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## WANTING EVERYTHING GOD HAS FOR US

My wife Jennifer said to me recently: "There are two things that people dislike...the way things are and change." As we enter into 2020, I wonder if we find ourselves stuck in the truth of that statement; not liking what last year was like and yet dreading to make any changes. I know life happens and that some things are beyond our control. Yet, in the midst of the storms that come to every believer, We Have A Choice! We can choose to trust in the promises that God gave to us contained in His Word. We can truly trust Jesus when said He would never leave us or forsake us. We can truly believe Jesus when He said He would send the Comforter - the Holy Spirit - and He would be with you ALWAYS.

As the New Year awaits us with open arms, may the Prayer of St. Paul echo in your lives resulting in a marvelous and glorious journey of faith with our Lord Jesus. Listen to what Ephesians 1:17-19a says to us: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he

*has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."*

Make this year the year that you have your eye on the goal where God is beckoning us onward to Jesus. Make this the year that you don't turn back to old sinful thinking and habits - but rather you run forward reaching for Christ. Make no mistake: when you desire God like you desire your next breath after you've been under water for two minutes, then something incredible will occur in your life. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13) Once you experience God's Love, you can never turn back. He just keeps calling deeper still into his marvelous love.

Eugene Peterson, in his book *The Message*, paraphrased Philippians 3 in such a beautiful way. In it Peterson encourages us to not to be stagnant in our spiritual walk, but rather, be off and running, remaining focused on Jesus. He writes:

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## Some Ministry Contacts

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Bobby Philpott (928) 699-1879

### Bread Baking Ministry:

Pam Givens (602) 899-6631

### Facility & Grounds Maintenance:

Ken Rhode (928) 607-3253

### Hiking:

Sheri Thomas (928) 853-9974

### Kitchen Manager:

Brigitte Bradley (928) 774-5557

### Music:

Worship Leader - Liz Skowronski (623) 810-7233  
Tech Support - Brian Skowronski (623) 210-6333

### Refreshments Coordinator:

Janie Stanford (928) 380-0757

### Women's Prayer Warriors & TLC Ministry -

#### Meal Delivery to Homebound Persons:

Polly Philpott (928) 699-3161

### Security:

Elias Reyes (928) 225-5491

### Stephen Ministry:

Karen Cooper (928) 853-6364

### "Circle of Sisters" TLC Crafts:

Prayer Shawls - Brigitte Bradley (928) 774-5557  
Other Crafts - Liz Skowronski (623) 810-7233



## FaithWorks Mission to Flagstaff Family Food Bank

**Saturday, January 11,  
2020, 8 am - 4:30 pm**

Participants will provide light building repairs, painting, washing windows, cleaning and organizing and sorting of donated good to pass on to those in need. \$30 per person/ \$50 per couple or family. This covers lunch, snacks, bottled water and helps with materials and work supplies.

For more information contact the Trip Coordinator Amy Casali at (928) 699-8138 or via email at Tony\_Amy@FaithWorks4us.org

## Meet Your Staff

Welcome  
**Joshua Walker**  
who will be  
our Senior  
Pastor!



Liz Skowronski  
**Worship Team  
Leader**  
623-810-7233



Brigitte Bradley  
**Administrative  
Assistant**  
928-699-2715

Thank you  
to our Elders,  
guest pastors  
and volunteers  
who have been  
keeping our  
church  
services running  
smoothly!!

"I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision – you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it." (Philippians 3:13-16, *The Message*)

May God continue to strengthen and use you for the glory of His Kingdom as you submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the power of His infallible Word. We, the Leadership of Church of The Resurrection, agree and align ourselves with God's Word as we pray this prayer over your life: "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." Will you allow God's Grace and Love to do that in you?

Grace and Peace to you,

*Eliás R. Reyes - Ruling Elder  
Founder - Oasis of Hope Ministries*



**OUR SOON-TO-BE SENIOR  
PASTOR JOSHUA WALKER  
WILL BE TEACHING ON  
EPHESIANS  
DURING JANUARY 2020**

## WHAT IS A DEACON?

by Mike Bradley, Ruling Elder

Since we have a new Deacon Candidate among our congregation, this is probably a good time to refresh ourselves on the role and responsibilities of the Deaconate. As you will remember, we ordained two Deacons last year. One of our Deacons moved out of state, and the other, Chuck Thomsen, will only be with us for a few months each year.

There are only two ordained offices within the tradition of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). These are the offices of Elder (Teaching and Ruling) and Deacon. In our Book of Church Order (BCO) it states that "It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress... to care for the property of the congregation... and to keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation."

By convention it is very common that deacons might also have a specialized ministry in addition to those stated in the BCO. Examples of these gifts might be music, compassion, finances, carpentry, hospitality or any number of others. In the broadest sense, the deacons are assistants to the elders and may be called upon to help the elders with programs, tasks, and projects.

In the biblical sense, the Greek word *diakonos* is translated as minister or servant. We see in Acts 6 that the apostles asked the followers of Christ to choose seven among them to care for widows and the poor. The apostles asked for these seven to become deacons so that they would be left free to preach the gospel. Steven was among the seven chosen. He was also the first martyr of the church.

The Session has nominated Mike Hays for a six-month period of training, examination, discernment and internship. Please pray for

Mike as he goes through this process. Mike, myself and the Session will begin his training/internship/discernment starting in the New Year. After completion of the program, he will be recommended for election by the congregation. Once elected, he would be ordained sometime in the Summer.

When you see Mike Hays, give him a word of encouragement and keep him in your prayers!

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**3 Sessions -January 12, 19, & 26  
8:45 – 9:45 AM**

This class is for those interested in joining Church of the Resurrection and those who are already members and want to rediscover COR. Why is this important? Explaining who we are, the expectation of membership, membership accountability, etc. - before people join will not only reduce conflict and disappointment in the church, but also help some people realize they should join another church because of doctrinal beliefs or personal taste.

### Class Schedule Is As Follows:

- Jan 12 *Who We Are As A Denomination (PCA) & What Do We Believe?*  
Jan 19, 26 *What Does Being A Member At COR Mean & What Are The Expectations?*

Please call the church office (928) 699-2715 or email us [corflagstaff@gmail.com](mailto:corflagstaff@gmail.com) and let us know that you are going to attend. There will also be a signup sheet in the foyer starting December 22, 2019.

We are eager and ready to extend our right hand of Christian Fellowship and our hearts to all new members and say: *Welcome to Church of The Resurrection!*

*Eliás R. Reyes*

## BASIC THEOLOGY CLASS At Indian Bible College All Are Welcome!

Our own Ruling Elder Hal Givens will be teaching the course "*Basic Theology*" at Indian Bible College next semester. The class is open to the public, and you are invited to take the course for credit or audit. If you have never taken a class at IBC before, the course is free of charge!

The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday evening in the Academic Building on the IBC campus (2918 North Aris Street). The first class is January 21st, and the last class will be May 19th. There is a 2 week break between March 31st & April 7th. The text will be *Christian Beliefs: 20 Basics Every Christian Should Know* by Wayne Grudem. If you are interested in taking this course, or want to know more, you can contact Ammie Palmer, the Registrar at IBC, by calling (928) 774-2655, or contact Hal at (928) 266-2721.



## Circle of Sisters Potluck To Welcome Krystle Walker

Please listen to/keep your eyes open for upcoming events announcements at the Worship Services and/or in our Sunday bulletins. We'll host a Women's Potluck to welcome wife Krystle of our soon-to-be Senior Pastor Joshua in January or February of the New Year.