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THE WORK OF GOD

Every morning, my wife Jennifer and I have had a ritual... we drink coffee together in the quietness of the early morning and start our day with God in his Word and in prayer. I recall several years back, those brisk mornings in Tucson, we would sit in our backyard facing Mount Lemon and watch God paint a new day. We would be challenged by Scripture and pray together, especially about Jen's daughter Alyssa. I remember that for months we would say: "Change her heart Lord, help her to respond to your love and to our new life together." It felt like our prayers were falling on deaf ears. I was wrestling with anger and resentment, I was becoming bitter - not better. I felt harmed and wronged. "Change her heart Lord" I would pray, and I believed that God would... except that I was unaware of the barrier to my prayers.

*transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.*** That morning in our devotional, I shared with Jennifer what the Lord spoke to my heart. I confessed my un-forgiveness as sin and asked the Lord to release me from all bitterness and resentment. As we prayed together, I asked the Lord "Please Lord, change my heart so that Alyssa may know your love through my life. Help me to show her how much I love her." As my heart was changed by the Lord... so was Alyssa's. We started to see the subtle changes that God was doing in her life and ours. That was five years ago, and He continues to strengthen, heal and restore those broken areas in our lives and in our relationships for His glory.

I can't help but think about how God forgave us... forgave me. Despite our sinful nature, God demonstrated His great love for us and through Christ, reconciled us to Himself. Listen to what St. Paul says in Romans 5:6-11: "**You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's**

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Sunshine Rescue Mission, Flagstaff June 8th, 2019

Persons with skills or just the 'want-to' will be valuable in cleaning, painting, light building repair, landscaping and whatever else can be done to encourage and support this ministry. \$30 per person, \$50 per family, covering coffee, doughnuts, lunch, snacks, water and supplies for the work. For more information contact the Trip Coordinator Amy Casali at (928) 699-8138 or via email at Tony_Amy@FaithWorks4us.org



DID YOU KNOW...

...that our Ruling Elder Hal Givens and his wife Pam are going on an exploratory mission trip to Belarus with KidZ at Heart from September 3-14?

The mission of KidZ at Heart is to equip families and local church leaders to effectively reach and teach kids for Christ within their own culture. The goal is to help children fall deeply in love with Jesus, not just know about Him. Following the 2 Timothy 2:2 principle, the missionaries will be training leaders to train others.

If you would like to support Hal and Pam with prayer and/or helping to cover their cost for this trip, please contact Pam at halnpam@gmail.com or (602) 899-6631 for more information.

Meet Your Staff

COR will be blessed with guest pastors, until we have identified the Pastor who God has already chosen for us.



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wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Chuck Colson told the story of a prison camp where 20 men came in from digging and lined their shovels up on the wall as they always did for the counting. When they were counted, the officer found only 19. He demanded that the one who didn't bring his shovel step forward. None did. Then he threatened that if no one stepped forward, he would choose ten men at random and shoot them. A young man of about 19 stepped forward and was immediately taken a few paces away and shot as an example to the others. But then as they were dismissing, the shovels were counted again and there were 20 after all. The officer had miscounted.

The difference between what that boy did for his friends and what Jesus did for us is that Jesus knew which ten men he was dying for and he knew that we were all unworthy. But he did it anyway, He forgave us and redeemed us because he had a very special covenant love for us... that is far above human love.

Ruling Elder Eli Reyes



ONE MORE CHANCE THIS YEAR TO SPONSOR A CHILD AT COR!

Sunday, June 2, after the Worship Service

Join us for a fun interactive and 3D Virtual Reality experience - the first of its kind by Compassion - in the Fellowship Hall! There will also be the opportunity to sign up for sponsorship of a child. If you already are a sponsor, please bring recent photos of your sponsored children ahead of time to update our Compassion board in the Fellowship Hall.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

We have been blessed by the response to our need for stated pulpit supply, i.e. guest pastors. Here is what our preaching schedule looks like for the month of June:

John Kelly (PCA Teaching Elder)
May 26, June 2 (Communion Sunday)
& June 9

Glen Allen
Former FaithWorks Director
June 16 & June 23

J.C. Baysinger (PCA Teaching Elder)
PCA Church Planter in Queen Creek, AZ
June 30

God has been faithful to his promises in the past and he will continue to do so today and tomorrow. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8)

God is faithful indeed!

E. R. Reyes



THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR

On Sunday, May 5, a pastoral search committee, also known as a pulpit committee, was nominated and elected by enrolled members of COR. Thank you to all committee members for accepting this call! And here are their names:

Roxi Ashurst
Debbie Barnard
Karen Cooper
Greg Reiff
Elias Reyes
Bob Robertson
Polly Philpott
Janie Stanford
Chuck Thomsen

Bob Robertson (928) 853-6449 was elected chairman by the committee.

Please pray for our search committee and a smooth process in finding a new pastor soon!

WHO ARE WE AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION?

In this and the next few editions of our monthly newsletter, the church office would like to tell you a bit more about the current leadership of our church: volunteers who - supported by their dedicated wives - donate their time, money and efforts to Church of the Resurrection for God's glory.

First up:

Co-founder of COR, Moderator of the Session and Ruling Elder **Fritz Barnard & His Wife Debbie**

Also known as "no-frills Fritz". What you see, is what you get. Fritz shoots straight from the hip. No ifs, ands or buts about it. But you will never find someone who is more dedicated to our church. Church of the Resurrection was literally conceived at his and his wife's dining room table together with Pastor Bob and Robin.

In his day job, Fritz is a salesman at Babbitt Ford Lincoln, and his wife Debbie is a retired Elementary School teacher. They love that their two adult children Nick (plus Lisa) and Kristin (husband Drew) live in Flagstaff. Having both adult kids live nearby with two grandchildren, is really special to them. Debbie currently also serves on our pastoral search committee.

Thank you, Fritz and Debbie, for helping to realize the dream of COR in 2007 and for your years of dedication!

Next up - the latest addition to the leadership team:

Our Brother Deacon **Chuck Thomsen** & His Wife **Kim**....

by Mike Bradley, Ruling Elder

As many of you know, Chuck was recently ordained as a Deacon in our church as well as the PCA. The primary job of the Deacon is to assist the Elders. There are only two ordained offices in the PCA: that of an Elder and that of a Deacon. Chuck went through six months of extensive training under my guidance. We met one or two times a week. But there is a lot many do not know about Chuck and his service.

Chuck is the right hand man of the Elders. But he is not only serving in his "official" deacon job duties, he has taken on additional responsibilities, which are not part of his "job description". Here just a few examples, what Chuck is doing for COR:

1. Facilities maintenance
2. Doing audio/visual plus sound for the worship team.
3. Landscaping
4. Supporting the Session
5. Facilitating Financial Peace University
6. Serves on the pastoral search committee

He's always willing to help when the Elders or our administrative assistant Brigitte ask him to do something. And his wife, Kim, is Brigitte's right hand woman. She is the head of our counting and of our bulletin and newsletter folding teams, staffs the office in the mornings, when Brigitte is away for more than one morning, and is always happy to help with office and organizational duties as required. Chuck and Kim are truly the backbone of our church.

When you see them at church, give them a big, huge Thank You! They are loved and appreciated so much.



VBS is coming!

The Incredible Race

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28th, 9 a.m.

As kids race from continent to continent, they'll discover that, no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race – **the human race.** So start inviting the grandkids and the neighbor kids. And please volunteer to help, as there's lots to do to get ready. For more information or to register, call Pam Givens at (602) 899-6631 or email halnpam@gmail.com.

Thank you so much, Pam, for leading VBS again this year. We couldn't do it without you!