

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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Sunday Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:45 AM

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"Where People Come Alive!"

PUTTING GOD FIRST

We live in an Age of Anxiety. Worry has become a way of life for many. But life is better with Jesus and He tells us "Do not worry about your life...but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:25, 33). What a wonderful way to live! Putting God first...and becoming worry free!

The Apostle Paul agrees with Jesus and teaches the same spiritual truth. "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." (Philippians 4:6-7) I have a preacher friend who titled a recent sermon, "Why Pray When I Can Worry." Humor can be a wonderful thing, but worry is not a wonderful thing! Worry debilitates us. It robs us of the joy of living. It gives us ulcers and sleepless nights. Our Lord Jesus wants the very best for us, so he says, "don't worry ... put God first in your life!" This is the divine antidote to a wasted life of joyless worry.

Using the word "first" tells a lot about one's priorities in life. President Trump uses the phrase "America First!" for he wants people to know that he's going to bat for the American people. However, in a recent conversation with the President of Mexico regarding the infamous "wall" which our president claims Mexico will pay for, his guest responded, "I am the President of Mexico, and I believe in Mexico First!" Oops. Like Apollo 13, "Houston, we've got a problem!" Warning lights reveal priorities can divide us in this challenging world. My priorities may not be yours. Conflicts arise.

What are *your* priorities? Is God at the top of the list? If He's not, then you are setting yourself up for failure, futility, frus-

tration, and a worry-fraught lifestyle. The modern idols of "god of my success", "god of my pleasures", "god of my nation", "god of getting my way", and the "god of my comfort" will let you down every time.

At Church of the Resurrection, can we unite around the loving wisdom of Jesus who admonishes us to **Put God First?** You see, God created us for Himself. We are to live out our lives in the context of a personal relationship with God Himself. Augustine reminded us, "God, You created us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in You." The great mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal reminded us, "Every human being has a God-shaped vacuum within, that can only be filled with God Himself." Pascal helped us to understand the empty feeling so many people experience. The Westminster divines reminded us, "Our primary purpose for life on earth is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." This is the abundant life of which Jesus speaks (John 10:10).

Some may think, "Pastor Bob, you're asking too much!" "I just want a little god, a little religion, just enough to give me a good reputation in the community... just enough to give me peace of mind and some warm fuzzies when life gets tough." Jesus sees through our façade of religious respectability and lovingly carefronts us with "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and then all of these things will be added unto you." Are we putting God first? If so, what an adventure our lives will be! If not, we are creating a house of cards destined to fall. Let's follow Jesus and **Put God First** applying the love and wisdom of the living Christ to the living of our lives. Let's desire God's best in this new year...and every year!

Youth & Family Group

Every Wednesday, 5:30-8:00 PM

In The Fellowship Hall

Attention all Middle and High School students! Do you ever wonder why relationships can be so difficult? Come join the group as Pastor Wes teaches on where we can find the strength to transform our relationships. We also have dinner, games, and fellowship time. Hope to see you and your friends there!

P.S. Our Winter Retreat was a smashing success and it was a joy to share the weekend in a lovely home (Thank you Lu & Fae!) with such warm company: Pastor Ben's group from Tucson. We hope to do it again next year!

Youth & Family Mexico Mission Trip

Mark Your Calendars! June 10 - 17

Once again we will be joining with our sister churches for a house-building, gospel-sharing, faith-growing mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico. Last year our group was safe and a great time was shared by all! If you are interested, see Pastor Wes for details.

Pioneer Club

For Kids K-5th Grade

Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00

Voyagers (K-2nd) and Pathfinders (3rd-5th) come together every Tuesday for activities, games, and Bible lessons. We even have snacks! We have a great time doing crafts and skits, learning about God's love for us in Jesus! Pastors Bob and Wes and our amazing volunteers would love to see your kids there.

New Prayer Group Forming!

NEW CITY HALL PRAYER GROUP

First Meeting, Monday, Feb. 20th, at 12:00 noon at
The Main Entrance to Flagstaff's City Hall

We will be praying for the City of Flagstaff, "onsite with insight". Now, February 20th is President's Day and the actual City Hall may be closed, but we will circle City Hall with prayer (like the ancient Israelites marching around Jericho); however, our prayers will be that the walls will not fall, but the City of Flagstaff will be spiritually strengthened. We have a new mayor, Coral Evans, who welcomes prayer. If you are planning on coming, call Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592. He'll be glad to enlist you in the Lord's Army of Prayer.



El Nathan Mission Rescheduled

Hi All, Some of you have expressed an interest in serving on the FaithWorks team to El Nathan ministries in Flagstaff, and because of the winter storm that engulfed Northern Arizona last weekend, we decided to postpone the mission.

At the guidance of Jeff Dudenhofer [El Nathan Camp Director] we have chosen Feb. 4th as our 'follow-up' day to complete the mission. If you are still able and wanting to serve, please let us know via email: jfaithworks@msn.com or phone: 928-821-1073. Thank you for being willing and eager to serve others through FaithWorks! On Mission With You, Glen

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Sermons in Our

"The Christ on the Mountain" Series

We continue our sermon series on The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) discovering the deep spiritual truths of our Lord Jesus. Over the years millions have marveled at His teachings. We encourage the people of COR to bring friends and neighbors to learn and live these dynamic ethical truths. The contemporary church has been criticized for "holding a theology which is a mile wide and an inch deep," but in the Sermon on the Mount we go deeper as we consider the profound truths of Jesus of Nazareth. Our sermons in this series for February are the following:

Sunday, February 5th - "The Disciples' Religion"
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Sunday, February 12th - "The Disciples' Prayer"
Matthew 6:7-15

Sunday, February 19th - "Investing in Heaven"
Matthew 6:19-24

Sunday, February 26th - "Godly Ambition"
Matthew 6:25-34

Starting the week of Sunday, February 12th, our Neighborhood Groups, home-based small groups designed for growth in discipleship will be starting to meet using these scripture passages from our sermon series for learning and living Christ's way of discipleship. Sign up for a small group on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call the church office at 928.699.2715 or look to the article in this February issue of our newsletter.

Find a Hurt and Heal It...Find a Need and Fill It Churches Grow When They Focus on the Real Needs of People

We have three ministries at COR which intentionally focus on the hurts and needs of people in our church and in our greater Flagstaff community. For example, *Divorce-Care* provides a seminar/support group to minister to those going through separation and divorce. Meeting on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room this divorce recovery group is led by Elias and Jennifer Reyes. *DivorceCare* is a compassionate outreach bringing hope, help, and healing to those hurting from divorce. Tell your friends and neighbors they do not have to struggle alone. There are those who care at *DivorceCare*.

Also, our *GriefShare* ministry, meeting on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room, teaches the principles of healthy grieving to those who have lost a loved one to death. Led by Brian Kolb and Luann Hunt *GriefShare* is also a loving, support group listening with empathy and genuine caring for those going through a season of grief. For more information about these support groups, call the church office at 928.699.2715 All are welcome.

Furthermore, our new **Financial Peace University course with Dave Ramsey** helps adults of all ages to address their financial crises and work their way through to debt-free living. Our FPU course meets on Tuesday eve-

nings starting January 31st at 6:30 p.m. Led by Pastor Wes Holmes and Robin Long this course addresses the critical financial plight of many people as they struggle with money issues. Register on line at the DaveRamsey.com website. This nine-week course is liberating and life changing. Wouldn't you like to experience "Financial PEACE"? Give FPU a try! You'll like it!

New Groups Now Forming! Neighborhood Home Groups Designed for Growth in Discipleship

In the Spring of 2016 we shared in the Discipleship Seminar. Then in the Summer and Fall of 2016 small group leader trainees went through Discipleship Bootcamp. Now, we are ready to launch our new Neighborhood Groups designed for discipleship. We'll start with two strategically-located groups - one on the Eastside and one on the Westside. These groups will gather on weeknights to share life, study the Bible using the Scripture texts from the previous Sunday's sermon, and learn how to support one another with prayer. Mutual encouragement will be an important component of their time together.

Westside Neighborhood Group

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Mike & Brigitte Bradley's Home, 1233 W. Lil Ben (in the Ponderosa Trails neighborhood), starting February 14th (meeting every other week). Mike's Cell 928.606.3143 and Brigitte's Cell 928.774.5557
Emails inccmdr@msn.com or bbradley22@live.com or admin@cor-pca.org

Eastside Neighborhood Group

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Hal & Pam Givens' Home, 5901 N. Mountaineer Rd. (in the Smokerise neighborhood north of the Mall)
Starting February 15th (meeting weekly)
Home phone 928.526.0303 or Cell phone 928.266.2721
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The BETHEL BIBLE SERIES is Launched! Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Decide Today for the Window for Enrollment is Closing Soon

The Bethel Bible Series was launched on Thursday, January 26, 2017, and we have a wonderful group of 15 eager learners. Pastor Bob Norton is teaching this 20-week course on the Old Testament. Then, starting in August after a summer break we'll offer the New Testament phase of Bethel running through December.

We could receive a few more learners, but don't delay for the course availability will end soon. For more information, contact Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592 This course is life-changing and the class members are delightful. Come and learn and live the Word of God! You'll be so glad you did!

Ordination/Installation Service for Wesley E. Holmes Sunday, Feb. 19th, 10:45 Worship Service

We've called him "Pastor Wes" since July of 2015 for his ministry in our midst and his leadership of our Youth and Family Ministry has been pastoral in nature. Now, we're going to make it official. At the gatherings of the Presbytery of the Southwest in September and January Wes was examined and authorized to become a full-fledged pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America. We'll have several Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders coming to Flagstaff on Sunday, February 19th to assist us in ordaining and installing Wes officially as our Associate Pastor. We are so glad. It's time to celebrate! It will be an historic moment. We love Wes and pray God's blessing upon him.

To celebrate Wes Holmes' ordination and installation on Sunday February 19th, there will be a *POTLUCK* after the 10:45 service. This will be a good time of fellowship and celebration. Please bring a dish to share, as dessert will be provided. Main dishes are especially welcome. If you are able to help with set up or take down please contact Julia at (760) 644-4719. This will be a day to remember for our church family and for COR as we honor Pastor Wes.

Now is the Time for Commitment to Christ, the Body of Christ the Church, and the Work of Christ in the World RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY Sunday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

We encourage worshippers at Church of the Resurrection to eventually become members of our church publicly making their commitments to Christ, the Body of Christ the Church, and the Work of Christ in the World. We live in a society which avoids "commitment" at all costs. Commitment has become the "C" word!

Christians have always been counter-cultural and we celebrate commitment. Becoming a new member of a church is a major step of faith, a step toward spiritual maturity and life-changing, world-changing ministry. If you would like to join the church called "resurrection", call Pastor Bob today and make preparations for Sunday, February 26th!



Circle of Sisters Dessert Valentine Party on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the home of Kimberly Camp, 3215 S. Marryvale Lane, Flagstaff, (214) 394-2371

A Gathering of Men! You Are Encouraged to Come and Enjoy! "The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, February 25th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Calling all men! Our Men's Prayer Breakfast is a time to enjoy a delicious breakfast and then to enjoy a spiritual feast as well. We encourage one another and pray for one another. We always go away stronger. Sign up on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall. You can always bring your friends. They'll enjoy it!

All Men Are Invited! Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall We are enjoying a "Study of the Psalms"! Come and be blessed!

A Unique Way to Bless People Who Are Hurting Our COR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Saturday, February 25th, 9:00-10:45 a.m. in the Upper Room

Come join us to fellowship and bless the latest prayer shawls. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Learn! We'll teach you. Or just come visit!

The shawls are a tangible reminder of God's love and compassion and the prayers of God's people at COR for those who need extra comfort.

At Church of the Resurrection We're Seeking to Be a MISSIONAL CHURCH

Sunshine Rescue Mission Sharing God's Love in Tangible Ways

The Sunshine Rescue Mission is in our mission budget for \$100 per month and we also help with volunteers - preaching, praying, and serving. SRM in 2016 provided 33,942 nights of shelter lodging for homeless men, women, and children. They also provided 59,992 total meals. At their chapel services 11,453 attended and 115 gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Counseling was provided for 1109 women at Hope Cottage and 1930 men at the mission. 99 guests left with jobs and 242 guests left with housing.