

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

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8:00 AM—4:00 PM

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Prayer Watch International and Church of the Resurrection Present

Prayer School 3

HEART TO HEART with GOD

"Going Deeper in the Spiritual Life"

With Teacher / PWI Servant Leader BJORN PEDERSEN

Tuesday Evenings, Starting September 30th, 6:00-9:00 PM

At Church of the Resurrection, 740 W. University Heights Dr. South

Prayer Watch International Founder and Leader Bjorn Pedersen has blessed the Body of Christ globally with his dynamic teaching of prayer principles to empower the people of God. Teaching over 100 prayer schools worldwide, he now offers "Heart to Heart with God: Going Deeper in the Spiritual Life" right here in Flagstaff. We at COR welcome Bjorn Pedersen and invite the entire Flagstaff area to come and be blessed.

On Tuesday evenings the COR sanctuary will be radiant with light...the light of God's Word imparted to God's People. Prayer is the heart of the Christian faith. We welcome people to COR with our sign "Welcome to the Lord's House of Prayer" and we believe the Lord is calling us to make our church and our lives a "House of Prayer" (Isaiah 56:7 and Matthew 21:13).

Pass the word among your Christian friends in the community. Invite them to "Heart to Heart with God." People can register on the PWI website at www.prayerwatch.net and scholarships are available to cover tuition. The Prayer School starts September 30th and continues weekly through December 2nd. For more information contact the COR Church Office (699-2715) or Pastor Bob Norton (699-7592).

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Church of the RESURRECTION

"Where People Come Alive!"

DESIRING GOD

All people seek happiness. The longing to be happy is a universal human experience, and it is good, not sinful. The deepest and most enduring happiness is found only in God. Not from God, but in God. The Bible affirms that the chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever.

Let's journey together in discovering the secret of true happiness. Our source book will be the Bible and our guide will be pastor and reformed author John Piper as he expounds in his landmark book *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist*. I believe this book is a catalyst to the health, well-being, and fruitfulness of God's people.

A Much-Needed Generator Provided

for MTW Mission in La Ceiba, Honduras. Thanks Be to God!

On our mission to Honduras we became aware of a critical need at the MTW Mission Center in La Ceiba. Frequent power outages created problems for the mission especially with a new clinic and seminary to be completed and operational in 2015. Our Session voted to utilize resources from our new COR Mission Fund to provide a \$2,500 generator for the La Ceiba team. When contacted and informed of the gift they were delighted and rejoiced in the goodness of our God and His people!

First of all, what is a *Christian Hedonist*? Webster's New World Dictionary defines "hedonist" as "the self-indulgent pursuit of pleasure as a way of life". The Christian hedonist believes the pursuit of pleasure is a necessary part of all worship and virtue. God created us for Himself and He is the author of genuine pleasure. Pleasure was God's idea and it was intended to be experienced in the context of a love relationship with God Himself.

C. S. Lewis wrote, "There is a kind of happiness and wonder that makes you serious" (*The Last Battle*). We're going to be joining in a serious discovery process of being happy in God. The Scriptures are filled with insights into living this way. "Delight yourself in the Lord" (Psalm 34:7). "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Paul speaks of being "sorrowful, but always rejoicing" (2 Corinthians 6:10). The Prophet Habakkuk states that when life unravels "yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I

will be joyful in God my Savior" (Habakkuk 3:18). And our Lord Jesus Himself puts life into perspective when He said, "These things I have told you that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). The hero of our discovery process will be Jesus Himself who "endured the cross for the joy that was set before him" (Hebrews 12:3).

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. Vintage Piper. Joni Eareckson Tada discovered this truth and wrote of her experience:

"Not long after the 1967 accident in which I became paralyzed, I heartily embraced God's plan for my life. But after the eighties, something new and ominous was added to the mix: I began to experience chronic pain. At times the pain overwhelmed me to the point of panic. I picked up *Desiring God* and, after reading it, something 'clicked.' I realized the stakes were far greater, far more immense and cosmic than merely my satisfaction with a wheelchair and its unpleasant baggage. I shifted my focus from chronic pain and onto God. His glory was at stake, and that made my satisfaction in Him (not satisfaction with 'the way things were') the *real* issue. It was no longer being a matter of being content with His plan for my life; it was a matter of finding Him utterly and supremely the source of *all* contentment. This, much to my delight, would give Him the greatest glory. To think that my pain problem could be the knob that could actually turn up the wattage on His glory was, to me, astounding.

So whether with pain or without, Christ is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in Him!"

New Sermon Series "Desiring God"

Starting Sunday, September 7th, along with Small Group Discussions

This exciting new series will focus on the biblical answer to our yearning for happiness. The Bible will be our sourcebook and John Piper's *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist* will be our map for the journey. Each week Pastor Bob will be preaching on a theme in *Desiring God* and then people are encouraged to participate in one of our Neighborhood Groups which will be reading and discussing the corresponding chapter.

Reading books are available for \$10 each at the church on Sundays (Fellowship Hall) or during the week at the Church Office. COR folks are encouraged to invite your not-yet-Christian friends and Operation Andrew friends to share in this journey. *Desiring God* is popping with intriguing insights into true joy and genuine pleasure. The following schedule will guide our discovery...

Sunday, September 7th

*"The Happiness of God:
Foundation for Christian Hedonism"*

Sunday, September 14th

"Conversion: The Creation of a Christian Hedonist"

Sunday, September 21st

"Worship: The Feast of Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, September 28th

"Love: The Labor of Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, October 5th

"Scripture: Kindling for Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, October 12th

"Prayer: The Power of Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, October 19th

"Money: The Currency of Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, October 26th

"Marriage: A Matrix for Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, November 2nd

"Missions: The Battle Cry of Christian Hedonism"

Sunday, November 9th

"Suffering: The Sacrifice of Christian Hedonism"

Neighborhood Groups are forming...sign up for either a daytime gathering or an evening gathering in the homes of our people. The discussion will be rich and life transforming. Don't miss out on this window of opportunity. Remember, copies of *Desiring God* are available at the church for \$10 each. Don't have \$10? Then, it's free! We want everyone to participate!

Next Steps New Member Class

"Membership is Ministry!" at COR

Wednesday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m.
The Fellowship Hall

You are invited to come and explore the meaning of membership at Church of the Resurrection. Come and learn how you can share in the life-changing ministries of this dynamic church. Pastor Bob will be teaching and topics will cover: Membership; Spiritual Maturity; Ministry; Mission; and the centrality of worship and prayer. For more information or to register for this upcoming September 10th class, call the Church Office at 699-2715 or Pastor Bob at 699-7592.



A Day with Beth Moore

Saturday, September 13, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM

Ladies, join us for an energizing day with Beth Moore as we link into a live simulcast. Enjoy a day of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun with the women of COR. The cost is \$20 payable at lifeway.com (just click on Living Proof Live Simulcast). Sign up for an individual rate and then we'll "plug in" as a group from church. The topic? Those of you who are familiar with Beth Moore know that she waits for the Holy Spirit to give her a message to deliver. Powerful! Please sign up at church so we know how much food to prepare for lunch. Childcare available upon request. Contact Roxi Ashurst (928) 864-6475 or Robin Long (928) 699-0703.

The New Shape of World Christianity...Did You Know?

This past Sunday more Presbyterians were at church in Ghana than in Scotland, and more were in congregations of the Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa than in the United States.

This past Sunday the churches with the largest attendance in England and France had mostly black congregations. About half of the churchgoers in London were African or African-Caribbean. Today, the largest Christian congregation in Europe is in Kiev, and it is pastored by a Nigerian of Pentecostal background.

This past week in Great Britain, at least fifteen thousand Christian foreign missionaries were hard at work evangelizing the locals. Most of these missionaries are from Africa and Asia.

Youth Ministry Night

Pass the Word! All Youth are Invited!
Program: "Community Transformations"

Saturday, September 20th
Starts with Dinner at 6:00 PM
COR Fellowship Hall

This event is for all Middle School and High School students at COR and their friends. Let us know you're coming by calling the Church Office at 699-2715. It starts with dinner at 6:00 p.m. with music and a great program called "Community Transformations". Let's change our world by the power of God's love.

Community Peace Day

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!"

Sunday, September 21st, 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM
Heritage Square (downtown Flagstaff)

Calling All COR Men and Their Friends

"The BAND of BROTHERS" Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, September 27th, 9:00-10:30 AM
The Fellowship Hall

All COR men and their friends are invited to gather for building friendships and a great program on "The Harvest" and our involvement in the cause of Christ. Make your reservation by calling the church office at (928) 699-2715. Volunteer for the preparation committee (7:00-9:00 a.m.) or the clean-up committee (10:30-11:30 a.m.). Your practical help makes this fellowship breakfast possible. Donations for breakfast will be received. Invite your friends.



FaithWorks Christians in Mission Celebrate Missions Night!

Friday, October 3rd, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
At Christ's Church of Flagstaff 3475 E. Soliere Ave.

Church of the Resurrection is so delighted to be a member of the FaithWorks alliance of 26 local churches committed to sharing in short-term missions worldwide. We want to share with you a whole year of missions! Hear firsthand testimonies from the recipients and from the missionaries themselves. Watch videos from past mission trips. Browse the displays. Enjoy the dessert bar and fresh hot popcorn. Let's celebrate!

A Fresh New Look

The exterior of COR was painted recently by Aaron Verhoff and his crew from Bax Painting Contractors. Taupe and bronze create a fresh new look. Good job Aaron!

Also, our Trees Glorious Trees phase one landscaping project generated 18 memorial Autumn Blaze Maples and Flowering Crabapples which will be planted in early September by Warner's Nursery.



"Lift High the Cross...the Love of Christ Proclaim!"

Our New COR STEEPLE to Be Installed

"A Bird without Wings is Like a Church without a Steeple." Our goal is to complete the shingling of the Steeple and install it by our COR Anniversary Sunday, October 5th. Dan Otten and his volunteers (you are welcome to help) are striving to complete the project and "Lift High the Cross" an additional 25 feet above our current belfry into the Flagstaff skies. The Steeple is fully funded. Praise be to God!

The GREENING of COR

Phase Two of Our COR Landscaping Project

"He makes me lie down in green pastures...He restores my soul." Psalm 23:2-3a

Our goal is to plant our new shrubs for the greening of COR by snow fall. Usually, our first snows begin to fall around the end of October. Warner's Nursery is partnering with us with great prices and reduced labor. Thank you, Warners!

Would you like to help with the Greening of COR? We will be planting the following beautiful shrubs:

DARK KNIGHT SPIREA ~ 17 Needed / \$16 Each

HYDRANGEA ~ 35 Needed / \$22 Each

BLUE RUG JUNIPER ~ 68 Needed / \$16 Each

GROW LOW SUMAC ~ 22 Needed / \$20 Each

ALPINE CURRANT ~ 27 Needed / \$20 Each

We will be waiting for the spring to implement Phase Three with the planting of grasses and perennials. COR will be ablaze with the beauty of flowers to the glory of God! May the beauty of the springtime of our landscaping reflect the springtime of our souls as we live to the praise of His glory!