

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

740 W. University Heights Dr. South
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Sunday Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:45 AM

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"Where People Come Alive!"

CREATED TO PRAISE

We were created to praise, and when we are *born again*, we are *re-created* to praise. "Why am I here?" We all must have asked that question at times - and if not in those words, in others very similar. The Westminster Confession affirms that the chief end of man is "To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

We were created *by* God and *for* God. Our salvation involves our living out our lives upon the earth in relationship with the living and true God Who has revealed Himself through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, Father, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent." (John 17:3)

Knowing God prompts a lifestyle of praise for God is worthy of our praise. All prayer should begin with a recognition of God's nature. The Lord's Prayer - our model for all praying - begins with "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Praise is that aspect of prayer which vocally esteems God for His virtue and accomplishments. There is an imaginary door to every prayer time with a sign affixed that simply reads "praise." We must always enter prayer through this door. And when prayer moves toward its conclusion we must look for this same door. We begin our prayer by recognizing God's nature, and we end in similar fashion. Jesus taught this when He ended His prayer with the statement, "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen!"

During every day life, through good times and hard times, we acknowledge God's presence and power through praise. The early Christians often experienced persecution and pressures through a hostile environment, but "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Even with such adversity they learned a response of praise to God. "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name." (Hebrews 13:15).

Oxford scholar and Christian apologist C. S. Lewis was mystified by God's commands in the Psalms to praise Him. Lewis wrote in *Reflections on the Psalms*, "Is he some kind of megalomaniac? Commanding us to praise him...who does he think he is? God?" The more Lewis thought about it, he came to the conclusion that "When God commands us to praise Him, He is actually inviting us to enjoy Him." In so doing we are fulfilled by engaging in the reason for which we were created. We were created to praise.

Becoming a people of praise not only enriches our relationship with God, but also with others. Husbands, do you praise your wives? (Proverbs 31) Parents, do you praise your children? (Ephesians 6:4) There is power in praise. "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true...if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things...and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:8-9)

Pastor Bob's Lenten Sermon Series

The Holy Mountain Series

Sunday, February 22nd - "Smoke on the Mountain" (Ten Commandments and New Testament Faith) based on Exodus 20:1-21

Sunday, March 1st - "Joy on the Mountain" (My House Shall be Called a "House of Prayer for All Peoples") based on Isaiah 56:7

Sunday, March 8th - "Fire on the Mountain" (Elijah's power encounter with the prophets of Baal...a sermon about facing our idolatries today) based on 1 Kings 18:16-46

Sunday, March 15th - "The Christ of the Mount" (Christ's kingdom character and lifestyle as described in his Sermon on the Mount) based on Matthew 5:1-16

Sunday, March 22nd - "A Glimpse of Glory on the Majestic Mountain" (Preparing for the Cross of Christ) based on Matthew 17:1-13 and 2 Peter 1:16-18

Sunday, March 29th - (Passion/Palm Sunday) - "Mount Calvary...the Sacred Mountain" (The relevance of the Cross of Christ) based on Matthew 27:45-56

Sunday, April 5th - (Easter Sunday) - "Easter People Sent into the World" (The Risen Christ commissions His Church) based on Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20



FaithWorks Mission Opportunities

Saturday, March 7th
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
"The Olive Branch"
Rimrock, Arizona

The mission team will provide building fix-up, clerical assistance, painting and cleaning. Just one day will make a difference at this Christian ministry to physically and mentally disabled adult men.

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The Truth Project

"Discovering a Biblical, Christian Worldview"

On Monday evenings *The Truth Project* meets at 7:00 p.m. at Frank and Stephanie Stucjus' home at 3692 N. Schevene Blvd. (Upper Greenlaw). For more information call Frank at 600-4171 or Stephanie at 380-7198. "Enlightening." "Illuminating." "Challenging."

Soup n' Scripture

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m., Soup for the Body
12:00 noon, Scripture for the Soul
Join us in the COR Fellowship Hall

John and Cynthia Lovely are leading this small group in studying *Design for Discipleship*. Come over your lunch hour to enjoy delicious soup for your body and the solid food of scripture for your soul. For more information call 774-7589.

Women's Study Group

"What on Earth Am I Here For?"
"Bible Study for Purposeful Living"

This dynamic women's group meets on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. at Janie Stanford's home 1725 E. Mossy Oak Court (Pine Canyon). For more information call Janie at 380-0757. "Clear." "Winsome." "A Challenge to Grow in Christ."

Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 p.m.
Classes will be held in our COR Sanctuary
Childcare provided.

This nine-week Christian financial course is outstanding. Nationally-recognized financial expert Dave Ramsey is a dynamic communicator who gets the point across. He covers Seven Steps to Financial Peace. Consumer common sense. How to get out of debt. Investments. Home mortgages. Saving for your kid's college expenses. Retirement. This is a winner! "Highly motivational!" Sign up online at FinancialPeace-University.com "It is worth the investment!" "Saved our marriage!"

"The Band of Brothers" Men's Prayer Breakfasts

Saturdays, January 31st and February 28th
9:00 - 10:45 a.m. in our COR Fellowship Hall

We gather for good food and good fellowship. Our programs are encouraging words for living for Christ, "the Cause of causes" and helping men grow in their faith. Come and join us. We put the basket out to collect your donation for the breakfast. Volunteers are needed for set up, cooking, and clean up. Sign up on the ministry board today in the Fellowship Hall.

Hosting the Homeless

"Receive a stranger as if he were Christ himself"

Sunday - Saturday, February 1st-14th
Church of the Resurrection Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to chaperone and prepare food for our homeless guests who represent the overflow from the Flagstaff Shelter Services. We work with The Refuge and other sister churches in Flagstaff to provide a "warm and safe refuge from the freezing cold of a Flagstaff winter." Sign up on the ministry board in the Fellowship Hall.



Pre-Valentine's Day Offering for Our Women's Ministry

Saturday, February 7th, COR Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m., Muffins and Juice
9:30-11:30 a.m., Card-Making & Paper-Crafting

Our own Tammy Kelly comes up with these creative ideas. This should be a lot of fun and practical as romantic treasures are created for Valentine's Day on February 14th. Sign up on the ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends!

Hymn-of-the-Month

"It is Well with My Soul"

Words by Horatio G. Spafford and Music by Philip P. Bliss. Presentation on Sunday, February 8th, by Jim and Linda Ellman.

Calling All Middle School and Senior High Students!

Youth Ministry Events in February

We encourage all of our fantastic COR youth and their friends to join us for a **Valentine's Day Dinner** and discussion of the "*Five Love Languages for Youth*" hosted at Pastor Bob & Robin's Fremont house in Cheshire on Saturday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Also, **Indoor Rock Climbing** is coming on Wednesday, February 25th. Call/text Karen Land for all the details (480-688-2098).



Pray for, Support and Encourage

Our SEARCH COMMITTEE for our New Director of Youth & Family Ministries.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room

Those serving on our Search Committee are: Wendy Tappan, Jessica Fitchett, Beth Reed, Misty Warner-Anderson, Patton Swartzfager, Sergio Guerrero, Bill Morse, Ruling Elder Dave Land, and Pastor Bob Norton. Pray for them as they seek to discern who will serve in this new, full-time, paid ministry role. Our plan is to have the new person in place by June of 2015. Let's trust God together.

Ash Wednesday: Beginning a Season of RECONCILIATION

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (this year it falls on February 18th). The Roman Catholic traditions include imposing ashes as a symbol of repentance and "giving up something" for Lent. In our Reformed Tradition, we too, want to prepare for Easter in a meaningful way. However, our focus will be *reconciliation*, a *renovation of the heart* as we ask God to bring healing and wholeness in our relationships.

We'll gather for a special worship service on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in our COR Sanctuary. Pastor Bob will be teaching from God's Word on "*Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve*" and presenting our intentions/prayers for healing of relationships. All are welcome!

FaithWorks Christians in Mission

Mexico Medical Mission Trip
February 19th-22nd

We are delighted to be a part of the FaithWorks family of 26 churches committed to short-term mission projects. Since June of 2000, FaithWorks has sent out 2925 missionaries on 165 mission trips providing medicines, labor & materials valued at \$1,657,162.95! Praise God! And COR will be hosting the FaithWorks' **Arizona Mission Conference**, June 13th! Mark your calendars and plan on attending. Call Alan Purchase (who serves on the FaithWorks Board of Directors) for more information (214-6483).

Small Groups and the Revitalization of the Church

At COR, we believe that "Christians grow best in small groups!" In healthy small groups, we deepen our personal relationships. We nurture our relationship with God studying his word and learning to talk with him through prayer. We deepen our faith and encourage our commitment. The New Testament calls us to community (Acts 2:41-47, Hebrews 10:24-25). History tells the story that when the Church has been strongest small groups have been thriving.

Come and experience small groups at COR! To find a small group for you and your needs, call the church office at 699-2715 or Pastor Bob at 699-7592.

Tax-Credit Contributions

Encouraged for Our Flagstaff Community Christian School

This dollar-for-dollar tax credit is wise stewardship. You either pay this money to the State of Arizona or you can direct it to benefit our Flagstaff Community Christian School. For more information contact our own Kellie Swartzfager, at 214-7380 or email her at kswartzfager@yahoo.com Let's honor the Lord with our resources.

Also, our COR Worship Team will be supporting a **Worship and Outreach Night** at Flagstaff Community Christian School on Friday, February 27th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Three Christian charities will benefit from this event.