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CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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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 ULTIMATE PRIORITY

Jesus was asked by an expert in the law, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." (Matthew 22:35-38) This is worship. Putting God first. Loving God. We are to love God as our first priority. We are to be worshippers first. Everything else follows.

If we can keep first things first, the rest of life falls into place and takes on greater meaning and purpose. An elusive joy becomes a reality in God's presence (Psalm 21:6). Loving relationships overcome selfishness and an inordinate need to control (Matthew 22:39-40). Peace replaces anxiety (Philippians 4:6-7). Life is so much better when we make it our goal to become worshippers first.

The word "worship" comes from the olde English "Worth-Ship". In other words, worshipping God is focusing on the worthiness of God, His greatness and grandeur. His glory and majesty. His love and power. His redemptive purpose and saving action in our behalf. It is all about God. If we get blessed, then that is a by-product of true worship.

I don't think most people understand worship. They think it is for them. Danish theologian/philosopher Soren Kierkegaard used a wonderful analogy. At a worship service, the up-front people like the pastor and the choir are *prompters*. The people in the pew are the *actors*. And God is the *audience*. You see, worship is a verb and we are to be the worshippers.

Author Donald McCullough tells of an experience which taught him about worship:

A few years ago my wife and I were invited to hear the great tenor Luciano Pavarotti...the concert exceeded our expectations. We were stunned by the master's music. In aria after aria he demonstrated remarkable talent that set him apart from the thousands that came to hear him. But that set-apartness was revealed in his generous giving; his uniqueness was shown in a gracious offering of himself. He held nothing back, it seemed. Every note was filled with boundless passion and glorious beauty.

We *had* to respond: we jumped to our feet and clapped, hooted, and whistled. We did not stop, not for a long time. Wave after wave of grateful applause was sent up to the platform. In the midst of this mayhem of gratitude...I thought to myself, *this is deeply satisfying, a profound joy...*In a similar way, God's gracious self-giving in Jesus Christ calls for the response of faith and faith's first expression will be the applause of praise...Worship!

Not only does worship happen in response to joy, joy happens as a result of worship; joy brings forth praise, and praise brings forth a new dimension in joy. We have been created to live for the praise of God. Remember, our chief end, in the words of the Shorter Catechism, is "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

The need for worship has been built within the nature of our humanity. Even as cars need gasoline to run, and sailboats need wind to sail, and hawks need thermals to soar, and fish need water to swim - even so, we need worship to live. We *must* worship; we *will* worship.

At Church of the Resurrection, let us become worshippers first and foremost. It's to be our ultimate priority. This Sunday, will God be pleased with *your* worship?

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Recruiting Now for EMERGING MINISTRIES IN OCTOBER

Sign Up Sheets for These Ministries Are Posted in the Fellowship Hall

At COR we're investing in the new and coming generations! One of the ways we're building spiritual champions amongst the young is through **Pioneer Clubs**. These after-school clubs are like Christian boy scouts and girl scouts. Our theme is "Christ in Every Phase of Life" our theme Bible verse is "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Come and volunteer with Pastors Bob and Wes to bless the children. Our initial Pioneer Club will focus on 1st and 2nd graders (K and 3rd can come too). This is a wonderful opportunity to serve. We'll be meeting on Tuesday afternoons 3:30-5:30 p.m. Pass the word amongst the children in your neighborhood.

Jesus' mandate to His Church is called "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:19-20) and we will be offering the **Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training (EE)** to prepare God's people for fulfilling the Great Commission. We only have seven (7) training slots available so don't delay in signing up for this dynamic spiritual growth opportunity. Our EE class will meet on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This twelve-week training experience involves study and practice. It's life-changing! Call Pastor Bob today for more information or to register for the class. (928.699.7592).



FaithWorks Celebration 2015

Friday, October 2, 2015
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Christ's Church of Flagstaff
3475 E. Soliere Ave.

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 from the missions trips of 2014-2015. Get your 2016 FaithWorks calendar. Sign up for 2016 missions and much more. Enjoy our 'Dessert Bar' and fresh hot popcorn!

PLEASE RSVP by calling the FaithWorks office at 928-774-0504.

New Sunday Morning Schedule To Start SEPTEMBER 20TH

We have received positive feedback regarding the new Sunday Morning Schedule primarily due to adults who are excited about our having a new adult Sunday School class. We hope this new schedule will benefit many at COR. Here it is:

8:30 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship

Of course, volunteers will be needed to help with teaching an expanded Sunday School program. Details are being worked out and will be forthcoming in the days ahead. We believe this schedule will make it possible for more people to hear the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. Pass the word!



Church of the Resurrection to Host PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Thursday, September 24th With Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Teaching and Ruling Elders from our PCA congregations in Arizona, New Mexico, and the El Paso area will gather at our church on September 24th. Committee meetings will gather in the morning followed by a plenary session beginning at 1:00 p.m. The elders will gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. The members and friends of COR are invited to join with the elders for worship. Our COR Worship Team will lead in joyful praise. Pastor Steve Incio, new pastor at Catalina Foothills Church, will preach the gospel of grace and we'll share in a Celebration of The Lord's Supper. You are welcome and encouraged to come and worship.

Some of our people are opening their homes and their hearts to members of the Presbytery. Let Pastor Bob know if you are willing and able to receive guests. Our hospitality is an expression of our heartfelt gratitude for the generous support of the Presbytery in our early days of church planting. We are a grateful people.

Sermons for September

Sunday, September 6th - Wesley Holmes to Preach Sunday, September 13th - "Living Free from the Deadly Trap of Offense" (Gen 37-50)

Sunday, September 20th - "Forgiving As We Have Been Forgiven" (Mt 18:21-35)

Sunday, September 27th - "Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart" (Jn 17)

We encourage the members and friends of Church of the Resurrection to invite your neighbors, friends, classmates, and coworkers to join you for worship. These sermons are designed to be practical and relevant, giving worshippers insights for living. The power of a personal invitation is awesome. Studies show many people would come to church if a friend invited them. Who will you invite this week?

Pastor's Bible Study

"The Triumph of God" Studies in Revelation

Tuesday Evenings in September, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The favorite book in the Bible of the persecuted church worldwide has become the book of Revelation. Initially written for believers undergoing severe persecution, Revelation provides hope and an assurance of the Lord's victory over evil. We need this message in our troubled times as well. The following is our schedule for September:

Tuesday, September 1st - "The Great Boundary - The Four Horses of Danger and the Sabbath God" (Revelation 6:1 - 11:19)

Tuesday, September 8th - "The Cosmic Battle" (Revelation 12:1 - 16:21)

Tuesday, September 15th - "The Triumph of God" (Revelation 17:1 - 20:15)

Tuesday, September 22nd - "A New Heaven and a New Earth" (Revelation 21:1 - 22:5)

Tuesday, September 29th - "Epilogue & Lessons Learned" (Revelation 22:6-21)

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Holy Communion, or The Lord's Supper, is a means of grace which our Lord Jesus instituted for His followers. We are reminder of His presence and power in our midst. We hope you will be present to share in this sacred feast of freedom on **Sunday, September 13th at our 9:00 & 10:45 morning worship services.**

Youth & Family Group Meetings

Now Every Week!

Starting Wednesday September 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The Youth & Family group is called "Youth & Family" because of its focus on middle school students, high school students and their families. Pastor Wes wants to come alongside the kids and their parents in their walks with the Lord, encouraging their relationship with each other and with God. Come join us for food, fun, Scripture, and singing. Invite your friends. All are welcome. It'll be a blast! (P.S. If you want to provide a meal for the group, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall).

Looking for a Way to Serve?

Consider Joining With Our Children's Ministry Team!

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants

Instructional Meeting on Thursday September 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

With the growth of our 1st-5th grade group here at COR, we are in need of volunteers who are passionate about reaching the next generation with the Good News of Christ. If you desire to see the children in our church grow in their knowledge of God, His Word, and the Christian Life, please attend the meeting where we can discuss curriculum and how best to minister to the kids. Would you prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be a part of this amazingly influential and rewarding ministry here at COR? Let's be a blessing to the children!

Small Group Book Study

"The Peacemaking Church"

Continuing Weekly Monday September 7th, 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Even if you haven't been yet, you are welcome to join in! With this study we will find immensely practical and Scriptural principles for making peace in our inter-personal relationships. Let's face it, we all have conflict in our lives. But do we know how to handle it when it comes our way? Learn how the Gospel of Christ is the foundation for biblical peacemaking and how our God Himself is the ultimate Peacemaker. Ken Sande teaches us how to make peace with those around us at work, at home, and at church and there are interactive conversations to allow for these biblical principles to take root in our hearts and minds. We look forward to seeing you there!

"Studies in John's Gospel"

Pastor's Bible Study in Forest Highlands

Mondays, September 14th and September 28th, 6:30 p.m. at Lu & Fae Warner's Home, 3114 Bear Howard

We have had a wonderful time this summer gathering at the Warner's lovely home in Forest Highlands and studying together John "The Intimate Gospel." Our study is drawing to close with these two sessions in September. On September 14th we will consider together "The Cross of Christ" (chapters 18 & 19). On September 28th we will study "The Resurrection" (chapters 20 & 21). The fellowship is warm and the study together is rich and meaningful. We would love to have you join with us.

Congregational Meeting

Progress of Our MASTER PLAN

Thursday Evening, September 17th, 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

We encourage members and friends of Church of the Resurrection to engage in an evening of seeking to dream God's dream for COR. Architect Tim Whiteside of Johnson & Walzer Associates will be with us as our resource person. Tim has been meeting with our Master Plan Committee. We are still very early in the process, but some exciting ideas are beginning to form and drawings are being prepared. Come and reflect together as we consider not only short-term possibilities but also the next 15 to 20 years. Developing a Master Plan will help us to be good stewards of the resources God entrusts to us. We will only move ahead with additional ministry and support facilities as the Lord provides the funding. Come and let us dream together as to what God can do through His people at Church of the Resurrection.

"The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All Are welcome!

Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., in The Fellowship Hall

We enjoy our men's gathering immensely. We gather for a delicious breakfast (your donations help cover our costs). Table talk is always enjoyable and enlightening. We also focus on spiritual growth for men to help us in our relationship with God. Mark the date! Join us for "The Band of Brothers." Sign up on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship or call the church office at 928.699.2715. See you there.