

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

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10:45 AM

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“Where People Come Alive!”

THE RISEN CHRIST IN EVERYDAY LIFE

On a certain Friday a group of people saw the leader to whom they had committed their lives crucified on a cross. Bewildered, heartbroken, they had watched him die, and late that afternoon saw his dead body placed in a tomb. When the heavy stone thudded across the door of the tomb and was secured by the seal of the Roman Empire, it also crashed through the corridors of their minds, demolishing forever all their hopes and dreams. In black despair, blind confusion, and shattering disillusionment they scattered furtively across the country, determined to resume the vocations they had left abruptly over three years before.

Within a few weeks all of this was changed. The scattered followers of Jesus came together again, filled with confidence, joy, and purpose. In the very city where Jesus had been publicly executed they launched the most powerful and dynamic people movement in history. Something obviously had happened!

The cross of defeat suddenly became the symbol of victory. The message became not what Jesus of Nazareth taught, but the person of Jesus himself. And the Christian Church began its unpredictable yet triumphant march through history. Something obviously happened! What was it?

The event of Easter day provides the answer. The followers and friends of Jesus believed without question that while he had died on Friday afternoon, he was now alive. How did they know? It certainly wasn't because any of them had seen Jesus burst through the stone door in a blaze of glory. It was not because his body had disappeared. True, it had vanished, and the tomb was empty. But there's more.

These people knew that Jesus was alive because they saw him and talked with him. For almost six weeks Jesus appeared to a person here, two disciples there, to a group, a crowd. The ten recorded post-resurrection appearances became the primary proof of the resurrection. Each encounter with the Risen Lord radiated a tremendous self-authenticating power. Until, the defeated disciples became the “resurrected disciples” themselves. Now, as then, the miracle of Easter is discovered through personal encounters with the living Christ. This is what makes the difference. And this is what produces Easter people.

Because of Easter, Christianity is not primarily a religion, but a dynamic relationship with a living Lord Jesus Christ. Like the early church, our victory chant is “We have seen the Lord!” (John 20:25)

Christ is alive! His presence brings a wonder into our lives filling our days with hope. Our resurrection friends become our closest companions on life's journey. Everyday is an adventure, because like Paul we yearn “To know Christ and the power of his resurrection!” (Phil. 3:10).

Canon Michael Green puts it so well... *The Church ...beginning from a handful of uneducated fishermen and tax gatherers, swept across the whole known world in the next few hundred years. It is a perfectly amazing story of peaceful revolution that has no parallel in the history of the world. It came about because Christians were able to say to inquirers: “Jesus did not only die for you. He is alive! You can meet him and discover for yourself the reality we are talking about!” They did, and joined the church and the church, born from that Easter grave, spread everywhere.”*

Dear brothers and sisters, He's alive!
It's time to celebrate!

A Delicious Easter Breakfast

Mexico Mission Trip Fundraiser

Join us on Easter for a ‘Sonrise’ service at 7AM or our 9AM service and stick around for a delicious breakfast cooked by our own Youth & Family group. The breakfast will be a fundraiser for our Mexico mission trip in June and we appreciate any support you can give! Hope to see you there!

A Sanctuary Piano

Would you like to Help the Dream Come True?

For almost five years we have nurtured the dream of procuring a baby-grand Piano for our sanctuary. At one point we considered a \$40,000 Steinway and realized that it was out of our price range. Recently, our Director of Music Patty Gross discovered a 5'7" Young Chang Piano in outstanding condition being sold for \$5,000. This fine instrument is owned by a professional piano tuner who lives in the Verde Valley.

Our session has approved the purchase of this piano contingent upon designated donations from the members & friends of COR. Would you like to help and by so doing enhance the worship life of our church? If so, please contact pastor Bob, 928.699.7592, at your earliest convenience. For questions about the instrument, please call Patty Gross, 928.225.9889. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

Women's Ministry & the Circle of Sisters

will be enjoying God's beautiful creation on Saturday, April 15!
Join us for a Spring Hike! Sign up on the Church bulletin board.



Mission to Flagstaff Family Food Bank for Building Fix-Up

Come and join FaithWorks as we strive to help our brothers and sisters in Flagstaff who work hard at this food bank ministry - but who have little or no time - or budget for building repair or fix-up. We'll help in any way needed!

April 8, 2017, 8am-4:30pm

Registration fee: \$30

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The Sermon Series for April "The Cross & Resurrection"

The Christ Event, including the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus, stands in human history as *The Hinge of History*. Christendom influenced the marking of years as "B.C." (before Christ) and "A.D." (anno domini "in the year of our Lord") for centuries. One cannot understand who Jesus is nor can we understand the people movement known as Christianity without understanding the significance of the Cross and the Resurrection. We will be focusing on these world-changing events over the weeks of April. Bring a friend to explore the impact these events can have in transforming lives in contemporary times. Our series will unfold as follows:

Sunday, April 2nd - "The Achievement of the Cross"

Isaiah 53 and 1 John 4:7-21

Sunday, April 9th (Palm/Passion Sunday) - "Living Under the Cross"

Galatians Selections

Sunday, April 16th (Easter Sunday) - "The Easter People" Gospel Selections

Sunday, April 23rd - "Living the Resurrection" Gospel Selections

Sunday, April 30th - "Resurrection: Christ's and Your's" 1 Corinthians 15

Good Friday Candlelight Service Friday, April 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Members and friends of COR will gather for a worship service of light and darkness with teaching on the meaning of the Cross. This worship experience will be helpful to inquirers who are trying to understand the crucifixion. The music will inspire and the teaching will enlighten as we take our next steps in following Jesus. Bring your unchurched, not-yet-Christian friends. They'll be glad you did.

All-Church Spring Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

As the family of God, we enjoy working together as we beautify our church building and grounds. Come and work shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart as we prepare the church facilities. Some will work inside to clean and ready the church for Easter and others will work outdoors weeding and watering to beautify our grounds surrounding the church. We'll conclude with a fellowship luncheon at 12:00 noon. Come and enjoy getting to know one another better as we work together. Sign up on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall.

"The CASE for CHRIST" Movie

Coming to our Flagstaff Harkins Theatre on April 7th
Watch for Details as we will be Going
as a Church Group and then Gathering
Afterwards for Discussion

"How to Share Your Faith" Workshop Coming to Church of the Resurrection Saturday, May 6th, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$20 / Participant

Includes All Materials and Lunch

PCA Pastor Mark Roessler will be our primary instructor as we gather for what will probably be "the most important lay ministry training event of the whole year." The materials will be from Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training. Mark was the founding pastor of Catalina Foothills Church in Tucson, and prior to that served as the National Director for Evangelism Explosion. Catalina Foothills was our mother church to help COR get planted in 2007. Mark is a dynamic instructor with amazing skills in personal evangelism. Sign up today. We want as many of our COR members and friends as possible to benefit from this outstanding training.



Compassion Sunday - May 7th

Compassion Sunday provides an opportunity for the members and friends of Church of the Resurrection to sponsor a child in an impoverished area of the world. After each morning worship service we'll have a Compassion table in the Fellowship Hall to provide information and actually sign up people to sponsor a child. We currently sponsor about 75 children from all over the world. Those desiring sponsorship will provide \$38/month and will receive a child's profile which starts the relationship. COR has partnered with Compassion International for years and we fully endorse the Compassion motto "Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name." Be praying about sponsoring a child...it's a wonderful, God-honoring way to change the world.

A Call to Prayer for Our Church Leaders! PRESBYTERY of the SOUTHWEST Meeting April 20-21 in Tucson at Desert Springs Presbyterian Church

Three times each year (January, April, & September) the Teaching Elders (Pastors) and Ruling Elders of our Presbytery (PCA churches in Arizona, New Mexico, and the El Paso area) gather to worship and attend to the business of our congregations. The mission is to plant new churches, encourage the fulfillment of the Great Commission, and enable our churches to serve to the glory of God. Pray for these church leaders. Pastor Bob and Pastor Wes are planning on representing COR at these meetings. They appreciate your prayer support. Soli Deo Gloria!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Saturday, April 22nd, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room

Youth & Family Group Every Wednesday, 5:30-8:00 PM In The Fellowship Hall

Youth & Family is for everyone grades 6-12 and their families. It's a wonderful time for food and fellowship, Bible study and prayer, and we worship the Lord with song as well! Join us as we grow in our faith together as Pastor Wes leads us through the powerful teachings of the Bible.

Pioneer Club For Kids K-5th Grade Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00

Voyagers (K-2nd) and Pathfinders (3rd-5th) are the Pioneers of the Bible as we navigate the teaching of our Lord and do fun games and activities. We also have yummy snacks! What a great time to learn about God's love for us in Jesus! Pastors Bob and Wes and our amazing volunteers would love to see your kids there.



Rome VBS is Coming! July 31-August 4 9:00-11:00AM

Get ready for Rome! We will visit Paul and the Underground church in the first century learning about the love of Jesus and having a great time singing God's praise, growing in faith, and experiencing an ancient Roman Marketplace! If you want to be a volunteer, see Pastor Wes!

Coming This Summer...

Financial Peace University will be offered this summer. This is a dynamic, nine-week learning experience featuring Dave Ramsey teaching biblical, liberating principles followed by group discussion. Now's the time to get out of debt and move ahead in fulfilling your financial goals.

Life EXPLORED is a seven-week series featuring a combination of short films -shot around the world - and Bible interaction. It helps people uncover what they're really living for, and shows how, in Christ, God meets our deepest desire for happiness.

"The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, April 22nd, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Come and Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast & Spiritual Encouragement

Each month our COR men and their friends gather to share in rich fellowship as we enjoy a delicious breakfast and mutual encouragement. As men of faith we seek to "spur one another on to love and good deeds... encouraging one another as we see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). These gatherings are really enjoyable as we hear each other's stories and pray for one another. Chef Bob Philpott leads the cook team. Would you like to help with set up, cooking, or clean-up? Join the team and enjoy this dynamic gathering of men!

"Christianity EXPLORED" Starting Wednesday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m. in the Homes of our People

What is *Christianity Explored*? *Christianity Explored* is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. It's for anyone who wants to think about what Christianity says about the meaning of life. It's designed to help you explore the big issues we all think about. It's run by ordinary people and looks at the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. You can ask any question you want and meet other people who are on a similar journey to you. We each get one life to live - *Christianity Explored* helps us to explore what it's all about.

What happens at *Christianity Explored*? Food, drink, and a time to relax. Time for us to find out for ourselves what the Bible says about Jesus Christ and the meaning of life. A short DVD/talk focusing on a part of Jesus' life. A discussion time, when we can ask questions or sit and listen to others. And if you need to miss a week, that's okay too.

More information? call Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592

The Truth Project Adult Small Group Study Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

On April 25th we will begin a 13-week tour through the Biblical structure of a Christian worldview. This study is a wonderful, thought-provoking, and engaging opportunity to consider the major claims of the Bible over against prevailing cultural opinions and to grow in our faith together. Pastor Wes will be facilitating the group at the King home in Pine Canyon: 3805 Clubhouse Circle.