

INTOUCH

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A story of how one's light might shine in the simplest, least expected ways!

The Song That Silenced The Cappuccino Machine

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.

Matthew 10:29

It was chilly in Manhattan but warm inside the Starbucks shop on 51st Street and Broadway, just a skip up from Times Square. Early November weather in New York City holds only the slightest hint of the bitter chill of late December and January, but it's enough to send the masses crowding indoors to vie for available space and warmth. For a musician, it's the most lucrative Starbucks location in the world, I'm told, and consequently, the tips can be substantial if you play your tunes right.

Apparently, we were striking all the right chords that night, because our basket was almost overflowing. It was a fun, low-pressure gig – I was playing keyboard and singing backup for my friend who also added rhythm with an arsenal of percussion instruments. We mostly did pop songs from the '40s to the '90s with a few original tunes thrown in. During our emotional rendition of the classic, "If You Don't Know Me By Now," I noticed a lady sitting in one of the lounge chairs across from me. She was swaying to the beat and singing along.

After the tune was over, she approached me. "I apologize for singing along on that song. Did it bother you?" she asked.

"No," I replied. "We love it when the audience joins in. Would you like to sing up front on the next selection?" To my delight, she accepted my invitation. "You choose," I said. "What are you in the mood to sing?"

"Well... do you know any hymns?" Hymns? This woman didn't know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. Before I was even born, I was going to church. I gave our guest singer a knowing look. "Name one."

"Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one."

"Okay," I replied. "How about 'His Eye is on the Sparrow'?"

My new friend was silent, her eyes averted. Then she fixed her eyes on mine again and said, "Yeah. Let's do that one." She slowly nodded her head, put down her purse, straightened her jacket and faced the center of the shop. With my two-bar set-up, she began to sing.

"Why should I be discouraged? Why should the shadows come?" The audience of coffee drinkers was transfixed. Even the gurgling noises of the cappuccino machine ceased as the employees stopped what they were doing to listen. The song rose to its conclusion. "I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

When the last note was sung, the applause crescendo rose to a deafening roar that would have rivaled a sold-out crowd at Carnegie Hall. Embarrassed, the woman tried to shout over the din, "Oh, y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come in here to do a concert! I just came in here to get somethin' to drink, just like you!" But the ovation continued... I embraced my new friend. "You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!"

"Well, it's funny that you picked that particular hymn," she said.

"Why is that?"

"Well..." She hesitated again, "that was my daughter's favorite song." "Really!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," she said, and then grabbed my hands. By this time, the applause had subsided and it was business as usual. "She was 16. She died of a brain tumor last week."

I said the first thing that found its way through my stunned silence. "Are you going to be okay?"

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 28

4:00 PM	New Song Singers & 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	Teleios: <i>Discovery III, Finding your place of ministry...</i>	209
6:00 PM	Child SAFE Class	206
6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Prayer with special guests!	Fellowship Hall

CBC missionary Francois Piccard with SEMBEQ in Quebec and Dick and Jeanice Conner with New Tribes Mission in Mongolia

MONDAY – MARCH 1

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Turbo Blast"	Fellowship Hall
5-8:30 PM	EXCEL serving Neighborhood Ministries	Meet here at CBC
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	F. Hall, 201, 206-207, 209
7:00 PM	EXCEL Staff Meeting	The Pinalto's home

TUESDAY – MARCH 2

7:00 AM	Teleios Women's Prayer/Study (not meeting) (Taking a two week break; meet again on March 9 th)	205
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>	205
6-8:00 PM	9 AM Worship Team practice	Sanctuary
6:45 PM	Teleios: <i>GriefShare – "Your Family and Grief"</i>	209

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 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>	205

THURSDAY – MARCH 4

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	College & 20-Somethings Dinner & Study	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Teleios: <i>How People Change</i>	209

FRIDAY – MARCH 5

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

9:00 AM	CBC Creatives Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! Coffee/Light Brunch	207
with guests Dick and Jeanice Conner, with New Tribes Mission in Mongolia Theirs is a unique ministry in a fascinating country!		

SUNDAY – MARCH 7

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
Pastor Bill Pinalto		

WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM MY TIME AT CAMELBACK BIBLE CHURCH

"What Does It Mean To Be 'God-Glorifying'?"

Genesis 1:27-28, 11:1-9, 12:1-3

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>Lies Women Believe...</i>	Pastor Tim's Office
9:00 AM	Discovery I	205
10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo – grade 6)	101-104, 201, 203, 206
10:40 AM	EXCEL (Jr. High and High School)	Fellowship Hall
10:40 AM	Teleios: <i>Six Steps to Talking About Jesus</i>	208
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry meets	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry serves	Osborn Health & Rehabilitation
4:00 PM	New Song Singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir, Bell Canto Bells & CBC Ringers	206, 207, 208
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6:00 PM	SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER	205

She smiled through tear-filled eyes and squeezed my hands. "I'm gonna be okay. I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing his songs, and everything's gonna be just fine." She picked up her bag, gave me her card, and then she was gone. Was it just a coincidence that we happened to be singing in that particular coffee shop on that particular November night? Coincidence that this wonderful lady just happened to walk into that particular shop? Coincidence that of all the hymns to choose from, I just happened to pick the very hymn that was the favorite of her daughter, who had died just the week before? I refuse to believe it. God has been arranging encounters in human history since the beginning of time, and it's no stretch for me to imagine that he could reach into a coffee shop in midtown Manhattan and turn an ordinary gig into a revival. It was a great reminder that if we keep trusting him and singing his songs, everything's gonna be okay.

This story was forwarded to us by one of our church family via email. It provides an encouragement to us all: that God-arranged encounters come to us in our daily walks as we live our lives in Christ and simply let His light shine through us.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended from the CBC family to Rick and Prisilla Huisman on the birth February 23rd of their fifth son, Obadiah Duke. We celebrate this new addition to the Huisman family and welcome him into the Camelback family!

DEAR CBC FAMILY, How can I possibly express my appreciation to each one of you for your faithful prayers and sweet expressions of loving kindness on behalf of my dad and me during the past three months!? Please praise God, now, with us, on the precious home going of my dear father, Charles Gray, on February 6th. He is finally Home – free of life's struggles and enjoying the awesome presence of our Lord Jesus – face to face!!! How we miss him! But, oh, how much more we rejoice! Praise God for His unfailing love and grace that renews me daily. Please continue to pray for Anita and me as we travel back to Illinois in March, for a final memorial service and burial.
In His love, Joy Bauerlein

EXCEL STUDENTS – DARE 2 SHARE – BLAZE, March 5-6, 2010, meet at CBC. The cost is \$50 and the **Deadline for registration is March 3rd**. Drawing from Isaiah 6:1-8, you will be equipped to encounter God in a powerful way, and will be transformed by: **The Fire That Burns (God's Glory), The Fire That Destroys (God's Justice), The Fire That Purifies (God's Mercy), and The Fire That Rages (God's Love)**. There are part of the event, as well as others, will be Greg Stier, Zane Black, Starfield, Propaganda and DJ Promote. Register by clicking on www.cbcaz.org/excel: download and fill out the "Flyer & Waiver (Dare 2 Share 2010)" and bring it with your payment to EXCEL on Sundays or Wednesdays, or mail to or drop off in the church office.

New Classes to Start Soon

Details and brief descriptions are available at the Welcome Center, in the office, and on line at www.cbcaz.org/teleios Signing up for any class is as easy as calling the church office, 601-955-6370, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

"Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free" (for women only) Sundays, March 7 – May 2, 9:00 AM hour, Room 205 . . . During this class, we will confront some of the lies Christian women have commonly believed about God, themselves, sin, their marriages, emotions, children, priorities and circumstances. As we open the scriptures together, God's truth confronts each lie and sets us free. Contact Beccy Jones, 602-509-7724, or beccy@camelbackbible.org.

"How People Change" Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, March 4 – 25, Room 209 What does it take for lasting change? If you've ever tried, failed and wondered why, you need to attend this workshop. This course explains the biblical pattern for change in a clear, practical way you can apply to the challenges in life. You will see how God is at work to transform your heart and make you into the person you were created to be and how you can help others do the same. Led by Fred Roh.

"Six Steps to Reading Your Bible" Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 PM, March 11 – April 22, Church Library . . . Whatever your current Bible reading habits and level of knowledge and confidence, this 6-week course will help you make progress in getting into your Bible and help you on the road to establishing a new and more enjoyable Bible reading habit. Led by Gordon Donaldson.

"Bing Salt and Light in Contemporary America" Sundays, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, March 14 – April 22, Room 207 . . . As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to be salt and light in the world around us. That world, however, is rapidly changing, and we need to understand it if we are to be effective witnesses. This 6-week course will investigate the implications for Christian outreach arising from modern American culture in light of foundational biblical concepts regarding evangelism. Offered before at 10:40 AM; offered now at 9:00 AM! Led by Malcolm Hartnell.

PRAYING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION Monthly Prayers for our Children

March Theme: *Baptism*

Father, may our children come to know early in life the baptism that unites them to Christ and His body. May they fully embrace their death to sin and their being alive to Christ. May they find their identity in and among the people of God, and may they live so as to be Christ's hands, and feet, and voice fulfilling our Lord's agenda for His people.

Romans 6:3-11, Galatians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Acts 2:38-40

S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! COFFEE, Saturday, March 6, 2010, 10:30 AM, Room 207

Dick and Jeanice Conner, a delightful couple with a fascinating ministry to Mongolia, will be featured guests. The Conner's have been visiting their son, Clay, and other family members in the Phoenix area. We hope you will take this opportunity to meet them before they return to their post in Mongolia. Brunch will be served.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS – Sunday, March 14, 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM: United Blood Services will have their Bloodmobile parked on the east side of Fellowship Hall. And, as always, blood donations are needed with reserves in short supply. For information and/or to sign up, contact Kris Pitrat at 602-233-1432 or visit www.Bloodhero.com and use sponsor code: CBC.

A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" goes to all those who have signed up to house students of the Bethel Choir on March 13 and 14 (Saturday and Sunday overnights). **We still have need for several additional homes as backup;** these homes will be needed only if one of the host families is unable to provide housing (illness etc.). These are such great opportunities to extend Christian hospitality and friendship. They will be singing in church on Sunday morning, joining us for our Fellowship Luncheon after 2nd Service, and singing a Concert at 3:00 PM. For more information, please contact Julie Shumate in the church office, 602-955-6370, ext. 112 or julie@camelbackbible.org. **If you can provide extra food for the Fellowship Luncheon on March 14th, please call Christina Watson at 602-628-9203.**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK – Save the Date! Palm Sunday, March 28th, 3:00 PM in the CBC Sanctuary: The Camelback Bible Church Creatives Group will be presenting their dramatic interpretation of the Gospel of Mark at 3:00 PM on Palm Sunday afternoon as part of CBC's Celebration of Holy Week. For those who did not see it when first presented in October, this is a fully-memorized ensemble presentation of the exact ESV text of Mark's entire gospel (with a few sections skipped for time). It offers a new and unique perspective on the familiar stories, teachings, and parables, and especially reminds us of the point of view of the disciples who, for most of Jesus' ministry, just didn't get it! The presentation offers an ideal opportunity for invitations to friends and neighbors, whether church or unchurched, and is appropriate for all ages from K through 100+.

HOLY WEEK NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED . . .

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6:30-8:30 PM (Service starts at 7:00 PM)

Good Friday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 PM (Service starts at 7:00 PM)

Easter Sunday, April 4 (for each/both Services, 9:00 and 10:40 AM)

During our Holy Week at CBC we want to provide a place where parents, **especially visitors**, feel secure about leaving their children. The nursery not only needs to provide a safe, secure and fun place for the children, it needs to stimulate our spirit to serve God by serving the people Jesus wanted around Him, **our children**. These children are a blessing not only to their parents, but to all who serve them. Consider signing up as a family or small group. Please contact Carmen Benford at 480-831-5059 or cbenford4@cox.net if you would like to serve. Thank you; your gift of service will be greatly appreciated!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – "Genesis 1: Space Probe"
June 7-11, 2010, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and on Friday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, followed immediately by a closing program and Family Festival.
Cost: \$20 per child, \$7 per T-Shirt.

Come blast off with us for an awesome adventure into time and space! Our mission will be to seek out the Lord of the Universe, Maker of Heaven and Earth, the Creator God who made each of us and calls us to come to Him! Each action-packed day will be filled with Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, games, snacks, and much more! Friday is our Family Festival with bouncy water slide, carnival games and BBQ. To register, please go to our website at www.cbcaz.org/vbs. Invite friends and register early, the earlier the better!