

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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10:45 AM

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GOOD NEWS IS FOR SHARING

Recently our son Matthew was promoted to assistant manager of a Harkins Theatre in Prescott and we were elated with his progress and good fortune. We have included his good news in recent letters and conversations with those who know and love Matt for *good news is for sharing*. When the early church experienced the risen Christ in those seven weeks after Easter they could not keep quiet. "Christ is risen!" became their victory shout and overwhelming joy filled their hearts.

This good news sharing is what evangelism (*Evangel* means "good news") is all about. And along with worship, evangelism is the primary opportunity and responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ. Now let's be clear...God Himself is the Evangelist, but He invites us to share in the action and partake of the joy. When I meet a grim Christian, I can be sure that this person is not into good news sharing. Good news sharing brings the joy.

The apostle Paul was a good news sharer and a man of great joy. While on vacation in Athens, he "was sharing about Jesus and the resurrection" and the unbelievers got a little confused. They thought he was talking about foreign gods, one called "Jesus" and one called "resurrection". He took some time to straighten things out and "a few men believed and became followers of Jesus" (Acts 17:18, 34). Paul was overflowing with joy. Later, he said, "For I am not ashamed of the good news it is the power of God for salvation to all who believe, for the Jews and also for the Gentiles" (Romans 1:16). Paul learned that good news sharing pays it forward so that others can know the blessings of God also.

Christ followers are to put in a good word for Jesus every chance they get. One missionary in Africa told that the culture he served did not have a word for "thank you" so when a missionary doctor brought healing to the village afflicted with an eye disease the only equivalent they had was to say, "we will tell your name!" That was their thank you and our thank you to Jesus is to share his name with all who will hear.

More times than not, people believe after hearing multiple witnesses for Jesus. I have a friend, Bob Tuttle, who was doing personal good news sharing in the Cook County Jail in Chicago. An inmate believed. When Bob returned the next day, he was so joyful. The inmate perceived this as conceit and said, "Now listen, Tuttle, don't you get a big head, just because you were number 25!" Bob said, "What do you mean?" The man replied, "I believe it takes 25 separate witnesses to lead a person to Christ...just because you were #25 don't get a big head." Sometimes in our good news sharing we are number 7, or 13, or 21... and then sometimes we have the enormous joy of being #25!

We can start by simply inviting people to church or we can pray and ask God to give us divine appointments. These are people whom God has prepared to hear the good news. When Robin goes to the market for grocery shopping I always ask upon her return, "Did you have any divine appointments?" Often, she sees people she knows who need a word of encouragement or an offer of prayer. She knows it's not a coincidence but a "God incidence" that she went down aisle four at just that particular time. That divine appointment is one more step toward the Savior who loves them and can fulfill the deepest desires of their hearts. God is so good. He invites us to be good news sharers and so experience the fullness of His joy!

Calling All COR Men & Their Friends You Are Invited... "The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, April 23, 9:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Our program for April will be our Pastor Bob sharing on the topic "When Men Pray" talking about the relevance for praying men for our families, churches, and community. Our breakfast chef will be Bob Philpott. Sign up to volunteer in set up, cooking, and/or clean up. All are welcome. The breakfast will be delicious and hearty. Your donations will help support the cost of breakfast. Come hear Pastor Bob's encouraging words and enjoy the talk table getting to know better your band of brothers. Sign up on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall or call 928.699.2715 to register for the event.

Spiritual Gifts Discovery Workshop Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM in the Upper Room

At Church of the Resurrection, we are in the process of trusting God to becoming a *Truly Great Church!* Part of this process is discovering what our spiritual gift mix is and then finding our niche in involvement in ministry. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If not, why not come to our next workshop. You will go away not only knowing what your God-given gifts are, but also becoming familiar with the opportunities to be in ministry at our church. This could be life-changing for you! Banish the boredom! Confound the chaos! Serve with confidence and fulfillment! Preregister at 928.699.2715.



FaithWorks

Sonora, Mexico
May 19-22

Faithworks will again send a medical/dental team on mission to Agua Prieta, Mexico for a two-day clinic. The focus of this mission is, in part, to improve the medical provisions and level of care at the Agua Prieta Clinic. The cost is \$295 per person.

Interested? Please call the Faithworks office at 928.774.0504.

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New Sermon Series for April "Evidence that Demands a Verdict"

At Church of the Resurrection we're discovering the power of a personal invitation. We encourage all members and friends of COR to reach out in love to their not-yet-Christian friends and neighbors inviting them to our worship services and the hearing of the good news. In our "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" sermon series for April we'll focus on the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus which provide compelling evidence for both the reality and relevance of the Resurrection of Christ. Why not invite your friends today to hear the following engaging messages...

Sunday, April 3	"The Fellowship of the Burning Heart" Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, April 10	"Doubters Welcome" John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 17	"Failing Forward" John 21:1-25
Sunday, April 24	"The Case for Christ" 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

DivorceCare

Discover Hope. Find Help.
Experience Healing.

Mondays at 5:30 PM at

Church of the Resurrection (Upper Room)

DivorceCare is our seminar/support group reaching out to those struggling with separation and divorce in the Flagstaff community. Are you feeling the emotional pain of separation or divorce? Do you have friends or neighbors who are going through divorce? The good news is they don't have to go through this painful experience alone.

DivorceCare is a distinctively Christian divorce recovery program which brings in-depth healing. Without God and the spiritual principles of healing found in Scripture recovery can be superficial and not lasting. "God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). Childcare will be provided upon request. The participant workbook is \$15/person. We are also praying about DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) which may be implemented at some time in the future as volunteers are available. Would you like to help in launching this new ministry? If you would like to register for DivorceCare please call 928.699.2715.



Youth & Family Group Meetings Wednesday Evenings from 5:30-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Join our group for middle and high school students! Friends and family are also invited for an evening of freshly cooked dinner, interactive games, Bible study and encouraging each other. The only rule is "No Hunting" so everyone is made to feel welcome! We are continuing our lesson series on the fear of God and how to grow in the knowledge of the Lord. You and your family are encouraged to come! Like to cook? Cook for us! Sign up on the ministry board!

2016 Youth & Family Mexico Mission Trip June 11-18 Sharing the Gospel in Tijuana, Mexico Registration Deadline: May 10

Our Easter breakfast fundraiser brought in over \$900 toward the cost of our short-term mission trip this summer to Tijuana, Mexico! Praise the Lord! We are serving with 3 other PCA churches and their Youth & Family (who have done this trip before) on a mission to build houses and share our faith with impoverished Mexican families. The trip cost will be \$400 and you will need a passport (\$80) or passport card (\$15). We will be doing even more fundraisers so families can serve together. Be sure to have forms and payment completed by May 10! Contact Pastor Wes if you have questions.

Inspirational Thoughts on Giving

Bob Hope on Giving... "Laughter is an instant vacation.
Giving is a two-week vacation with pay."

The Apostle Paul on Giving... "God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Winston Churchill on Giving... "We make a living by what
we get, but we make a life by what we give."

COR Adopt-an-Avenue Cleanup Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:00 AM at Heritage Square

After meeting at Heritage Square, in front of Monsoon's Restaurant, we will commence with cleaning up our designated section along San Francisco St. (from Cherry St. to Forest Ave.). Interested? Please call Joan Stoner at 928.853.9827.



Pass the Word! Church of the Resurrection Is Launching a New GriefShare Seminar/Support Group Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in the Upper Room Starting April 13

We are finding that Flagstaff is hungry for GriefShare! We're getting the word out into the community and many are gathering to find help. We'll be completing our current GriefShare grief recovery support group on April 6 and beginning a new 13-week seminar on April 13. Our time will change from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to allow more people to be able to come directly from their work. We hope you will share this remarkable opportunity for grief recovery with your friends and neighbors. Loss and grief are a part of life. Many people don't understand healthy grieving and suffer for years. GriefShare is distinctively Christian and provides biblical insights into in-depth healing. Secular counseling only scratches the surface. "God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). Register today by calling 928.699.2715.

Mark your Calendars! Don't Miss! Be Inspired by Our Annual COMPASSION SUNDAY Your Opportunity to Learn About Compassion International's Child Sponsorship Program Sunday, April 24 9:00 and 10:45 AM Worship Services

Our Members and Friends of Church of the Resurrection currently sponsor over 70 children in developing nations worldwide. Truly, we are "Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name" and participating in missions in a very meaningful way. You will learn about Compassion International in our worship services and then those who would like to take action and sponsor a child are invited to do so at the Compassion table in the Fellowship Hall. Sometimes families partner with one another and share the \$38/cost. Others would like to financially support the cause and partner with those who would like to write letters to encourage the children. Get creative! The need is great! We can make a difference in the lives of poverty-stricken children and bring glory to God in the process. Mark your calendars. Compassion Sunday is April 24!

Coming Soon! Sign Up Today! "A Growing Marriage" Seminar with Dr. Gary Chapman (author of best-selling, The Five Love Languages)

Several years ago Pastor Bob and Robin attended a Gary Chapman marriage seminar live in Tucson. At that seminar they learned that this dynamic teaching was also going to be presented in DVD format so many across the country could partake. We have those resources and they will be shared on Tuesday evenings, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Bob will be our discussion leader. Come and bring your spouse for full benefit. Childcare will be provided upon request. Call 928.699.2715 to register and request childcare. The topics are as follows:

Tuesday, April 26	"Communication 101"
Tuesday, May 3	"Understanding and Expressing Love"
Tuesday, May 10	"Initiating Positive Change"
Tuesday, May 17	"Making Sex a Mutual Joy"
Tuesday, May 24	"How to Share the Things that Bug You"

Why not invite your unchurched friends and neighbors to come with you. We think they will really enjoy the seminar. The teaching is practical, humorous, and also biblical. It's good stuff! Why not turn to the Maker of Marriages for our wisdom!

Introducing The DANIEL PLAN... 40 Days to a Healthier Life Faith - Food - Fitness - Focus - Friends

Pastor Rick Warren (author of *The Purpose-Driven Life*) has collaborated with Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman to produce this dynamic, balanced program toward achieving a healthier lifestyle. Joan Stoner and Pastor Bob will facilitate this new opportunity at Church of the Resurrection to motivate our people and their friends in healthy living. Come and be blessed! Our first gathering will be Thursday, April 28, at 5:30 PM. Sign up today!

Have A Heart for College Students?

COR is looking for a Coordinator of College Ministry. This is someone who has a passion for students at NAU and CCC. Be the one to arrange rides to church, to have a presence at both campuses, to encourage students in their studies and to be the point person for organizing Bible studies. College students are hungry for the Lord and for a church family. Be the one!