

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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"Where People Come Alive!"

CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude is at the heart of the spiritual life. It is the motivation for all joyful worship and humble service. So, it is imperative that we cultivate an attitude of gratitude. In this season of Thanksgiving, how appropriate for us to reflect on the centrality of gratitude in the living of our lives.

We choose our *attitudes*. Charles Swindoll writes, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes."

May we also choose *gratitude*. Recently, one of our folks gave me Ann Voskamp's book entitled *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*. Ann chose to overcome the sin of ingratitude and personal misery by

meditating upon the multitude of ways God's grace is manifest in our lives. O, to have eyes and ears and touch and feelings and thoughts to perceive the gracious gifts of God surrounding us at every turn of life! Her life became a celebration and her book became a bestseller!

The New Testament is filled with wise and loving admonitions to live a life of gratitude. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving*, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6-7) "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess 5:18) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs *with gratitude* in your hearts to God." (Col 3:16)

I encourage you to use your spiritual journal to chronicle the ways God has blessed you and cultivate a new heart of gratitude. Recently, two people said to me within a week's time, "What has God ever done for me?" I call this spiritual blindness. May the eyes of your heart contemplate the extraordinary goodness of God and the lavish outpouring of His grace. He deserves our gratitude. He has given us the greatest gift of all, Himself, in His Son Jesus Christ. Let us join with the apostle Paul as he exclaims, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor 9:15)

Sermons for November

A Time of Transition Completing *Desiring God*,
Thanksgiving, & Advent

Pastor Bob will be completing the current series on *Desiring God* with Sunday, November 2nd "Missions: The Battle Cry of Christian Hedonism" (Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8) and Sunday, November 9th "Suffering: The Sacrifice of Christian Hedonism" (Philippians 3:7-8, 10-11). Each topic will be discussed in our Neighborhood Groups in the week following the sermons. Join in for maximum benefit.

Thanksgiving is not only a national holiday, but also an opportunity for Christ's Church to revisit this central dynamic of the Christian life. Gratitude is at the heart of true spirituality. On Sunday, November 16th our message will be "An Attitude of Gratitude" (Philippians 2:5-11) and on Sunday, November 23rd we will focus on "When Thanksgiving Becomes Thanks Living" (Colossians 3:12-17).

On Sunday, November 30th we will begin the Season of Advent preparing our hearts for a Christ-centered Christmas. Pastor Bob will preach on "How to Have the Best Christmas Ever!" with particular focus on the Advent hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* and related Scriptures of messianic prophecy. We will also dedicate our gifts to the Navajo children and elderly in anticipation of the FaithWorks Christmas Party on the reservation.

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The Navajo Christmas Mission Celebration

Saturday, December 6, 2014
12:00 Noon—3:00 PM
Leupp, AZ.

FaithWorks will be taking 20 missionaries to bless our Navajo friends and those in need this Christmas through worship, drama, singing and having Santa, which is always a big hit. The children and adults will also receive a wrapped Christmas gift and share a meal with our missionaries.

If you would like to donate a wrapped gift, please contact the FaithWorks office at 928-774-0504.

A Thanksgiving Quote by G. K. Chesterton

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

A Special Thanks to JOHN KIRCH for his Faithful Watering Of our New Trees and Shrubs!



Special Thanks to the Steeple Team

"Lift High the Cross" made the front page of the Daily Sun for Saturday, October 4th. We were all pleasantly surprised and delighted to share this steeple raising highlight with all of Flagstaff. The Steeple is beautiful and the message of sharing the love of Christ with Flagstaff is clear. Thank you, Lord.

We also want to thank those who labored well in completing this project. Project Manager **Dan "Butch" Otten** persevered in seeing the project through. **Dennis Alcantar** stepped up putting in several long, hard days to meet the Anniversary Sunday deadline. Thank you, Dennis! **Alan Purchase** served well with concepts and labor. **Dan and Colleen Larrabee, John Kirch, Ernie DeVries, and Butch Gross** all helped to make this venture such a great success. Also, a special thank you to **Aaron Verhoff** of Bax Painting Contractors for his donated painting services to paint the trim and louvers.

Remember, "Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adores His sacred name!" May we be faithful to our calling to share the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ with all who will hear and receive. To God be the glory!

Prayers to Seek His Face

Holy Father, I love and adore you. I confess that I do seek your hand more than your face. You have been so faithful to me and you have blessed me beyond measure. Praise you! In gratefulness may I seek you for who you are and not just for what you give (Psalm 27:8).

New "Bears and Prayers" Ministry

Founder and Coordinator Shelley Ballard

We launched our new "Bears and Prayers" ministry on Sunday, October 26th. Shelley Ballard brought the concept for the church's blessing. Little bears are given to cancer patients/survivors. Each bear has a colored ribbon corresponding to the type of cancer the person is battling. Also, each bear comes with a prayer parchment (written by Shelley's daughter Stephanie) along with the prayer pledge of our intercessors. We want to honor God by praying for healing and wholeness in loving support of those battling cancer. Do you have a friend or loved one you would like to bless with "Bears and Prayers". This could be a wonderfully compassionate witness for Christ to not-yet-Christian friends. Call Shelley for more details (928.699.2106).

Calling All COR Men and Their Friends

"The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 22nd, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
The Fellowship Hall

We are looking forward to our November gathering for "The Band of Brothers." This time Bob Philpott will be our cook. He can use your help preparing a delicious breakfast for the brothers. Our topic for our program will be ministry to Arab and Islamic students at NAU. We are also putting together a clean-up team to prepare the Fellowship Hall for Sunday. Can you help? Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to this special gathering. The fellowship is rich and the food is plentiful.

Sign up on the ministry board in the Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office (928.699.2715) to make your reservation. See you there! We'll receive your donations to cover the costs. Thanks.

Neighborhood Groups to Take a Holiday Break

Small Group Leaders and Small Group Hosts/Hostesses met on Sunday evening November 2nd for a celebrative dinner with further training in small group life. The current series *Desiring God* runs the weeks of November 2-7 and 9-14 before our Neighborhood Groups take a holiday break. We will resume our Neighborhood Groups with additional small groups starting in early January. Would you like to serve as a leader or host/hostess with a small group meeting in your home? Call Pastor Bob at (928.699.7592) Remember, *Christians Grow Best in Small Groups!*

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name

You can help by giving and/or writing letters.

Please bring your photos of Compassion children for our Fellowship Hall World Map for praying for the children we sponsor. Also, some of our funds from the COR Mission Fund may be coming available to sponsor children, but we need folks who would write encouragement, spiritual nurturing letters to the children. Would you like to help with this letter-writing ministry? Call the Church Office (928.699.2715) to volunteer.

"My House Shall Be Called A House of Prayer for All People"

Isaiah 56:7 and Matthew 21:13

Dear Lord, make us a *House of Prayer!* We want to pray first, always, and continually with thanks. May each of us recognize that this is Your desire for all, not just a few. Transform us into righteous men and women, boys and girls whose prayers are powerful and effective (Mark 11:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Psalm 32:6; James 5:16).



Ladies, Mark Your Calendar!

Let's get together for our Christmas church decorating party and potluck coming Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 PM. Ornaments are needed for our Christmas tree. Questions? Contact Cathy Jolma at 602.615.0194.

FaithWorks Annual Navajo Christmas Party-December 6th

That They May See The Love Of Jesus!

Would you like to be a blessing? We will be collecting Christmas gifts for our Navajo friends out at Leupp throughout November. Please label your gifts with the appropriate age: boy/girl/man/woman/infant/senior. Place into gift bags, new items \$15-\$20, warm clothing, school supplies, toys [no batteries], lap robes, books, toiletries, kitchen towels, etc. Please bring your gifts to our COR office by November 30th. Your wrapped gift will be handed out at the Christmas party. Thank you for making someone's Christmas a little brighter!

Our New Pictorial Prayer Directories Are Coming Around Thanksgiving!



Search Committee Forming for New Director of Youth & Family Ministry Position

Our Session of Ruling Elders has decided to invite Members and Friends of Church of the Resurrection to make their interest known in serving on a new Search Committee. Would you like to help by serving on this new ad hoc committee?

The position of "Director of Youth & Family Ministry" will be a very important addition to our staff. This role will include overseeing the ministries to children and youth and their families. The Search Committee will work with the Session in firming up the job description, determining the compensation package, publicizing the opportunity, reviewing applications, and interviewing prospects.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Session representative David Land at 480.688.7563 or by email at sharokm@hotmail.com to discuss the possibility. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Did You Know that Our Session of Ruling Elders is Studying

WHEN HELPING HURTS: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself

By Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

We know that the Lord is calling us to be more aware of the needs of the poor. He is also calling us to respond to their needs in generous, compassionate giving and serving. How do we do this so that we do more good than harm? Corbett and Fikkert are two of our PCA scholars at Covenant College serving with the Chalmers Center for Economic Development. They're experts in biblical theology and ministry to the poor.

New Emerging Ministries Coming in January...

- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
- New Neighborhood Groups
- Pioneer Club for Children (K, 1st and 2nd Grades)