

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

Church Office Hours

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Monday—Friday

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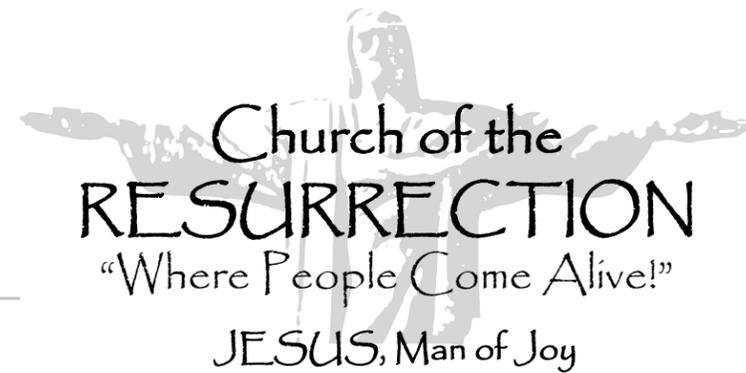
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JESUS, Man of Joy

The way of discipleship is the way of joy. Jesus spoke of His vital connection with His disciples, "I am the vine and you are the branches" (John 15:5) "If a man lives in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit." The fruit of joy is part of the evidence that Christ is in our lives (Galatians 5:22). The surest mark of a Christian is not faith, or even love, but joy (Samuel Shoemaker). After telling of the vine and the branches, Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).

Are we experiencing the fullness of His joy? So many church people have a "white-knuckle grip" on life. Filled by worry and anxiety, we let the cares of life rob us of the joy of living Jesus intends for His disciples. Some folks look like they were baptized in lemon juice and never got over it! William Barclay remarked, "A gloomy Christian is a contradiction in terms, and nothing in all religious history has done Christianity more harm than its connection with black clothes and long faces." Joy is to be the winsome magnet that draws people to Christ because it is the one thing they do not have, but want so desperately.

Ask the living Christ for His gift of joy! Joy is your birthright (Luke 2:10). Joy is your destiny. You were chosen for joy. Joy is the flag that flies over the castle of our hearts announcing that the King is residence today. Ask and you will receive (John 15:7). The Lord wants you to be empowered by joy (Nehemiah 8:10). The Lord wants your perspective on life to be filled with hope and joy

during good times and hard times (Habakkuk 3:16-19). He will gladly give you joy in His presence (Psalm 16:11). French scientist Teilhard de Chardin wrote, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Ask Him into your life anew that you might be filled with His joy.

Focus your quest for joy on the Lord Himself! The apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians (called "the epistle of joy") from a Roman prison. His circumstances were deplorable, but he modeled for us how to experience the joy of the Lord in the midst of great adversity. Paul wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4) Paul was not rejoicing in his circumstances. He was rejoicing in the Lord. That is why he could write in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "Be joyful always". Where is your focus? Are you consumed and distracted by your circumstances? Or are you focused on Christ Himself, the man of joy?

If Church of the Resurrection was filled with the joy of the Lord, we couldn't build a sanctuary large enough to contain all the joyful worshippers, all the people seeking to know the overflowing joy that only Christ Himself bestows. We live in a world filled with sorrows, but remember Jesus said, "Your sorrows will turn to joy!" (John 16:20) When the risen, reigning Christ fills His Church joy will overflow!



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"Salvation by Surprise" (Studies in Romans)
Monday Evenings, August 8th and 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
Lu and Fae Warner's home, 3114 Bear Howard
(Forest Highlands)

On Monday, August 8th we'll be considering Romans 8 on the subject "Life in the Spirit". It has been said that the book of Romans is like the Himalayan Mountain Range and chapter 8 is Mount Everest. Come and enjoy. Bring your friends. Then on August 22nd we'll be studying chapters 9-11 as we consider the Jews in God's plan of salvation.

GriefShare... your journey from mourning to joy
Wednesday Evenings, 5:30 - 7:00
in the Upper Room

GriefShare is our compassionate outreach to the Flagstaff community ministering God's healing grace to those experiencing the loss of a loved one and the ensuing season of grief. GriefShare is a seminar on learning the attitudes and behaviors for healthy grieving. It is also a support group of caring, loving people of empathy who listen with their hearts. Pass the word in the community. You don't have to go through your season of grief alone. Come and know God's healing and peace. For more information, call the church office at 928.699.2715.



FAITHWORKS
Sonora, Mexico
November 3 - 6, 2016

FaithWorks provides medical care to the poor who cannot afford to go to a doctor or pharmacy. For the third time this year we will send a medical/dental team on mission to Mexico. The cost is \$295 per person. Interested? Please call the Faithworks office at 928.774.0504.

Sermon Series for August
"JOY UNSPEAKABLE:
Power & Renewal in the Holy Spirit"

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are worshippers first and foremost! In August we will be looking to God's Word to develop a strategy for spiritual renewal which will enable us to experience the overflowing joy of the Lord. How exciting this will be! Everyone wants to experience joy, so remember to invite your friends and neighbors to come and share in His joy in worship and learn insights about laying hold of His joy for everyday living. As we exhibit a spirit of invitation we discover the spiritual hunger of people in the Flagstaff community. Let's reach out in love to our friends and neighbors.

Sermons in this new series are according to the following schedule:

Sunday, August 7 (The Lord's Supper) - "Joyful Worship" Psalm 100 & Philippians 4:4-9

Sunday, August 14 (Prayers for Healing) - "When Fear Meets Joy" - Habakkuk 3:16-19

Sunday, August 21 - "A Joyful, Grace-Filled Life" Isaiah 55 & John 15:1-11

Sunday, August 28 - "Overflowing Joy" (Selected Passages from Psalms & Philippians)

"Lord of the Loose Ends"
Summer Dialogue on Christianity and Culture
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 3 - "Culture Wars"

Wednesday, August 10 - "The Persecution of Christians in the World Today" with Dr. Charles Wise, Professor at the U of A

Wednesday, August 17 - "Science and Faith"

Wednesday, August 24 - "The Twilight of Atheism"

Wednesday, August 31 - "Militant Islamic Terrorism in the World Today"

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, August 13, 9:00-10:30 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

Our Men's Prayer Breakfasts are holy fun as the men of COR and their friends gather for a delicious and hearty breakfast as well as rich Christian fellowship. Chef Bob Philpott will be our cook and he needs your help in preparing the meal and cleaning up afterwards.

The DANIEL PLAN
Faith - Food - Fitness - Focus - Friends
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall / August 4th & 18th

The Daniel Plan is a Christian ministry toward spiritual growth, nutrition, fitness, and weight loss. We're setting goals and making progress on reaching those goals. The fellowship is rich as we encourage one another in developing a healthier lifestyle which will make us happy and healthy and bring glory to God. For more information, call the church office at (928) 699-2715.

VBS Was a Success!
God Truly Blessed Us and the Kids
Thank You to All our Volunteers!

Join us in praising the Lord for the wonderful blessings He poured out on our Vacation Bible School. The whole week we learned about Jesus the Light of the World and all the good things He gives us. The 42 kids who came had a great time, the 20 volunteers worked harder than ever, and the entire week was a wonderful time to get to know and love the kids. 22 of the families who participated were currently looking for a church home and we are praying that they would find their spiritual home here at COR.

A special thanks to Wes and Julia Holmes. Their leadership and dedication were truly outstanding.

Staff Changes in Our Administrative Assistant Position

Joe Dingman has been serving ably as our COR Administrative Assistant since last October. However, due to health reasons, his physicians have recommended that he not continue working for the time being. We are sorry to lose Joe's services. He has done a fine job. Of course, we want to continue to serve as a support system for Joe and Elaine. We are their church family.

Starting Monday, August 1st COR member Elias Reyes has become our Administrative Assistant serving twenty hours each week. Elias is fully qualified and we welcome him to our ministry team. Elias has held ministry posts over the years and also served as a chaplain's assistant in the U. S. Army. He brings both excellent administrative and people skills to this key ministry position at COR. Let's keep both Joe and Elias in our prayers as these changes are made. Thanks for your support to these men.

Company...Attention! Move Out!
Discipleship Bootcamp Tuesday evenings
starting August 16 at COR

I remember when I received an official letter that said: "Pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 13223, DTD 14 SEP 01, you are ordered to active duty as a member of your Reserve Component Unit for the period indicated unless sooner released or unless extended. Upon reading the document, I knew that it was official...I was being deployed to the Middle East. My Commander in Chief -- the President of the United States of America had used his authority to activate our unit to defend our way of life and engage in combat the enemies of our great nation.

We too, have received our deployment orders and it is called the "Great Commission." In it, our Commander in Chief Jesus Christ, has given the executive order to deploy and to advance the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. How do we do this?

On August 16, Discipleship Bootcamp will begin. In these blocks of training we will learn the following: Who you are in Christ, Inductive Bible study Techniques, How to use your spiritual gifts, Practicums of Spiritual warfare, and other practical lessons that will take you beyond Christianity 101.

We will be meeting in the Sanctuary every Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. until Mid-December.
 -Elias "Eli" Reyes-

Pioneer Club is Coming
Starting September 13 for 1st-5th Grade
Tuesday After-School Bible Club

Last year we had a wonderful group of kids with our Pioneer Club. This year we want to extend the invitation to all 1st-5th graders to join us as we do fun activities, learn useful skills, and grow in our knowledge of God's Word. If you have a heart for this ministry, please consider being a volunteer and helper with the kids. If you have questions, ask Pastor Wes for details.

Feeding in the Philippines
Sunday, August 21

We are putting together a "love gift" to help support our dear friend Luz Bradley, FaithWorks missionary extraordinaire. Luz is from the Philippines and will be orchestrating this special one-day feeding program to bear witness to Jesus Christ. For more information call David Hoffman at (928) 606-1064.

Youth & Family Group Meetings
Wednesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 PM
in The Fellowship Hall

Youth & Family means youth (6th-12th grade) and their families are welcome to join us every Wednesday evening at church. We get together for a delicious dinner around a big table, we have fun activities and games, and we get to study God's Word together, pray together, and sing to the Lord. This month, Pastor Wes will be finishing a series on Christianity and the World Religions where we have been thinking deeply and intelligently about our faith together. Why not come and join us? See you there!

Diamondbacks Baseball Game and Christian Concert
Friday, August 26, Chase Field in Phoenix

Some of our COR members and friends will be attending this special event for baseball fans and concert goers. Would you like to join us? Call the church office for more information at (928) 699-2715.

Presbytery of the Southwest
September 22 & 23

Our own Wes Holmes, our Director of Youth & Family Ministry, is diligently studying for ordination exams and may be examined on the floor of Presbytery, September 22 & 23. Let's be praying for Wes as he takes this important and significant step toward full ordination in the Presbyterian Church in America. Wes is a man after God's own heart. Bless him with your prayers and your words of encouragement.

Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Coming to COR
Monday Evenings, Starting August 15th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

We are excited about offering the excellent course *Financial Peace University*. COR member Ken Kieft will be the facilitator with Robin Long as his assistant for this nine-week course. Dave Ramsey teaches practical Christian financial concepts which are life-changing. Participants must register online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1023796 to order the required materials for the class and to register. The cost is \$93. Many people are getting out of debt and moving on to financial independence through this dynamic course. Childcare will be provided at the church. If you have questions, call Ken Kieft, (760) 453-2081 or Robin Long, (928) 699-0703.

Navajo Taco Sale Benefit
for the Jensen Family
Saturday, August 6, 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM
The COR Fellowship Hall