

Hymn-of-the-Month

"To God Be the Glory"

Lyrics by Fanny J. Crosby
Music by William H. Doane

On Sunday, March 8th, we will learn about and sing Fanny Crosby's "To God Be the Glory" and also a modern adaptation of this great hymn Andrae Crouch's "My Tribute". Both of these great songs have thrilled the hearts of God's people for years.

An Inspiring Lenten Class for Your Spiritual Growth

"Who Is This Man?"

Five Sessions: Thursday Evenings, starting March 5th, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Christian author and pastor John Ortberg's *Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus* is filled with magnificent insights into the life of Jesus on earth. On the day after Jesus' death, it looked like whatever small mark he left on the world would rapidly disappear. Instead, his impact on human history has been unparalleled. Studying this book together will prepare us for effective witness with our not-yet-Christian friends and neighbors. Purchase your book on Sunday, March 1st, and read a few chapters in preparation for our time together. You'll love this study. It's really good!

Progress Report on Our New Director of Youth & Family Ministry Position

Our Search Committee has met several times and confirmed our Job Description, a Community Profile, a Church Profile, and our Salary Compensation Package. These documents have been distributed to ten educational institutions to be displayed on their "New Job Postings" sites. We are receiving resumes February 23rd through March 23rd and then beginning the review process. Let's be praying for those who will be applying and for discernment for our Search Committee. This is exciting! We hope to have the new person in place in June. Let's bathe this whole process in prayer. May God be honored as we proceed with this major advancement in mission in Flagstaff.

Come Join Us for "Praying Onsite with Insight"

Prayer Walking through Ponderosa Trails

Saturday, March 14th (weather permitting)
Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. for coffee, donuts, & orientation.

Remember and Give Thanks on March 17th

Saint Patrick, Apostle to the Irish
c. 389 – c. 461

Patrick was a great man of God who served as missionary to the Irish and brought many to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Reared as a Christian, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders, spending years in bondage. He escaped through divine intervention and became a priest. Called by God to return to Ireland with the good news, he led thousands to Christ and baptized them and started over 200 schools to teach them the ways of Christ. His Celtic form of Christian life celebrated life and the goodness of God. Some will wear green or drink green beer, but let's honor this man by taking time to bow before God in prayer thanking the Lord for Patrick and the example he set for us all in winning the world to Jesus Christ.



Let's Gather and Beautify Our Church and Property

ALL-CHURCH SPRING CLEANING Day

Saturday, March 21st (weather permitting)
9:00 a.m. with lunch following in the Fellowship Hall

March 20th is the official first day of Spring. So, let's gather and engage in an enjoyable day of cleaning up our church and property in preparation for Easter. We will have lots of guests for Easter worship and we want our beloved church to be neat and tidy. There will be a variety of jobs...something for everybody. Mark your calendar and join in the holy fun!

Joyous Days of Worship

Reception of New Members into our Church of the Resurrection Family

Sundays, March 22nd and 29th

Pastor Bob is meeting with those who would like to unite with the church on either Sunday, March 22nd or Sunday, March 29th (Palm/Passion Sunday). He will be glad to prepare you for this important day in your life. Joining the church involves a commitment to Christ, a commitment to the Church the Body of Christ, and a commitment to the Work of Christ in the World. Our commitment honors God and He delights in honoring those who make their commitment to Christ and His Church. Would you like to take this important step of faith? Call Pastor Bob at 699-7592.

Calling All COR Men and Their Friends!

"The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 28th, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
The Fellowship Hall at Church of the Resurrection

Sign up today for this special event which combines a good breakfast, an opportunity to make new friends, and an encouraging talk to strengthen your relationship with God. Invite others to introduce them to your COR friends.

Special Thanks to Bob & Polly Philpott and Charles Hodgins Upper Room Renovation Project

We are seeing some wonderful improvements to our church facility. The Philpotts and Charles Hodgins are working together adding oak trim in our Fellowship Hall and installing beautiful oak book cases in the Upper Room. These improvements are fully funded by a generous gift from one of our families. With additional gifts eventually we will add oak cabinetry in the Upper Room. Would you like to help?

Visit our Nursery and See the Noah's Ark Mural taking form

Our Special Thanks to one of Our COR Resident Artists Joan Di Fabio

The story of Noah's Ark is one of the many captivating stories in the Bible. Children love seeing the animals gathering to board the ark and the rainbow of hope which has encouraged God's people for centuries. Now, Joan Di Fabio is doing a wonderful rendition of the Noah's Ark through a beautiful mural. Stop in and see the progress week-by-week as the colors are added and the story is told. Thank you Joan!

The People of COR Are Encouraged to Be Good Stewards

Tax Credit Donations to Our Flagstaff Community Christian School

Our State of Arizona encourages tax credit donations. We have families who benefit from our Flagstaff Community Christian School. These funds would either go to paying Arizona State taxes or they can be diverted to FCCS. We believe it is good stewardship to direct these funds to Christian education. For more information, contact FCCS at 522-5968 or pick up a brochure in our COR foyer.

EASTER OUTREACH

We are engaging in several strategies to reach new people for Christ and His Church in this Easter season. First of all, we are distributing an attractive, informative, inviting **Direct Mail** piece to heighten awareness of our church. Using the theme "Would you like to find something more this Easter?" we are sending 5,700 pieces to the postal customers in our nearby neighborhoods. Secondly, we are distributing 100 of "The Case for Easter" **booklets** to our seeker friends and neighbors. Thirdly, our "Who Is This Man?" **class** will stimulate interest among those who are not aware of Jesus and His impact on our world. Finally, we are encouraging Easter worshippers to participate in our new **Resurrection class** following up their attendance with discovering the evidence for the reality and relevance of the Resurrection. Let's reach out with His love together in welcoming and enfolded new persons into the fellowship of His Church.



Mark Your Calendars!

Special "RESURRECTION" Study Group

Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 p.m. "The REALITY of the RESURRECTION"

Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m. "The RELEVANCE of the RESURRECTION"
Meeting in the Upper Room

This short-term, hard-hitting study group will address key issues related to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some ask, "Did the Resurrection actually happen?" Well, let's look at the compelling evidence for this world-changing event in human history. Others might ask, "So what? If Jesus rose from the dead, what possible impact could that have on my life 2,000 years later?" Let's explore together the difference the Resurrection makes on contemporary living. Co-facilitators Shelley Ballard and Pastor Bob Norton will guide the discovery process. Invite your seeker or scoffer friends to join with us. All are welcome.

Coming this Spring!

The Flowering of COR

Phase Three of our Landscape Project with planting in April and May and opportunities to participate.

A Little Gem of Insight

By Evangelist Vance Havner

"Christians, like snowflakes, are frail, but when they stick together they can stop traffic."

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

740 W. University Heights Dr. South
Flagstaff, AZ. 86005

Sunday Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:45 AM

Nursery Provided At Both Services

Church Office Hours

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Monday—Friday

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Church of the RESURRECTION

"Where People Come Alive!"

THE TRIVIALIZATION OF GOD

Many today buy into the dangerous illusion of a manageable deity. The God of the Scriptures is a holy God – terrifying in greatness and utterly awesome in love. This is a God who transcends our understanding and is unknowable except by His own self-disclosure – in creation, through His inspired Word, and most perfectly through His Son, Jesus Christ. But the church has reduced this God of glory to more manageable proportions. We prefer the illusion of a safer deity. We tend to re-fashion God into a more congenial, serviceable god. All generations have struggled with idolatry. We are no different.

One modern-day prophet, Donald McCullough observes, "Visit an average congregation on a Sunday morning and you will likely find a congregation comfortably relating to a deity who fits nicely within precise doctrinal positions, or who lends almighty support to social crusades, or who conforms to individual spiritual experiences. But you will not likely find much awe."

Author Annie Dillard asks, "Why do people in churches seem like cheerful, brainless tourists on a packaged tour of the Absolute?" She continues reflecting, "On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of the conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash hel-

mets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake some day and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return."

Let God be God. God is speaking, revealing Himself. Are we listening? Is our inclination to recreate God in our image so strong that we are trivializing Him? In the New Testament, the writer of Hebrews describes God as "a consuming fire." This divine fire brought life to one of this world's greatest mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers. The *Pensees* of Blaise Pascal is still one of greatest spiritual classics.

A few days after Blaise Pascal's death in 1662, a servant happened to find hidden in the lining of his master's coat a little piece of parchment paper covered with the philosopher's own writing. For eight years Pascal had kept close to himself this testimony of a life-changing encounter with the living and true God:

*In the year of Grace, 1654,
On Monday, 23rd of November,
Feast of St. Clement...*

*From about half past ten in the evening until
about half past twelve*

FIRE

*God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob...
not of the philosophers and scholars
Certitude. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace.
God of Jesus Christ.*

The life-giving FIRE that had consumed Pascal was the redeeming love which blazed forth in Jesus Christ. Who is this God? Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ we too experience the God of the Bible...and His awesome, transforming love.

Casting the Vision! Planning for the Future! DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN

One of our families who believes in doing a thorough job of planning for the future has given the church a generous gift to support a master planning process. We have spoken with architect Tim Whiteside of Johnson & Walzer Associates and talked about moving ahead with conceptual thinking about our future ministry and the kinds of facilities which will be needed. There is much work to do over the next year; however, we will be asking the congregation for your reflections, hopes, and dreams for our ministry in the future. Your input will be much appreciated. The process may begin this spring. We'll keep you informed. Let's be praying that we can dream God's dream for COR in the coming years.

Excelling in *The Grace of Giving* Invitation to Participate in Supporting our COR Mission Fund

In early 2014 one of our families gave \$50,000 to initiate a COR Mission Fund. This remarkable act of generosity has fostered much mission thinking and acting. In the first year, we prayerfully spent \$11,000 in support of various mission projects leaving us with a balance of \$39,000 and we are now inviting others to participate in building this fund. Of course, it is a designated fund which will only be spent in supporting missions. Do **you** have a heart for missions? Then, prayerfully consider this fund. Remember, "The church exists by mission, as fire exists by burning." (Emil Brunner)

Meet Your Staff



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Coming in June! Plan on Attending!

ARIZONA MISSION CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 13th at
Church of the Resurrection,
740 W. University Heights
Dr. South.

FaithWorks is sponsoring this first-ever Arizona Mission Conference. Inspiring worship and informative workshops will fill the day and nurture our zeal for missions. Brochures are out and we encourage the people of COR to pass the word letting the entire community know about this outstanding opportunity.