

Wesley and Julia Holmes

Candidate for Director of Youth & Family Ministry Coming to Visit COR

Our Search Committee has invited Wes and Julia Holmes, from Escondido, California, to visit Flagstaff and COR on **Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd**. Several interviews will be conducted and an introduction to Flagstaff will help acclimate the Holmes to our ministry context.

Wes and Julia will worship with us and be available to meet the congregation on Sunday morning. Don't miss this opportunity! Lord willing, Wes will be graduating from Westminster Seminary in Escondido in May and be available for ministry in June. Julia is a full-time teacher and has wonderful counseling skills. They are newlyweds and we're looking forward to meeting them and discerning God's will regarding youth ministry in Flagstaff. Pray for the Search Committee and Session as they collaborate on making these significant decisions regarding our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry.

THE UPPER ROOM Renovation Project

Matching \$5000 Grant to Encourage Your Gifts

COR members Bob and Polly Philpott with Charles Hodgkin have demonstrated beautiful craftsmanship in the construction of oak bookshelves in the Upper Room. The design of the Upper Room was provided by Fine Home designer Bill King and given as a gift to COR. This plan involves cabinets, bookshelves, a twenty-foot window seat with storage underneath, a small kitchen/snacks area, and a built-in desk for our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry. **One of our families has dedicated a gift of \$5,000 to match any designated gifts coming in to support the Upper Room Renovation Project. In other words, if you give \$100 the donor will also give \$100.** With this matching gift program we anticipate being able to move ahead and complete the project in the coming months. Would you like to help? Call the church office to express your willingness to help or to make arrangements for a donation. Thank you.

"The Book of REVELATION"

Two New Home Bible Studies Coming Soon!

Come and learn about the Victory of God in Human History as we study Revelation in the comfort of two of our Church of the Resurrection homes. Are you interested? Call the church office (928) 699-2715 and get on the list. Locations and dates will be announced in the coming weeks.

Mother's Day and Celebration of the Christian Home

Sunday, May 10th, 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

*"Honor your father and mother"
which is the first commandment with a promise
"that it may go well with you and
that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
Ephesians 6:2-3*

We rejoice in the Lord and His gift of mothers. Mother's Day is always a festive opportunity for us to honor our mothers and focus on the role of mothers in the Christian family. Pastor Bob will be teaching on *"Transforming our Children into Spiritual Champions"* from 2 Timothy 1:3-7 and the worship will be inspiring and uplifting as we celebrate the Christian family. Mother's Day is a wonderful event for inviting your not-yet-Christian family and friends. Flowers will be given and all of our women will be honored. Don't miss this festive, celebrative day!



Hymn-of-the-Month "AMAZING GRACE"

Lyrics by John Newton
Music, Traditional American Melody

It's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was about seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him. He was a prodigal son, but he returned to the Lord and wrote *"Amazing Grace"* as a testimony of God seeking him out and saving him. This journey began with his mother's prayers and loving encouragement. **Come hear the rest of the story on Sunday, May 10th at our 9:00 and 10:45 morning worship services.**

COR Youth Gatherings!

Bring your parents and friends!

Mark your calendar for **"Christian Movie Night"** on **Wednesday, May 27th, from 6:00–8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Let's get together and enjoy a delicious meal and watch an awesome movie! We will have a wonderful time! Stay tuned for more youth socials and excitements!

If you have any questions or if you have any events or activity ideas for our youth, please call Karen Land at 480-688-2098.

The FLOWERING of COR

Phase Three of Our Landscaping Project
Adorning the Lord's House of Prayer with
Beauty and Color!

Church of the Resurrection is partnering with Warner's Nursery to plant ornamental grasses and flowers to beautify our church property. As the Spring warms the earth our property will be a blaze with texture and color. Our God is a God of beauty and rejoices in the diversity and vibrant colors of the earth. Would you like to help fund "The Flowering of COR"? Each Sunday bright yellow cards are supplied for those wanting to create beauty through their contributions. Currently, we are planting Karl Foerster Grass, Heuchera (coral bell), Lupine, and Penstemon. Blue Oat Grass will be coming soon. For more information contact the church office at (928) 699-2715.

The ALPHA Course

An Opportunity for Exploring the Meaning of Life!

Tuesday Evenings, May 19th - July 28th
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by The Alpha Course
Church of the Resurrection Fellowship Hall

God has used The Alpha Course to bring thousands of people to faith in Christ and to strengthen multitudes of believers in His gospel of grace. Alpha is dynamic! God uses it mightily!

Each Alpha evening begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by joyful singing, a spiritual talk by Nicki Gumbel from London, and then small group discussion. Participants are invited to bring their tough questions. Alpha provides a non-threatening environment where spiritual issues can be discussed and faith can be found. You make new friends and open up new possibilities in spiritual growth.

Everyone is welcome at Alpha. Skeptics. Doubters. Agnostics. Atheists. Even *believers* are welcome! Bring your Operation Andrew friends and introduce them to your COR family and invite them to an honest inquiry into the Christian faith. **Alpha runs from May 19th through July 28th with a Friday-Saturday retreat which is wonderful!** Childcare will be provided upon request. Sign up today! Call the church office at 928-699-2715 or sign up on the church ministry board!

PWI "Watch and Pray" Seminar

Friday Evening & Saturday, July 10th & 11th

Prayer Watch International founder & servant leader, Bjorn Pedersen will be teaching this spiritual growth seminar. Mark your calendar. More details coming soon!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

It's Time to Celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church!

Sunday Worship, May 24th, 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

The story is told in Acts 2 as the Promise of the Father is poured out upon His people. The Holy Spirit is given and miraculous events occur. A restored Peter preaches Christ and 3,000 believe and are baptized! The Church of Jesus Christ is launched with explosive power. We remember and celebrate. We also pray for a new Pentecost so that the contemporary Church might be filled with the power of the Spirit. Wear RED to commemorate the tongues of fire on the heads of the early believers.



The BAND OF BROTHERS

Calling All COR Men and Their Friends to
Our Men's Prayer Breakfast!

Saturday, May 30th, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
The Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy some wonderful comradery as we share in a delicious breakfast and the building of friendship around the table. You'll be enriched by a practical spiritual talk and learn about the current "State of the Church" from Pastor Bob. Chef Bob Philpott provides a great meal. Mark your calendar and plan on enjoying this special event with your friends at COR. Neighbors and friends are always welcome. We'll put out a basket for your donations to cover the breakfast. Sign up today by calling the church office at (928) 699-2715.

Vacation Bible School

Pass the Word! COR is Gearing Up for This
Children's Summer Program

Monday – Friday, July 13th-17th

Vacation Bible School is one of the most strategic events of the year for blessing children and bringing new families into the life of our church. There will be opportunities to volunteer in teaching, crafts, recreation, refreshments, and music. It takes a whole village to put on a VBS week and we want to do it with excellence! So, we need **you!** Do you have children in your neighborhood? Then, talk with them soon so they can get the COR VBS dates on their calendars. Moms love VBS! It makes their lives so much easier during the summer months. Mark your calendars and stay posted for more details!

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

Email:

admin@cor-pca.org

Website:

www.cor-pca.org



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 108

May 2015
Volume 7, Issue 5

Inside this issue:

Wesley & Julia Holmes to Visit COR	2
The UPPER ROOM Renovation Project	2
"The Book of REVELATION"	2
MOTHER'S DAY!	2
"Amazing Grace!"	2
Youth Gatherings	2
The FLOWERING of COR	3
The ALPHA Course	3
PWI "Watch & Pray"	3
PENTECOST SUNDAY	3
The BAND OF BROTHERS	3
Vacation Bible School	3
"Dreaming God's Dream at COR!"	4



Church of the RESURRECTION

"Where People Come Alive!"

The CHURCH in the POWER
of the SPIRIT

"Before Christ sent the church into the world he sent the Spirit into the church. The same order must be observed today." (John R. W. Stott) After training his disciples 24/7 for three years Jesus told them to *not* go out and try to change the world *until* the Spirit came to empower them. "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

("those sent") as they risked, stepping out in obedience to sharing the good news of God's love in Christ with all who would listen and receive. Today, many Christians are timid, not willing to talk about their faith with potential disciples. When we risk, God acts. The signs of his Spirit working become evident.

Third, our focus must be Jesus Christ himself. In Acts 2:14-41, Peter stepped up and addressed the crowd with a dynamic sermon telling of Jesus Christ. What we have is a Reader's Digest version of a two-hour narrative of the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus is the Life-Changer. He must be our message. It has been said, "The Holy Spirit is the shy member of the Trinity, for He always is pointing us to Jesus." When we lift up Jesus he draws all men and women, boys and girls to himself. (John 12:32) With this clear message of Jesus Christ the Church was launched with explosive power as 3,000 people believed and were baptized (Acts 2:41).

Finally, the Fellowship of Believers is created and sustained by the Spirit (Acts 2:42-47). What did it look like? Gathering together. Studying the Scriptures. Prayer. Celebrating the Lord's Supper. Awe. Generosity. Sharing meals. Praise and worship. Joy. Love. Magnetic and attractive to the seekers. New believers daily being saved!

God is at work...powerfully...in the lives of His people! Then and now!

How can we become the Church in the power of the Spirit? First, prayer is the prelude to power (Acts 1:14). Genuine prayer creates a posture of surrender and receptivity to the gift of the Holy Spirit. After the ascension of Christ into heaven, the believers spent ten days in constant prayer prior to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Much prayer, much power; little prayer, little power; no prayer, no power. Probably the greatest sin of the contemporary church is our prayerlessness. Are we ready to pray the price to become the Church in the power of the Spirit?

Second, the signs of God's coming must be evident. On Pentecost, the wind of the Spirit energized the people of God with the fire of devotion and a communication miracle occurred empowering the disciples to share the gospel of grace across cultural and linguistic barriers. God was at work! These ordinary disciples ("learners") were becoming extraordinary apostles

"DREAMING GOD'S DREAM FOR COR!"

The Master Planning Process from April through September

Announcing Our First "TOWN HALL MEETING"
Wednesday, May 13th

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Shaping Our Ministry Vision for the Future

Our Session of Ruling Elders and Friends have been meeting in preparation for our *Dreaming God's Dream* with the congregation of members and friends of Church of the Resurrection. One of our families gave a generous gift to fund the master planning process as we partner with Architect Tim Whiteside of Johnson & Walzer Associates to focus on vision for ministry and then maximum use of our property to fulfill God's dream. This exciting process is scheduled for April through September and involves several town hall meetings. We will be developing a 5-year, 10-year, 15-year, and 20-year plan and discuss potential facilities to support this ministry.

Often God's people think too small. Our God is a mighty God. He is the Sovereign Lord. Consider Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Our overall mandate from our living Lord is The Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all people groups...baptizing...teaching...and I am with you to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). Our mission is to win Flagstaff to Christ. Now, let's fill in the details as we "Dream God's Dream for COR".



Church of the Resurrection
in Partnership with
FaithWorks

Arizona Mission Conference

Saturday, June 13th
8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection
740 W. University Heights
Drive South

"A gathering for education, information, inspiration, and equipping of God's people to share the Gospel throughout the world in obedience to The Great Commission."

Brochures available at the church office...sign up today! Cost of \$30/person for lunch and materials. Free for students!

Meet Your Staff



Bob Norton
Pastor
928-699-7592



Patty Gross
Worship Leader
928-225-9889



Sheila Long
Secretary
928-699-2715