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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

Church Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Friday: 7:30 am—11:30 am

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www.cor-pca.org



Discipleship Small Group Leaders Training

January 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Homes of Our People

We are now entering the final preparation stage training leaders for our Discipleship Small Home Groups coming in February. Elias Reyes led our Discipleship Bootcamp Training and now our focus will be small group dynamics and training in prayer to complete the training. All are welcome, but the focus will be on those preparing for leadership in our small groups. The first session will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at Pastor Bob and Robin's home in Cheshire, 2819 N. Fremont Blvd. We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. Let's be in prayer as we launch our home groups starting in February.

New Discipleship Home Groups Forming

"Christians grow best in small groups!"

The excitement is building as we approach the launching of several new home groups in early February. The leaders have been well trained. These groups will discuss the scripture used for the previous Sunday's sermon, learn how to pray together, and share in mutual encouragement as needs are shared and God's grace appropriated. What a great way to sustain our growth in faith and love. Plan now to find a home group which is right for you. Remember, the groups begin in February.

Volunteers Needed -

YOU Can Make a Difference by Your Service!

Churches thrive in direct proportion to those who say, "Yes!" to God's call to volunteer service. Most healthy churches are virtual armies of volunteers stepping up to serve in key areas of ministry. Here are some of our current needs. Can you help?

- Kitchen Coordinator, Groundskeeper, Childcare Helpers, "Techies" for Sound & Visuals, Flagstaff Family Food Center, Office Helpers

If you would like to serve in 2017, we could sure use your help. Call our Administrative Assistant, Brigitte Bradley at 928.699.2715 or email her at admin@cor-pca.org and discuss the possibilities. Your service honors the Lord and helps to build His Church.

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We Rejoice in An Overwhelming Blessing to FaithWorks

We are so glad to be one of twenty congregations in the FaithWorks family of churches committed to short-term missions for our Lord. Recently, one of our dear friends, Stan Williams, who went to be with the Lord two years ago, left an inheritance to FaithWorks. It was a wonderful Christmas gift to this vital Christian mission. When the check arrived it turned out to be \$117,481! Praise be to God! Now the Lord's work can expand with this generous bequest! Stan was such a faithful servant of the Lord. He loved FaithWorks and the multitude of people blessed by this dynamic ministry.

Church of the RESURRECTION

"Where People Come Alive!"

THE POWER TO LIVE A NEW LIFE

The clock inches toward midnight. Car horns blare in rhythmic celebration. Firecrackers crackle like rifle fire. Parties erupt into circuses of handshaking and hugging. Confetti falls like snow; liquor flows like water. It's New Year's Eve, the celebration of the end of the old year and the beginning of the new year.

Or is it? "What's so new about it anyway?"

When the celebration ceases, what's really happened? The same job and the same routines dominate our days. The same friends and the same activities consume our nights. The brimming boxcars of our intentions rarely get untracked from old habits. We spin our wheels most of the time anyway.

"Oh, but I've made New Year's resolutions. They give me a new lease on life." Not really. New Year's resolutions are aspirin tablets to dull the pain of our futility. They are down payments on true change. We promise a lot, but we can't deliver. Before the year's first month is out, our resolve is ruined.

It's not that we don't want to change our ways; it's that we aren't able to. The harder we try the harder we fail. Just about the time we gloat over our accomplishments, we blow it. A fit of anger, a vengeful retort, a subtle dig - we're back where we started from, and that's not very far at all.

But we have elected a new president who will bring new changes to our lives. 2017 could be a roller-coaster as America finds its way in a challenging world. We are all hopeful for positive changes, new beginnings, that will make America great. But what does this mean? The promise of change is admirable...the realization of change is much harder. Presidential candidates always make promis-

es...and then reality sets in.

No wonder the question, "What's new?" smears a sarcastic smile across our faces. But wait a minute. There's good news! New things - radically new things - are possible. Our lives can be changed. And the One promising change is fully capable of delivering it - no chance of failure.

It's God that's at work. He's doing new things for those who decide to trust in His trustworthiness, for those who stake their destiny on Him. God stands ready to crack the hardened cement of our old habits and attitudes, to melt the frozen firmness of our bent toward wrong things. God stands ready to sweep out the musty staleness of our stagnant living and invigorate our sagging spirits with the freshness of His own presence. God is doing new things - new things for you!

May we experience together in 2017 God's wonderful work of renewal, His great gift of newness. As we start the New Year take some quiet time with a cup of tea/coffee by the fire and read and meditate upon the timeless, powerful words of our God. Let's sing a new song (Psalm 96). Let's receive a new Spirit (Ezekiel 11:17-21). Let's share a New Covenant (Hebrews 8:8-13). Let's obey a new teaching (Mark 1:21-28). Let's taste a new wine (Matthew 9:14-17; Acts 2:13). Let's become new men and women (Ephesians 2:13-18). Let's fulfill a new commandment (1 John 2:7-11). Let's participate in a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). Let's prepare our hearts to dwell in a New Heaven and a New Earth (Revelation 21:1-4) celebrating a New Age (Revelation 21:5-8). Read and rejoice as you receive God's empowering gift of newness. With God 2017 will be great!

Meet Your Staff



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## Our New Sermon Series

*"The Christ on the Mountain"*

**Starting Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Teaching on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**

**Invite Your Unchurched Friends and Neighbors**

The Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7 gives us the distilled essence of Jesus' call to radical, world-changing discipleship. Our hearts will be encouraged and challenged as we learn and live the Sermon on the Mount. Mahatma Gandhi led India to independence from Britain in 1947. He had been abused and persecuted by nominal Christians in South Africa who professed faith but lived racism and violence. However, Gandhi was drawn to the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount and sought to live out the radical principles Jesus taught in these Scriptures. Gandhi was not a perfect man. Nor are we. But the spiritual truths Jesus imparts to us are life transforming. Let's embrace their power as we live in humble obedience to "The Christ on the Mountain." Invite your friends to come and learn how to change the world. We'll begin like this:

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - *"The Divine Conspiracy"*

Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - *"The Influence of the Christian"*

Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - *"The Rightness of a Kingdom Heart"* Matthew 5:17-20

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - *"Investing in the Heavens: A Christian's Right Living"*

Matthew 5:21-48

## GriefShare

**Grief Recovery Support Group**

**YOUR JOURNEY from MOURNING to JOY  
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room**

At *GriefShare* hurting people learn to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where hurting people find healing and hope. *GriefShare* is one of our compassionate outreach ministries for the entire Flagstaff community. Over the last year many people have suffered the death of a loved one. Our *GriefShare* group is designed to help people recover from the deep hurt of loss. It includes three key elements: a video seminar teaching healthy grieving, a support group to listen with empathy as participants tell their stories, and workbook guiding participants in scripture, prayer and journaling. This new *GriefShare* support group will be led by facilitators Brian Kolb and Luann Hunt. All are welcome. Those interested can call the church office at 928.699.2715 or Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592. Pass the word that those grieving do not have to struggle alone, but there is a caring group ready to help them on the journey of grief.

## DivorceCare

**Find Help. Discover Hope.**

**Experience Healing.**

**Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room  
Starting January 9<sup>th</sup>**

DivorceCare is a network of thousands of divorce recovery support groups meeting worldwide. Our goal is to help participants find help for your hurts, discover hope for the future and experience God's healing. Our new DivorceCare support group will be facilitated by Elias and Jennifer Reyes. Topics explored will include: *What's Happening to Me? The Road to Healing/Finding Help. Facing My Anger. Facing My Depression. Facing My Loneliness. Financial Survival. KidCare. New Relationships. Single Sexuality. Forgiveness. Reconciliation. Moving On, Growing Closer to God.* This *DivorceCare* group utilizes traditional tools of healing including scripture and prayer for we have discovered that indepth healing only comes with God's help and His healing Spirit. For more information, contact the church office at 928.699.2715 or email at admin@cor-pca.org or contact Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592. All are welcome. We reach out into the Flagstaff community to extend this healing ministry to separated and/or divorced people.

## The BETHEL BIBLE Series

**Starting Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Bob has taught the Bethel Bible Series for many years. It is a dynamic course entailing 20 weeks of instruction in the Old Testament and 20 weeks in the New Testament. Bethel's unique feature uses teaching pictures as memory devices. The text is powerful in learning Bible content and applying to our contemporary world. Class discussion includes question and answer. Learning the flow of biblical history greatly enhances one's understanding of the Bible. Come and discover the power of Scripture for living the Christian life. For more information or to register for the group, contact Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592.

## "The Band of Brothers"

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

All men and their friends are welcome to join us for a hearty, delicious breakfast and a time of mutual encouragement as we seek to live for Christ. We'll enjoy an inspirational talk and a season of prayer to encourage our hearts. The comradery is great and the building of friendships is something

we all enjoy. Come and join us.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meet with us on January 28th, 9:00-10:30 am, COR Upper Room. Contact: Brigitte (928) 774-5557

## Circle of Sisters

**Women's Ministry at COR**

Our January service project will benefit the Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. Please bring all sizes of diapers, baby wipes, onsies, etc. to church between January 1-29. Please contact Joan Stoner at 928 853 9827 with any questions.

**MovieNight** and fellowship on January 23! All ladies are invited for pizza and to view "Risen", on Monday evening, Jan. 23, 6 pm, at Karen Cooper's home, 5490 S. Cassandra Blvd. Please RSVP: Kim Camp 214 394 2371 on or before Sunday, Jan. 22.

## Presbytery of the Southwest to Meet in January

**January 19-20 at Rincon Mountain Presbyterian Church (PCA)**

Many of us are excited about this upcoming meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest for our own Wes Holmes may be ordained at this gathering. Examinations are in process and Wes is doing well, so Lord willing, we may have an ordination. If this takes place in Tucson in January, then we will have an Installation of Wes as our Associate Pastor at COR at a later time. Of course, we'll keep you posted. For now, let us be much in prayer as we approach this gathering of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

## Pioneer Club

**For Kids K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00**

Pioneer Club returns from break on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Won't you be a part of our Bible Club where we learn God's Word and do fun activities together? Our group has a great time! The Voyagers (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) and Pathfinders (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) each have their own group to learn and grow together. Pastors Bob and Wes and our amazing volunteers love to see new kids there!

## Sermons are Online!

**Starting January 8<sup>th</sup> at [www.cor-pca.org](http://www.cor-pca.org)**

Beginning again this year, Sunday sermons will be recorded and accessible on our website. We want to have this resource available for people interested in the church as well as for those who are prevented from attending a Sunday service. Keep your eyes on our website and be sure to share about it with your friends. [www.cor-pca.org](http://www.cor-pca.org)

## Financial Peace University is Back!

**Starting Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Looking for practical ways to get your money under control? We want to help! Sign up for the nine-week Financial Peace University course and see how God will use it to change your life. Registration cost \$93. See Pastor Wes for details.

## A Special "Thank You!" for Year-End Gifts

On December 1<sup>st</sup> we sent a letter apprising our congregation of our current financial health. We were behind in meeting our budget by \$23,000 and asked for our people to prayerfully consider a year-end, tax-deductible gift to COR. People have graciously and generously responded. As of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 30 donations have come in for a total of \$19,085 and we express our profound gratitude for your generosity!

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
2017**

**New Members Received**

**A Warm Welcome to**

**Haley Barnett & Allen Stone**

Recently we received into our Church Family two wonderful new disciples who professed their faith in Jesus Christ and their desire to serve Him at COR. **Haley Barnett** joined the church in November. She is married to Billy and the nurturing mom of Isaiah and Jonah. Her sons bless us each Sunday by their vitality and winsome ways. Haley is a regular worshipper and willing volunteer in the Lord's service.

In December we welcomed **Allen Stone** who is retired from a career in international marketing and a second career in higher education. Allen is married to Phyllis who relates to Epiphany Church. We'll enjoy getting to know Allen and Phyllis and encouraging them in their discipleship to Jesus Christ.

We'll be receiving new members in January on Sundays January 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Would you like to unite with Christ's Church at Church of the Resurrection? We would warmly welcome you into this expression of the Family of God! Call/text/email Pastor Bob for more information about this opportunity at 928.699.7592 or [pastorbob@cor-pca.org](mailto:pastorbob@cor-pca.org)