

## 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

### Email:

admin@cor-pca.org

### Website:

www.cor-pca.org



## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 108

June 2016  
Volume 8, Issue 6

### Inside this issue:

Sermon Series	2
Mission Fundraiser	2
Faithful Stewards	2
Y & F Meetings	2
The Daniel Plan	2
Summer Dialogues	3
New Member Class	3
GriefShare Group	3
Salvation by Surprise	3
Vacation Bible School	3
Special Events	3
Who Is This Man?	4
COR Clean-Up & BBQ	4

# Church of the RESURRECTION

## ORDINARY PEOPLE MAKE EXTRAORDINARY DISCIPLES

The word "disciple" occurs 269 times in the New Testament, "Christian" is found three times and was first introduced to refer precisely to disciples of Jesus - in a situation where it was no longer possible to regard them as a sect of the Jews (Acts 11:26). The New Testament is a book about disciples, by disciples, and for disciples of Jesus Christ.

In modern times much misunderstanding has emerged regarding what is a disciple of Jesus Christ. The word "disciple" literally means "a learner, follower, or apprentice". Jesus of Nazareth is the Master who called disciples to Himself in the first century and as the risen and reigning Christ, He still does today. Is the status of disciple for super Christians only?

The story of Nancy illustrates. She had bright red hair and blue eyes. Sitting cross-legged on the floor in the middle of the room she was surrounded by the rest of the group sitting stiffly in chairs arranged around the perimeter. The group was gathered for a "pre-membership class" and the pastor started off with an ice-breaker. Turning first to the "bright one" he asked, "Would you mind telling us your name, please?" "Sure, Nancy," she replied. "And tell us what you do." "I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ very skillfully disguised as a machine operator," she responded without a moment's hesitation. Even as others laughed at the way she responded, they realized Nancy had not only made a personal statement but had presented a challenge to everyone in the room. Most could not respond as Nancy did for to see oneself as first and foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ is refreshingly different.

Nancy reminds us all that disciples are ordinary people so living their lives in everyday circumstances that the touch of Christ is evident to all who care to watch. Their experience of Jesus Christ is such that the mundane surroundings in which they live and move have the glow of heaven upon them, and the dull boring tasks which of necessity they must undertake become invested with divine significance. So real and powerful is their relationship to Him that He influences their responses to secular pressures and governs their reactions to human actions. These very ordinary people live very extraordinary lives. Yes, the "bright one" reminds us that ordinary folks make wonderful disciples.

It has always been this way. Jesus' first disciples were fishermen, tax collectors, and idealistic young adults. They heard His call and they followed Him. Their lives were never the same. They were apprenticed to the Master to learn and live "The Way". And upon His departure He commissioned them to "Go and make disciples of all people groups... baptizing them (a public identification with Jesus) ...and teaching them all that I have taught you to live (apprentices of Jesus)" (Matthew 28:19-20).

To keep the main thing the main thing, we as the modern Church of Jesus Christ must rediscover the centrality of discipleship to Jesus Christ. This summer you'll be hearing sermons about discipleship all pointing to a very important event, The Discipleship Seminar, scheduled for July 29-30. After the seminar, small group leaders will be trained to help our people become disciples of Jesus Christ, in home-based small groups. May the revolution begin! Disciples unite! Our world will never be the same. Some will say, "But I don't have the qualifications to be a disciple." Remember, ordinary people make extraordinary disciples. "Ordinary" calls you and me and invites us to bring not our ability, but our availability to the Master. He does the rest.

## Youth & Family Mexico Mission Trip

June 11 - 18  
Sharing the Gospel  
in Tijuana  
Pray for our Team!

We have our established COR mission team and will be leaving on June 11 to meet with the other churches in CA and then head down to Mexico together. Pray for us as we go: safety in travel and construction, boldness in witness, growth in our faith, and God's power to save the people who hear the Good News. Thank you to all who have supported us financially and we ask for your support in prayer as well. We will give a report of the trip when we return.

## "Who Is This Man?"

The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus  
Five Sessions on Tuesday Evenings,  
Starting June 21, 6:30 PM in the Upper Room

Mike and Brigette Bradley did an outstanding ministry facilitating Lee Strobel's "The Case for Christ" discovering the compelling evidence for Jesus. Now, the follow-up "Who Is This Man?" considers five sessions of dynamic talks by Pastor John Ortberg in sinc with his modern-day classic. Ortberg reviews the impact Jesus and His followers have had on the last 2,000 years. Ortberg's research and presentation is powerful. Has Christ and His Church made a difference in our world? Absolutely, YES! The story deserves to be told. So, learn it so you can tell it! Sign up today for this wonderful new opportunity by calling the church office at 928.699.2715 or sign up on the "Ministry" board in the Fellowship Hall. Don't delay. Space is limited. Books and workbooks are available at the church office.

## COR Clean-Up Day & BBQ

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
followed by BBQ

Sign Up on the "Ministry" Board in the Fellowship Hall

It will be a special day as we work together on projects inside and outside to beautify our COR church property. Working together builds deeper friends and the results of our labor will demonstrate the appreciation we have for our new church building. For six years we met in schools then God made possible our current facilities. Let's do a good job of maintaining and beautifying our church building and grounds.

## Meet Your Staff



Bob Norton  
Pastor  
928-699-7592



Wes Holmes  
Director of Youth &  
Family Ministry  
760-715-3896



Patty Gross  
Worship Leader  
928-225-9889



Joe Dingman  
Administrative  
Assistant  
928-699-2715

## Our New "Spiritual Hunger" Sermon Series

Is our world becoming overwhelmingly secular? Not exactly, says researcher Rodney Stark. In his book *The Triumph of Faith*, Stark argues that our world is still very open to spirituality, including traditional Christianity and other beliefs. Stark writes:

*The world is more religious than it has ever been. Around the globe, four out of every five people claim to belong to an organized faith, and many of the rest say they attend worship services. In Latin America, Pentecostal Protestant churches have converted tens of millions, and Catholics are going to Mass in unprecedented numbers. There are more churchgoing Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa than anywhere else on earth, and China may soon become home of the most Christians. Meanwhile, although not growing as rapidly as Christianity, Islam enjoys far higher levels of member commitment than it has for many centuries, and the same is true for Hinduism. In fact, of all the great world religions, only Buddhism may not be growing. Furthermore, in every nook and cranny left by organized faiths, all manner of unconventional and unchurched supernaturalisms are booming: there are more occult healers than medical doctors in Russia; 38 percent of the French believe in astrology; 35 percent of the Swiss agree that "some fortune tellers really can foresee the future," and nearly everyone in Japan is careful to have a new car blessed by a Shinto priest.*

Our new sermon series "The Spiritual Hunger" addresses the contemporary yearning for meaning and purpose in the spiritual realm. Invite your hungry friends to hear the following messages"

Sunday, June 5 "The Search for Happiness"  
Sunday, June 12 "The Search for Peace"  
Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day) "The Search for Significance"  
Sunday, June 26 "The Search for Belonging"  
Sunday, July 3 "The Search for Freedom"

## Final Mexico Mission Fundraiser June 4 at COR Come Get Your Car Washed!

Due to unexpected weather, we had to delay our previous efforts, but we are now planning our car wash fundraiser on June 4, 10AM-2PM. For a donation of any amount, the Youth & Family will wash your car and all the proceeds will go toward the cost of our trip. Hope to see you there!

## Mark Your Calendars "The Discipleship Service" July 29 & 30

## Called to be "Faithful Stewards"

As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to faithful stewardship. "Stewardship is the wise management of time, talents, and treasures." Apprenticed to Jesus we are called to weekly worship on the Lord's Day. We are called to use our talents in His service bringing his influence to bear upon others. We are called to generosity in our allocation of His treasures which He has entrusted to us. Are we using our money to weekly support the work of His Church?

What about "faithful"? Is your car faithful if it starts every fourth day? Is your refrigerator faithful if it works every other week? Is your smart phone faithful if it has to be charged every hour on the hour? What about faithful worship attendance? If we come every other month, is that good enough? What about tithes and offerings? If we never give to God's work on the Lord's Day, can we be considered to be faithful followers of Christ?

Recently, we did an evaluation of our giving patterns at COR. We discovered many are doing a good job in being faithful stewards; however, we also discovered that a significant part of the congregation has no record of ever giving to the Lord's work through our church. Let's do a little self-examination and seek to be faithful stewards. God has given us His best and He deserves our best in response.

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

Come be a part of our group during the summer! Family and friends are always welcome! We always have a delicious dinner (provided by volunteers; sign-ups in the Fellowship Hall), group games, Bible study and time to get to know each other. This summer we will be considering what it means to be a Christian in a pluralistic world and how to share our faith with others. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to join in! Pastor Wes looks forward to seeing you all there!

## The DANIEL Plan Faith - Food - Fitness - Focus - Friends Thursday Evenings, 5:30 PM in the Upper Room

We are learning and living a healthy lifestyle at Church of the Resurrection. Based on dynamic, inspiring biblical principles we are learning and encouraging one another to make healthy choices in nutrition, fitness, and mutual accountability. Come and see and enjoy together progress toward living a God honoring life. 40 days to a healthier lifestyle is repeated and enhanced to provide the motivation for all.

## "LORD of the LOOSE ENDS" Summer Dialogues on Christianity & Culture Wednesday Evenings, Starting June 8 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Our Summer Dialogues on Christianity & Culture are designed to run through the summer months addressing major issues of our time which lend themselves to conversation and dialogue with plenty of time for questions and answers. Some topics are best dealt with through the Preaching of the Good News. Other topics are better considered in an atmosphere of the respectful discussion of views and opinions all the while seeking to understand a Christian and biblical view of contemporary issues.

All are welcome. Invite your friends to join us. Our schedule for June is the following:

### Wednesday, June 8 "Tolerance & Intolerance"

Suggested readings might include:  
S. D. Gaede's, *When Tolerance Is No Virtue*  
(InterVarsity Press) and

D. A. Carson's, *The Intolerance of Tolerance* (Eerdmans).

### Wednesday, June 15 "Politics & Christianity"

Suggested readings:

Wayne Grudem's, *Politics According to the Bible*  
(Zondervan) and  
Glenn Tinder's, *The Political Meaning of Christianity*  
(HarperCollins).

### Wednesday, June 22 "The Violence of Our Times"

One book which might challenge us would be  
Ron Sider's, *Christ and Violence* (Herald Press).

### Wednesday, June 29 "Our Changing World: Globalization & Democracy"

One might consider Thomas Friedman's,  
*The World Is Flat* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)  
and Natan Sharansky's, *The Case for Democracy:  
The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny & Terror*  
(Public Affairs).

## Next Steps NEW MEMBER Class Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room Childcare Provided Upon Request

Pastor Bob will be meeting with those desiring Baptism and Church Membership. Membership involves Commitment to Christ, the Body of Christ the Church, and the Work of Christ in the World. Bring your questions. New Members will be received Sunday, June 26 at both morning worship services.

## GriefShare Grief Recovery Support Group Wednesday Evenings 5:30 PM in the Upper Room

*GriefShare* is your journey from mourning to joy. Designed for those going through the emotional pain of losing a loved one it teaches biblical, healthy ways to navigate a season of grief. *GriefShare* is a seminar on healthy grieving and each session is a unit all be itself. One can plug-in at any point in time and benefit from it. *GriefShare* is also a support group encouraging participants with loving, supportive relationships with people who understand your pain and will listen to your heart. All are welcome. We publicize and invite persons from the Flagstaff community at large. Pass the word! People don't have to go through this season of grief alone.

## "Salvation by Surprise" Studies in the Book of Romans Mondays, Starting June 13 and June 27, 6:30 PM At the Home of Lu and Fae Warner 3114 Bear Howard (Forest Highlands)

Many thoroughly enjoyed last summer's home Bible study on the Gospel of John. This summer we will return to the lovely home of Lu & Fae Warner to study the Apostle Paul's magnus opus The Book of Romans. We'll meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month June through September. Pastor Bob and Lu Warner will team teach this exciting study with lots of time for discussion and Q & A. It's a great study! Don't miss it! Sign up on the "Ministry" board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 928.699.2715 to preregister. Study Guides and Course Schedules are available at the church office.

## VBS is Quickly Approaching! July 11-15, 9 AM to Noon Looking for Volunteers to Serve

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Kids K-5 are welcome to be a part of our cavernous adventure as we learn about Jesus, the light of the world. Be sure to mark your calendars for July 11-15 for a great time of fun and learning! We also need volunteers who love to work with kids and want to be part of this awesome ministry.

## Special Events Coming This SUMMER...

Father's Day Sunday, June 19  
Vacation Bible School, July 11 - 15  
The DISCIPLESHIP Seminar, July 29 - 30  
COR at Chase Field & Christian Concert  
with Matthew West, August 26