

## 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 the 2nd Service

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"Where People Come Alive!"

## "LET MY PEOPLE GROW!"

In the Old Testament one of the defining moments for God's people is the Exodus. The Egyptian Pharaoh has been keeping the Hebrews enslaved, and God thru Moses gives the command, "Let My people go!" (Exodus 6:10) This call to freedom starts the movement of God's people toward the Promised Land. This is God's mighty act to create a people for Himself. Eventually, a new nation emerges from the wilderness to serve the Lord.

In the New Testament, one could say that God's command is similar with a "Let My people GROW!" In 2 Peter 3:18 the admonition is clear, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." The Book of Acts tells of the **numerical growth** as 120 gather for prayer, then 3,000 believe and are baptized at Pentecost, and a short time later we're told that the church has grown to 5,000 men plus women and children. And now the Church of Jesus Christ spans the globe and numbers 2.2 billion men and women, boys and girls. And the Church is still growing as new disciples proclaim the good news.

**Spiritual growth** in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ happens also as disciples become ministers. Lay ministry is rooted in the Bible and evident down through the Church's history especially emanating from the Reformation as Martin Luther and John Calvin emphasized the Priesthood of All Believers.

We are all called to be "ministers" for we are all to serve the Lord. As we discover our spiritual gifts and find our ministries the church comes alive growing both numerically and spiritually to the glory of God. One biblical passage which says it well is Ephesians 4:11-16. Paul writes, "God gives pastors and teachers to

equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12). God's method is people. People ministering to people. People reaching people. And the church grows to the glory of God.

I love the story of legendary coach Bud Wilkinson who coached football at the University of Oklahoma and was in Dallas for a series of lectures on physical fitness. A TV reporter interviewed him about the President's physical fitness program and asked: "Mr. Wilkinson, what would you say is the contribution of modern football to physical fitness?" Coach responded, "Absolutely nothing." He went on to say, "I define football as 22 men on the field who desperately need rest and 50,000 people in the grandstand who desperately need exercise."

May this not describe the Church of Jesus Christ! Professional clergy desperately in need of rest and the people in the pew passive and spiritually obese to the point of being overly educated beyond the level of their obedience. The church in the power of the Spirit is the people of God ministering and growing in grace moving on to spiritual maturity (v. 13), speaking the truth in love (v. 15), and this makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love (v. 16). A growing, thriving local church is the hope of the world. Truly, in these days the Risen Christ awakens the Church with a cry of command, "Let My people GROW!"

This issue of our Church of the Resurrection newsletter describes a multitude of ways that God's people at COR can empty the grandstands, get on the field, and become ministers... growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the glory of God! As we enjoy God in ministry the church comes alive!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

Saturday, February 17, 8:55-10:30 in the Upper Room

Come and join us for fellowship, blessing our shawls and a delicious breakfast, complements of the Band of Brothers.

## Circle of Sisters Game Night

Friday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.

Depending on the number of sign-ups, we'll meet either at the Givens Home or in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on our Ministry Bulletin Board or call Pam @ (602) 899-6631.

## Our Youth Ministry is Growing and Thriving!

Our new Youth Pastor Greg Reiff loves God with all his heart and he has a great love for our teenagers too! What a great combination! When you talk with Greg about our youth he always gives them genuine praise. "What a great group of kids we have at COR!" They meet weekly for fun activities like bowling, hiking, helping mission groups, and athletics. They also talk about important things for kids like depression, loneliness, peer pressure, self-esteem and so many more. Our youth are inviting their friends and enjoying growing in their faith because the adults leading youth ministry truly love them and are working hard to help them with the issues of their lives. It's great! Come and enjoy and grow! Call or text Greg at (928) 600-9395.

## Our BETHEL BIBLE SERIES

Old Testament Studies - Coming in August

Pre-Register by Calling the Church Office at (928) 699-2715,  
or sign up on our Ministry Bulletin Board



## Medical Mission to Sonora, Mexico

February 15-18

This will be the 48th Medical Mission into Mexico where professionals are welcomed with gladness. They'll continue to assist in the free provisions of medical/dental/optometrist care and medicines to the poor who cannot afford either, all in Christ's name! Mission fee is \$295 per person.

For more information contact the FaithWorks Office (928) 774-0504, or the Executive Director Glen Allen (928) 821-1073

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**Sermons for February  
in Our "Enjoying God" Series  
Discovering the Spiritual Treasures of Paul's  
Ephesians**

Both Lucille and Dan grew up in strict religious families. They experienced rules-oriented church, heard a great deal about God's judgment, but knew little of the joy of knowing Him. They moved to Los Angeles, found a church alive with spiritual vitality, became a part of a Christian small group developing friendships, and Lucille said, "Dan and I have come to enjoy God." Spirit-filled worship and fellowship is the path to enjoying God and as we enjoy God we give glory to God.

We're learning about "Enjoying God" as we journey together through Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus. Wonderful spiritual treasures! Why not invite your friends and neighbors to come with you to discover these spiritual riches. Many seek prosperity, but true prosperity involves spiritual prosperity (Joshua 1:8-9). Material riches alone do not satisfy. We were created by God and for God. Living out our lives in the context of knowing and enjoying God brings true fulfillment and satisfaction.

As we continue our *Enjoying God* series we'll consider together the following messages in February:

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** - "What's So Amazing About Grace?"  
Ephesians 2:1-10

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** - "When the Walls Come Tumbling Down" Ephesians 2:11-22

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** - "Triumph in Tough Times"  
Ephesians 3:1-13

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** - "Courage Under Fire"  
Ephesians 3:14-21



**We're Looking for Facilitators-in-Training  
to be Mentored by Pastor Bob  
DivorceCare...Find Help,  
Discover Hope, Experience Healing  
Monday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Upper Room**

*DivorceCare* is a network of thousands of divorce recovery support groups meeting worldwide. Our goal is to help you find help for your hurts, discover hope for the future and experience God's healing. Have you gone through the emotional pain of separation and divorce and would now like to help others? Call Pastor Bob today (928) 699-7592 and volunteer to help with *DivorceCare* and be mentored to provide leadership in the future to help others. *DivorceCare* provides a seminar in coping skills and a support to be heard and encouraged by caring people. Call today.

**New Opportunity for Training &  
Serving in Lay Ministry  
The Stephen Series... Christ Caring  
for People through People  
Transforming Lives and  
Equipping the Saints for Ministry  
Information and  
Orientation Dinner Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall**

We invite the members and friends of Church of the Resurrection to an Informational Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Come and learn about Stephen Ministry equipping the saints for lay caregiving ministry since 1975. We have enrolled in the Stephen Series and will be providing a training class in lay caregiving. The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-on-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. Pre-register for the Informational Evening by calling the church office at (928) 699-2715. What are people saying about Stephen Ministry?

*"Stephen Ministry has given our congregation the resources, structure, and training to do what we always wanted to do: reach out to hurting individuals with the love of Christ."*  
- Yoonne Griesse from Selah, Washington

*"The essence of Stephen Ministry is bringing together broken people, Equipping them, and letting God work through them to bring his healing love To those who are hurting. It's about ordinary people doing extraordinary ministry."*  
- Brownie Kimes from Houston, Texas

*"This ministry is a new horizon for Christianity, where our knowledge of the priesthood of all believers turns into action."*  
- Rev. Kazuhiro Sekino from Tokyo, Japan

**GriefShare... your JOURNEY from  
MOURNING to JOY  
Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Upper Room**

Our own Brian Kolb is our trusted and true facilitator for *GriefShare*. Brian would be glad to train others to assist with leading *GriefShare*. Have you gone through the profound sadness of losing a loved one? Do you know what a season of grief looks like and the importance of supportive family and friends? Then, come to *GriefShare* and grow in compassion yourself and help others to find the help they need. To know more about helping to lead *GriefShare* call Brian at 699-5978.

**Dave Ramsey's  
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY  
Our COR Financial Peace Class  
Coming this Spring**

COR member Chuck Thomsen is currently in training to lead our own COR Financial Peace University (FPU) after Easter. Would you like to participate in FPU becoming debt free and getting your financial house in order. FPU is great! Many of our people have benefitted from this dynamic course. Dave Ramsey's principles are biblical and sound and they work! Talk with Chuck about teaming and helping to bring FPU to COR!

**HOSTING THE HOMELESS...  
a ministry of compassion  
We are Looking for a New  
Coordinator of Homeless Ministry  
Inquire at the Church Office by Calling  
(928) 699-2715**

**New Men's  
Discipleship & Support Group  
Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We're looking forward to our new Men's Support Group starting to meet on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Are you interested in this gathering? We'll be looking at the Navigator's *The 2:7 Series* bringing spiritual growth and maturity to us all. We'll also be encouraging one another as we share our real life experiences. Good things happen when men gather and the grace of God is at work. For more information, call Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592.



**People's Pantry Sunday  
Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>,  
At Both Morning  
Worship Services**

Our own Sandy Berry is doing a marvelous job of coordinating the People's Pantry and she is so appreciative of her church stepping up and donating each month to resupply the pantry. Do you know? In December the COR members and friends brought 832 pounds of food donated to the hungry of Flagstaff. Sandy and her team of volunteers are doing an incredible job providing food and essential items for the hungry. Thanks for your help and generosity. Let's do it again on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. To God be the glory!

**The Arizona Presbytery is Launched!  
Pastors and Ruling Elders Met January 26-27  
at New Valley Church in Chandler**

Be praying for our Oasis of Hope mission church, our new church plants in Arizona, and new RUF (Reformed University Fellowships) at U of A, ASU, and NAU. We share a wonderful empowering vision of how God will use our PCA churches in Arizona to advance His kingdom bringing many to faith in Jesus. Let's pray!

**The Band of Brothers  
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST  
Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Each month the men of COR and their friends gather for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship. The Scriptures remind us to gather and spur one another on to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25). Each month we also serve the ladies of the *Prayer Shawl Ministry* so they can enjoy a breakfast at their meeting in the Upper Room. The Band of Brothers provides a gathering where men can talk about living for God and support one other with our prayers. Come and enjoy.



**Gather for Ash Wednesday Worship  
February 14<sup>th</sup> Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary, followed by Dinner in the  
Fellowship Hall  
Gathering Church of the Resurrection  
and Oasis of Hope  
Invite Your Friends and Bring Your Family as  
We Begin Lent Together**

**FaithWorks...  
Celebrating the Church in Mission  
FaithWorks Sunday Coming March 11<sup>th</sup>**

We are so glad to be a vital part of the *FaithWorks* alliance of churches engaging in short-term mission projects month-by-month in the name of Jesus Christ and for the glory of God. We learned recently about the exciting transition of leadership over 2018 from founders Glen and Jan Allen to new leaders Tony and Amy Casali. The Casalis will bring a deep faith and a passion for missions to this critical role.

Now, on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Glen Allen will be preaching and we'll share in a Celebration of Mission as we gather to worship and look ahead to upcoming projects. Pastor Bob and Robin have known the Allens and the Casalis for years and are cheering on the church to fully embrace their missions to the glory of God.