

## CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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### Sunday Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

### Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:45 AM

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# Church of the RESURRECTION

"Where People Come Alive!"

## IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY

Author Max Lucado describes the pivotal nature of the cross in history and in each of our lives. *It rests on the time-line of history like a compelling diamond. Its tragedy summons all sufferers. Its absurdity attracts all cynics. Its hope lures all searchers. History has idolized and despised it, gold-plated and burned it, worn and trashed it. History has done everything but ignore it. How could you ignore such a piece of lumber? Suspended on its beams is the greatest claim in history. A crucified carpenter claiming to be God on earth. Divine. Eternal. The death-slayer. Never has timber been regarded so sacred. No wonder the apostle Paul called the cross event the core of the gospel. It's bottom line sobering: if the account is true, it is history's hinge. Period. If not, the cross is history's hoax. Which is the cross for you, hinge or hoax? Or in the words of Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?"*

The powerful testimony of the Bible is that Jesus is God in human flesh (John 1:14). His death on the cross is the demonstration of His immeasurable redemptive love for humankind (Romans 5:8). This exquisite diamond of spiritual truth when turned in the light of eternity reflects facets of spiritual reality which profoundly touches our lives. Truly, "in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

The cross reveals the **substitutionary atonement** of Jesus Christ for his people (2 Corinthians 5:2). He bore our sins on the cross (Isaiah 53:6). He was our substitute to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18). *Atonement* (sometimes explained as at-One-ment) is the work of God which brings *justification* ("being put into a right relationship with God"). It is the work of God in reconciling a sinful humanity to a holy God. It is sheer grace. We don't deserve it and we can't earn it. The cross draws our faith and issues forth in a righteousness which comes from God (Romans 3:21-26).

The cross has also been interpreted as a **ransom to set us free** from the tyranny of

the Enemy (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45). Because of Christ's redemptive work for us on the cross, we are forgiven and free. Once we were slaves to sin, but now we live for God (Galatians 2:20).

The cross certainly is the most powerful **demonstration of the love of God** known to man (Romans 5:8). The American folk hymn *What Wondrous Love is This?* beautifully portrays the message of God's love emanating from the cross. The classic hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* refers to "Two wonders I confess - the wonders of his glorious love and my unworthiness." We never have to wonder about God's love. It is proven in the historical event of the cross of Christ. God loves us. We can be sure.

The cross is also powerful in the interpretation of the **moral influence** theory. We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:7-21). The classic devotional hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* brings us to humility and loving obedience. I surrender all because he has given himself for me.

And finally, the cross reveals **Christus Victor!** The cross was not the defeat of Christ, but the victory of God over sin and death. His death defeated Satan and brought salvation to sinful humanity. The resurrection validated the reality of his victory on the cross. Some churches reflect this view by showing Christ the King with a regal crown (not a crown of thorns) and the cross being his throne of glory. Mel Gibson showed this cinematographically in *The Passion of the Christ* when Jesus' "It is finished!" and his death brought the rending of the Temple curtain (reconciling God and man) and Satan's writhing in pain and anguish for Christ has won the victory! Sins are forgiven! We are one with God through Christ. And we have a glorious purpose for living as a people living under the Cross of Christ!

## Our YOUTH MINISTRY is **THRIVING!** Wednesday Evenings for Fun Activities and Insights for Living Call/Text our Youth Pastor Coach Greg Reiff for more info (928) 600-9395

It's hard being a teenager these days. Lots of challenges in this threatening world. Greg Reiff works with teenagers all the time. He's the Director of Student Success at Coconino High School. He's also our youth pastor. He listens well. He doesn't judge. He encourages and students do well with his mentoring. Come and experience a quality youth ministry program where kids can feel loved.

## PIONEER CLUBS for Children

Tuesdays 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We offer the dynamic, Christ-centered Pioneer Clubs for children. They love the creative learning activities. They love being loved...by God and their leaders. For more information, call the church office at (928) 699-2715.

## Did You Know?

Our Session has authorized a select task group to study the feasibility of COR starting a new preschool addressing the early childhood education needs of families in Flagstaff. This is exciting. This is a critical need in Flagstaff. We could make a wonderful difference for families in our area. The Preschool Task Group is comprised of two career educators, Trudy Rogers and Debbie Barnard, and Pastor Bob.



## The Abide House Verde Valley, AZ Saturday, March 17

This maternity home offers love and support to pregnant and parenting women who have nowhere else to go at the present. Come, let us join together and do the many needed fix-ups and repairs to the Abide House that helps and witnesses to women wanting to "Choose Life". Mission fee is \$30 per person / \$50 per family. For more information contact the FaithWorks Office (928) 774-0504, or the Executive Director Glen Allen (928) 821-1073

## Meet Your Staff



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## Easter Outreach

### *Inviting Unbelievers into the Presence of God*

The message of Easter speaks to the seeking heart. Hope. Joy. Love. Victory. Life. Who doesn't want the experience which the Cross and the Resurrection provide? We are being intentional this Easter season by inviting Flagstaff into the presence of God to experience what God wants to pour into each seeking and receptive heart. We're using direct mail, door hangers, and personal invitation cards to invite those with awakened hearts to experience the gifts of God. We're partnering as COR and Oasis to reach English and Spanish speaking residents in Kachina, Mountainaire, University Heights, Ponderosa Trails, Lake Mary Road, Boulder Point, Sunnyside, Plaza Vieja, and **your** unchurched friends. The good news of Easter is to be shared...inviting unbelievers into the presence of God.

### **Our Life-Giving Sermons in March** Continuing in Our "Enjoying God" Series

Gathering for worship each week provides the opportunity to pour out our hearts in joyful, grateful praise and to consider together the life-giving Word of God. During the month of March we will be focusing on the practical aspects of being the Church of Jesus Christ with a lifestyle of love. Come and learn and live the wisdom and loving purpose of God for our lives. Invite your friends. Here are our focus points for the coming weeks.

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - "Body Life" Ephesians 4:1-16

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - "The Church Has Left the Building!" (FaithWorks Sunday)

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - "A New Life in Christ" Ephesians 4:17-32

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** - "New Life, New Lifestyle" Ephesians 5:1-21 (Palm Sunday)

## Holy Week at COR

### *It's Time to Celebrate!*

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (March 25) and moves toward the Cross on Good Friday (March 30). The message of the Cross is the victory of God's love over sin and death. Pastor Elias Reyes will be bringing the Good Friday message of "It is Finished!" helping us to understand what Jesus accomplished on the Cross which secured the freedom and forgiveness for all who trust in Christ.

Easter is a glorious day of celebration of new life and victory. We will add an early morning service at 7:00 a.m. with Pastor Elias preaching the good news (English and Spanish) and then also our 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services with Pastor Bob preaching. This festive day will include good news, rich fellowship, and delicious food shared. Bring your friends and treat them to a wonderful celebration of Easter joy.

A wonderful new element of our worship services during Holy Week will be the addition of a brass ensemble. We have discovered that we are rich with brass players who will be combining their efforts to praise the Lord with the fanfare of brass. We will be experiencing together the joy of Psalm 150 as we celebrate with instruments as well as the joyful voices of God's grateful people.

### **Stephen Ministry** **Lay CareGiving Training** **Recruitment in March with Training** **Beginning Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**What is Stephen Ministry?** The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. **What needs for care do people have in our congregation?** Those grieving the loss of a loved one. Those hospitalized. People being treated for cancer. Those experiencing separation or divorce. Parents with children who have disabilities. Those with chronic illness or pain. Those with job-related stress. Those who have lost their jobs. Families of deployed military personnel. Those experiencing spiritual crisis. Caregivers of those experiencing life difficulties. Those homebound. People facing infertility, adoption, an unplanned pregnancy, or the birth of a child. And so many more. Life is good, but we often have to go through major challenges and we don't have to go through those adverse circumstances alone. Stephen Ministers walk through these challenges with us. Listening with their hearts and providing encouragement through their presence and their words.

Starting on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, a new training class will be offered to prepare men and women to serve as Stephen Ministers. Would you like to know more about this opportunity? Would you like to reserve a slot in this new class? Then, call today! Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592 or Karen Cooper at (928) 853-6364 or Kim Camp at (214) 394-2371. These Stephen Leaders will be glad to help answer your questions. To register for the new training class call Brigitte at the church office at (928) 699-2715. Space is limited. Don't delay.

### **FaithWorks Sunday** **Coming March 11<sup>th</sup>** **"The Church has left the building!"**

We are so glad to be a part of the FaithWorks alliance of Christian churches! FaithWorks is about experiencing together the joy of short-term missions. Since its inception in June of 2000, there have been short-term mission trips each month bringing missionaries together from over 20 area churches to serve in the name of Christ locally and internationally. On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll worship together the missionary God who calls us and sends us to make a difference in the world.

The story is thrilling. Glen and Jan Allen will be with us. They are founders of FaithWorks. Also, Tony and Amy Casali will be sharing about their vision for the future of FaithWorks. Bring your friends. They'll appreciate so much hearing about Christians who practice what they preach! It's exciting because "the Church has left the building!"

### **Discover the Story Behind the Beloved Song** **"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"** **The Members and Friends of COR** **Are Going to the Movies! Friday Evening,** **March 16<sup>th</sup> at Harkins Movie Theatre**

It's a song that brings ultimate hope to so many and starting March 16<sup>th</sup>, Bart Millard's inspiring real-life story behind the beloved MercyMe song will encourage people in a whole new way. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE is a gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, beautifully illustrating that no one is ever too far from God's love - or from an eternal home in heaven. Invite your friends. Let's go to the movie! Specific time for our showing will be announced March 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call the church office at (928) 699-2715.

### **A Saint Patrick's Day Theme** **The Band of Brothers** **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the** **Fellowship Hall and Our** **WOMEN'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** **9:00 -10:30 in the Upper Room**

Come to our Men's Prayer Breakfast and enjoy Saint Patrick's Day with good food and good fellowship and learning about St. Patrick. The Women's Prayer Shawl Ministry meet at the same time in the Upper Room. Ladies, join us for the breakfast buffet. Wear your green! Come and enjoy!

### **GriefShare GRIEF RECOVERY** **SUPPORT GROUP** **Your JOURNEY From MOURNING to JOY** **Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.** **in the Upper Room** **Facilitator: Brian Kolb, (928) 699-5978**

Our *GriefShare* group is designed to help you recover from the deep hurt of loss. Your *GriefShare* experience includes three key elements that work together to guide your healing process. A video seminar teaches principles of healthy grieving. The support group provides caring, understanding people to share your story with empathy. The workbook provides scripture, journaling, and prayer exercises to re-enforce and deepen your healing experience. Don't try to tough it out alone.

## People's Pantry Sunday

March 18<sup>th</sup>

Our own Sandy Berry is doing a marvelous job leading the People's Pantry for Flagstaff. We are glad to give generously as we bring food to share with the hungry. We are currently the only church in town which contributes monthly. Let's work toward an overflow of abundance. The need is great. You can volunteer to help. Everyone can bring food to share. Every contribution large or small is much appreciated.

### **DivorceCare SEMINAR &** **SUPPORT GROUP**

**Monday Evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**in the Upper Room**  
**Facilitator: Pastor Bob Norton**  
**For more information call (928) 699-7592.**  
**Find Help. Discover Hope.**  
**Experience Healing.**

### **Men's Support Group** **Friday Mornings, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** **in the Fellowship Hall**

Our new Men's Support Group is taking shape beautifully. Spiritual growth is a vital component as we study Scripture and memorize key verses. We also talk about real life issues like how to deal with PTSD, anger management, and finishing strong in our retirement years. It's really good. Come and have a cup of coffee with us and really good conversation about things which really matter. Bring your spiritual hunger and your real life issues.

### **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

**Dave Ramsey's Popular Course**  
**on Practical Financial Concepts**

**Coming Soon to COR!**

**Mark your calendars!**

**FPU at COR Starts Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Facilitator Chuck Thomsen / Register Online**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary /**  
**Childcare Provided**

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is life-changing. Get out of debt. Develop a budget. Save for the kid's education. Invest. Give. And Dave Ramsey is electrifying as he motivates us to live the sound financial principles he teaches. It is really good. A lot of people in our church have gone to FPU and benefitted greatly. Everyone is welcome. You pay for the course online with a debit card. Pass the word! FPU is coming to Church of the Resurrection!