

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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10:45 AM

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GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE

Our God is *sovereign*. What does this mean? It means that ultimately God is in control and working His plan. Even though circumstances seem like everything is falling apart, our call as people of faith is to trust in the sovereign Lord. The classic New Testament text telling of His sovereignty is Romans 8:28 which reads, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." So we affirm together, "God is still on the throne!"

All of the Bible speaks of God's sovereignty. The story of Joseph (Genesis 41-50) reminds us how difficult our circumstances can become, but to have the big picture causes us to trust in the Lord for His purposes will be accomplished to His glory. Jesus met stiff opposition and even some of His disciples betrayed and denied Him; however, Jesus won our redemption on the Cross and lives victoriously today as our resurrected King of kings and Lord of lords. The apostle Paul suffered greatly; however, he did not lose heart because his passion was knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection (Philippians 3:10).

We rejoice in the Lord and not in our circumstances (Habakkuk 3:16-19 and Philippians 4:4). Sometimes the circumstances of our lives are wonderful and we celebrate and give thanks. And sometimes our circumstances are painful and overwhelming. During these times we not only survive but thrive because God is still on the

throne. He is in control and we ask, "Lord, what are you trying to teach me as a result of these adverse circumstances?" Good times or bad, He is our joy!

Sometimes people misunderstand our call to commitment to Christ and the life of discipleship. They erroneously thought that if you believe and follow Christ then your life will be easy and problem-free. Sadly, when challenging circumstances come they blame God saying, "Why are these bad things coming into my life?" Blaming God is an immature response to adversity. God uses the good and bad of life to shape and mold us into the image of Christ. Paul writes in Romans 8:29, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son..."

We are "diamonds in the rough" and it takes the good and hard times to knock off our rough edges so that we can be more like Christ. The sovereign Lord is at work to conform us to Christ. He has promised to finish the job, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). John revealed his insight into this process, "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure" (1 John 3:2-3).

So when things are falling apart in your life, say, "God is still on the throne!"

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"Change My Heart, O God"

Sermon Series on Sanctification Continues in July

Once we believe in Christ and are "justified" (Romans 3:21-26), then we begin a lifelong process of spiritual growth as we are conformed to the character of Christ (Romans 8:29). We're focusing on this spiritual growth process called "sanctification" in this summer season. Our theme song is Eddie Espinosa's chorus "Change My Heart, O God" which reminds us that God is the Potter and we are the clay.

In today's church we talk about adult spiritual formation. What is this? It is focusing on the "means of grace" God uses to form us into the image of His Son. God accomplishes this transformation, but we must cooperate. Our apathy, rebellion, resistance, and disobedience can actually thwart the purposes of God in your life. We don't want this to happen. We want God's best in our lives. So, let's focus on the Bible's teaching on sanctification and grow during summer months. Our sermon schedule for July is the following:

Sunday, July 5th, "The Crucible of Freedom" (Galatians 5:1)

Sunday, July 12th, "Living Free in Christ" (Romans 8:1)

Sunday, July 19th, "The Blessing of Brokenness" (Psalm 51:17)

Sunday, July 26th, "The Grace Awakening" (Ephesians 2:8-9)



FaithWorks Mission Opportunities

September 10-12, 2015
Agua Prieta in Sonora,
Mexico

We are gathering a team to take donated wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, reading glasses, medicines, and other items to assist the poorest of the poor.

Cost: \$195 Deposit: \$25
Fees are due August 10th.
Must obtain a valid passport to reenter the USA. Get a Hep A and Tetanus shot.

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A Warm Welcome to Wes & Julia Holmes

Our New Director of Youth & Family Ministry Begins July 1st

Wes and Julia Holmes will be moving to Flagstaff the end of June in anticipation of Wes' ministry in our midst beginning July 1st. They are moving from Escondido, California, and are looking forward to getting settled in Flagstaff.

Wes completed his seminary training with a May 30th graduation from Westminster Seminary with his Master of Divinity degree. Julia completed her year teaching at Calvin Christian School on June 5th. Wes grew up in southern California and Julia's hometown is Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Keep Wes and Julia in your prayers as they make this transition in their lives. Also, we need your help in teaming with Wes in our ministry to children, youth, and their families. Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and Youth Fellowship. Wes needs your prayers and your faithful service to bless our youth. Wes wants to build a strong ministry team. You are needed! Call the Church Office to volunteer for this vital, important ministry (928) 699-2715.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Meeting

Wednesday Evening, July 1st, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

It takes a whole village to put on a Vacation Bible School! We're making great progress, but we need you to join with us. Our theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power". To volunteer, call co-leaders Cokey Biers (480) 469-5343 or Carol Adams (480) 221-4648.



Flagstaff's July 4th Parade Watch for the COR Entry

This year our entry in the Chamber of Commerce July 4th Parade will be simple but timely. Neal Julien will be driving his 1931 Ford Touring Car. It's a beauty! And his passengers will be Pastor Bob and Wes and Julia Holmes. We want to introduce Flagstaff to the Holmes with a flare. What a fun way for us to say, "Welcome to Flagstaff!" for Wes and Julia. We'll be greeting 10,000 to 15,000 spectators and reaching out with the love of God for the Flagstaff community.

The Alpha Course

It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

Each Tuesday evening, Alpha begins with a delicious dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Then, we sing upbeat, fun songs in the sanctuary. The spiritual talks by Nicky Gumbel piped in from Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London, England, are exceptional. The subjects for July are the following:

- July 7th, "How Can I Resist Evil?"
- July 14th, "Why and How Should We Tell Others?"
- July 21st, "Does God Heal Today?"
- July 28th, "What About the Church?"

Each Alpha evening concludes with small group discussion. Bring your questions. You don't have to be afraid to ask even the toughest questions. Christianity thrives under close scrutiny! Hope to see you at Alpha. It's not too late.



Master Planning Committee

Wednesday, July 8th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in The Upper Room

The Master Planning Committee will be meeting with Architect Tim Whiteside (Johnson & Walzer Associates) to continue the process of preliminary visioning and conceptual planning. We are getting closer to the time in which we will share our progress with the congregation. The congregation's input will be valuable to the overall effort. Keep us in your prayers as these early meetings progress. Thank you.

A Very Special Opportunity for Spiritual Growth!

Bjorn Pedersen's "Watch and Pray!" Retreat

Friday Evening, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th

Rev. Bjorn Pedersen is the Founder and Servant Leader of Prayer Watch International. He travels worldwide equipping the Body of Christ for strategic prayer ministry. Now, he will be with us at Church of the Resurrection! This new material is focused upon Jesus' command to "Watch and Pray" as we await the Second Coming of our Lord. Bjorn is an excellent teacher and a great man of prayer.

This retreat will be limited in size so don't delay in registering. It will be hosted at the lovely Pine Canyon home of Bill and Dorane King, 3805 Clubhouse Circle. The Friday evening session begins at 6:30 p.m. and then the Saturday session resumes at 9:00 a.m. We at COR count it a privilege to host this dynamic retreat. Register by calling the church office at (928) 699-2715.

This Year's Vacation Bible School Will Be a JOY for All!

"EVEREST Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power"

Monday through Friday, July 13th - 17th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Church of the Resurrection

Invite the children in your family and your neighborhood. VBS flyers, parent letters, registration forms and posters are available at the church office.

We've gathered a wonderful team of volunteers for this year's VBS. However, there's always room for more. We especially need the help of our teenagers. The best way to promote VBS is by word of mouth. We have some colorful handouts to help you invite the children (Ages 4-12) of our community. Our mission project will reach out to earthquake-torn Nepal. If you would like to help, contact co-leaders Cokey Biers (602) 469-5343 or Carol Adams (480) 221-4648. Our next Volunteer Meeting will be July 1st at 6:00 p.m.



Celebrating "Our National Treasure"

In 1986 Pastor Bob took a tour group to the Holy Land. While in Egypt he was speaking to the guide who was the wife of Egypt's Minister of Commerce. She responded to Pastor Bob's comment about the beautiful children of Egypt. She replied, "Many Arab nations are oil rich. We are not. We have no oil. We are poor. However, we are rich in that our children are our national treasure."

We can say this about America. What is our true greatness and wealth? A thriving GNP? A strong military? Maybe our greatest wealth is our children. America's children are our national treasure.

At COR, are we doing all we can to bless the children? Are you taking your turn teaching or are you making excuses? Are you signed up to help with VBS? Remember, our Bible says, "Children are a treasure from the Lord."

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Call to Commitment to Christ, the Church, and His Work in the World

Sundays, July 19th and 26th
For more details, call Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592.

Pastor's Study on JOHN

"The Beloved Gospel"

Monday, July 13th and 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the Warner's Home in Forest Highlands, 3114 Bear Howard

We are having a wonderful time studying God's Word together! Come and enjoy this teaching and discussion over John's beloved gospel. On Monday, July 13th we will be studying "The Book of Signs" (the miracles of Jesus) and on Monday, July 27th we will focus on "The I Am Statements" of Jesus. Refreshments are served. Make new friends. The Warner's lovely home is an ideal setting for this informal learning experience. Bring your friends. Enter in and enjoy the lively discussion. We'll all learn from one another even as the Holy Spirit ultimately leads us to fresh truth to live by.

Presbytery of the Southwest Coming to Flagstaff in September

Yes, we have the privilege of hosting 75-100 people for September 24th-25th at COR for our tri-annual meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest. Pastors and Ruling Elders from our PCA congregations in New Mexico, Arizona, and El Paso will gather to share in the deliberations of our church in fostering our common ministry. We will have a worship service on Thursday evening, September 24th and members and friends of COR are invited to join in. The worship service will be very joyful and uplifting as our COR Worship Team will lead the gathering in joyful praise. Also, we will try to provide hospitality housing for those who need it. Would you be willing to open your home for guests?



Coming in August!

We will be starting a **Pastor's Bible Study** on *Revelation* hosted by Alan and Pat Purchase on Tuesday evenings at their new Linwood Estates home at 2145 N. Fremont Blvd. The study will begin on Tuesday, August 4th, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Purchases at (928) 214-6483.

Also, we will be hosting **Dr. Charles Wise, Professor at ASU**, presenting on "The Persecution of Christians in Today's World" followed by discussion. This public lecture will be on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Don't miss this timely subject. Dr. Wise has done his homework. You'll be astounded by the recent statistics of rampant persecution happening in these recent months. Tell your friends. This is a subject about which we all need to be knowledgeable. Let's be praying for the persecuted church worldwide.