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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 Both Services

Church Office Hours

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Monday—Friday

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On a certain Friday a group of people saw the leader to whom they had committed their lives crucified on a cross. Bewildered, heartbroken, they had watched him die, and late that afternoon saw his dead body placed in a tomb. When the heavy stone thudded across the door of the tomb and was secured by the seal of the Roman Empire, it also crashed through the corridors of their minds, demolishing forever all their hopes and dreams. In utter despair, blind confusion, and shattering disillusionment they scattered furtively across the country, determined to resume the vocations they had left abruptly over three years before.

How did they know? It certainly wasn't because any of them had seen Jesus burst through the stone door in a blaze of glory. It was not because his body had disappeared. True, it had vanished, but there could be several logical reasons for that. And, it was not simply because the tomb was empty, for, after all, there's no power in a vacuum. The new movie "Risen!" explores the possibilities from the perspective of an unbeliever.

Within a few weeks all of this was changed. The scattered followers of Jesus came together again, filled with confidence, joy and purpose. In the very city where Jesus had been publicly executed they launched the most powerful and dynamic people movement in history. Something obviously had happened!

These Easter people knew that Jesus was alive because they saw him and talked with him. For almost six weeks Jesus appeared to a person here, two disciples there, to a group, a crowd. He was seen in several different locations - in a room, in the open, along a country road, by the Sea of Galilee. At least as far as the written record is concerned, he was always seen during the day, never at night. And every encounter radiated a tremendous self-authenticating power.

The cross of defeat suddenly became the symbol of victory. The message became not what Jesus of Nazareth taught, but the person of Jesus himself. And the Christian Church began its unpredictable course through history.

Now, as then, the miracle of Easter is discovered through personal encounters with the living Christ. This is what makes the difference. And this is what produces Easter people. It is all built on the simple testimony recorded in John 20:25, "We have seen the Lord."

Something obviously happened! What was it? The event of Easter day provides the answer. The followers and friends of Jesus believed without question that while he had died on Friday afternoon, he was now alive.

Out of the encounter with the risen Christ came a new community called the Church. With amazing speed a new community with its own belief, its own lifestyle, its own fellowship, its own purpose came into being. Today the new community called the Church is a global reality of over 2.2 billion followers of Jesus! How can a miracle of this magnitude be explained? Only by seeing the risen Christ at its heart; the energy of the Resurrection which brought Jesus from the dead continues to throb through the Church. We are called to be Easter People!



FaithWorks

Verde Valley, Rimrock, Central Arizona March 12, 2016

"The Olive Branch" is a Christian ministry aimed at helping physically and mentally disabled adult men. We will provide building fix-up, clerical assistance, painting and cleaning. Our ministry of presence will show we care. Let us make a difference on this day. The cost is \$30 per person, \$50 per family.

Interested? Please call the Faithworks office at 928.774.0504.

Calling All COR Men & Their Friends "The Band of Brothers" MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, March 19, 9:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Each month we gather for our Band of Brothers Breakfast. The food is delicious and plentiful. The table talk is rich as we share stories and get to know one another better. We always focus on a key element of the spiritual life and encourage one another with prayer. Your donations will help cover the cost of the breakfast. Volunteers for set up or clean up are always appreciated. Mark your calendars. Sign up on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall. Let us know you are coming so we can make good preparations. This is a special event. Don't miss it.

NEW MEMBER & BAPTISM CLASS Thursday, March 10, 5:30 PM in the Upper Room

This one-session class focuses on the meaning of Christian Baptism and Church Membership. At COR, membership is ministry. We belong to one another and we serve together as God's people. Come and learn. We'll be talking about our Commitment to Christ, to the Body of Christ the Church, and to the Work of Christ in the World. To learn more about this opportunity, call Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592 or to pre-register for the class call our Administrative Assistant Joe Dingman at 928.699.2715. We'll be receiving new members on Sundays March 20 and 27. What a wonderful time to be received into Christ's Church at Church of the Resurrection.

Meet Your Staff



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## Preaching the Good News "Our Sermons for March"

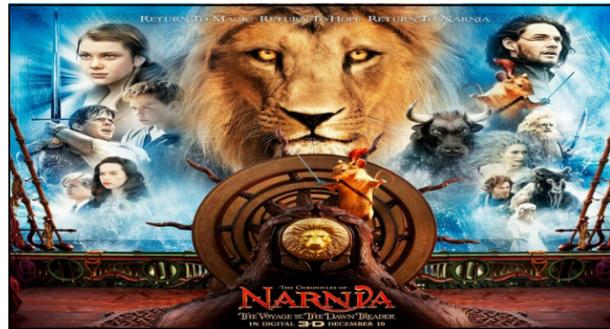
We encourage you to invite your Operation Andrew friends to our Sunday worship services and let them know the focus of our biblical teaching. For March, we will be completing our series "Rediscovering the Church" and then preparing for Easter. We try to make our messages Christ-centered and applicable for daily life. Why not extend a gracious invitation to your not-yet-Christian friends today? With the high holy day of Easter coming March 27 many will be receptive to your invitation. Remember, in America today 80% of those who attend worship for the first time come because a friend invited them. Our preaching schedule for March is as follows:

Sunday, March 6	"Spirit-Inspired Relationships" Ephesians 5:21 - 6:9
Sunday, March 13	"The Hidden Battle" Ephesians 6:10-24
Sunday, March 20	(Palm/Passion Sunday) "Lift High the Cross" John 12:32
Friday, March 25	(Good Friday) "Living Under the Cross" Galatians 2:20
Sunday, March 27	(Easter) "Living the Resurrection" Matthew 28:1-10

## GriefShare... our journey from mourning to joy

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 PM in the Upper Room

Life is a series of losses. We all experience loss in various ways. When we lose a loved one due to death, how do we deal with that loss? Some become bitter, lonely, and withdraw. There's a better way. GriefShare is a distinctively Christian approach to learning principles of healthy grieving and putting people in touch with a supportive community of new friends who are also going through a season of loss and grief. GriefShare is healing. GriefShare is a smart choice which brings one to resilience and recovery. Pass the word. GriefShare is available to Flagstaff. Encourage those you know who are suffering from loss and grief. All are welcome. Call 928.699.2715 for more information.



## Our Lenten Class Continues C. S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Our guide into Narnia, Hal Givens, enables us to discover the wonder and depth of *Aslan*, revealing Jesus Christ through these wonderfully imaginative children's stories written by Oxford scholar C. S. Lewis. The schedule for March is the following:

Wednesday, March 2	"The Voyage of the Dawn Treader"
Wednesday, March 9	"The Silver Chair"
Wednesday, March 16	"The Horse and His Boy"
Wednesday, March 23	"The Magician's Nephew"
Wednesday, March 30	"The Last Battle"



## DIVORCECARE Find Help...Discover Hope... Experience Healing Mondays, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Upper Room

DivorceCare is a distinctively Christian seminar/support group for those going through the emotional pain of separation and/or divorce. May the Lord sensitize the people COR to reach out to their friends and neighbors who are hurting with the compassionate love of Christ. DivorceCare is a ministry of compassion and healing to the Flagstaff community. All are welcome. The only cost to DivorceCare is \$15 for the participant workbook. For more information call the church office at 928.699.2715.

## Spiritual Gifts Discovery Workshop Thursday, March 10, 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The New Testament teaches the dynamic principle of *Spiritual Gifts*. The primary texts are found in Ephesians 4, Romans 12, and 1 Corinthians 12. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Would you like to discover your gifts? This would be a valuable discovery for your meaningful involvement in the life of the church. We offer at COR a one-time Bible study focusing on these biblical principles. Pastor Bob will be teaching this *day-time* rendition of our Spiritual Gifts Workshop which includes a questionnaire which is a very effective tool for self-discovery. Knowing your SGs is an important key to fulfillment and joy in the Christian life. Register today by calling the church office, 928.699.2715.

## Youth & Family Group! Wednesday Evenings from 5:30-8:00 PM in The Fellowship Hall

We are *The* group for middle and high school students and we would love to have you join us. Friends and family are also invited for an evening of awesome food, group games, Bible study and sharing life together. Our rule is "No Hunting" so everyone is made to feel welcome! We are continuing a lesson series on the fear of God and how it combats the fear of man in our lives. We always welcome newcomers to join our group. You and your family are encouraged to come!

Like to cook? Cook for us! Sign up on the ministry board!

## 2016 Youth & Family Cross-Cultural Mission June 11-18 Building Houses in Tijuana, Mexico Informational Meeting: Wednesday March 16 at 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Wes is excited to announce that a short-term mission trip is in the works this summer to Tijuana, Mexico (June 11-18) through Baja Christian Ministries. We will be joining three other PCA churches and their Youth & Family (who have done this trip many times before) on a mission to build houses and share our faith with the Mexican community. The cost will be approximately \$400 and you will need a passport (\$80) or passport card (\$15). We will be conducting fundraisers so that families may serve together! There is an informational meeting in the church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 16 at 8:00 PM. Pastor Wes will be happy to hear all your questions or concerns. What an opportunity this will be!



## Easter Sunrise Service March 27 at 6:30 AM Join Us for Breakfast Afterwards!

Pastor Wes and the youth worship team will be leading an Easter Sunrise service in the sanctuary early Easter morning. We will begin the day with songs of praise to our Risen Lord and a short meditation on Christ's resurrection. Won't you join us? There will also be a freshly cooked breakfast after the service as a fundraiser for our upcoming mission trip to Mexico.

## Celebration of the Cross and the Resurrection Meaningful Traditions at COR: "Nailing Our Sins to the Cross" (Palm/Passion Sunday) and "Flowering of the Cross" (Easter Sunday)

Each church has their traditions which infuse high holy days with meaning and purpose. At COR we have adopted two traditions which help us remember and enter into the meaning of the Cross and the Resurrection. On March 20 (Palm/Passion Sunday) we will invite worshippers to write their sins upon a card and then nail those sins to our cross as a part of the worship service. In so doing we are trusting our Savior Jesus Christ to take power over our sins applying His redeeming love. All of our sins were forgiven on the Cross and we celebrate His once for all sacrifice for us.

On Easter (March 27) we invite worshippers to bring flowers to adorn the Cross celebrating the victory of Christ over sin and death. "The Flowering of the Cross" reinforces our faith in a victorious Savior who leads us daily in victorious living. We serve a risen Savior. He's in the world today.

## Pioneer Club Tuesdays (K-3rd) Join us Each Tuesday After-School at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Attention kids! You're invited to Pioneer Club! We do games, activities, and fun Bible lessons every week. The boys and girls are earning activity and Bible awards, playing games and memorizing key Bible verses. We are growing in God's grace as we learn about obeying God. We even play music, have snacks, and sing our theme song, "Thy Word."