the Welcome Center. Thank you so much for doing your part to keep our CBC kids safe. (Note: children, Age 0-3, we use a classroom tag system.)

TRAINING WORKSHOP – Part 1: Dependence upon God in Prayer, Sunday, November 8, 9:00-10:15 AM, Fellowship Hall, presented by Meredith Bentley (Director of Children's Church). **All LOGOS and Children's Church staff are encouraged to attend.** We can do so much in our lives and ministry without God can't we – don't we? How long would it take us to notice if the Spirit has left us on our own? Has He? There is a necessary connection between our felt dependency upon God and our pursuit of God in prayer. This workshop is intended to cultivate your thirst for dependence upon God and to express that thirst in prayer as you meditate upon Scripture. (This is Part 1 of a 2-part series. Part 2 will take place after Christmas, date TBD). **Please RSVP to Meredith at meredith.bentley@cox.net or 480-951-0000 no later than Wednesday November 4th.** Thank you.

OUR CBC BABYSITTER LIST will be prepared and ready for distribution to those CBC members and/or CCS families who would like one. If you want to be on this list, please email Julie Shumate right away: Julie@camelbackbible.org.

CBC GIVING UPDATE

Fourth Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Giving Need	\$ 795,679
Fourth Quarter Giving to Date	\$ 91,577
Remaining Need	\$ 704,102
Last Week's Giving	\$ 35,419