

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

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10:45 AM

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The CALL to JOY & PAIN

I'm learning to embrace suffering in my ministry. Why not? Jesus' ministry was not all fun and games. He knew His mission (Isaiah 61:1-3). He brought us eternal life (John 3:16), but at times He was treated like an Amway salesman. The people were fickle. They wanted miracles without obedience. And eventually they murdered Him on a criminal's cross. The Lord of life humiliated. So why should I whine when people are so selfish and apathetic? "Count it all joy when you go through trials of various kinds..." (James 1:2). I'm working on it.

for his son. "If you can help me..." Jesus responded, "If I can help you...where's your faith?" "I do believe, help my unbelief!" Many of us can relate to this man's waffling. He sort-of believed. "If you produce, Jesus, I'll believe...otherwise, I'm out of here!" Another time, ten lepers were healed. Only one returned to say thank you. And he was a hated ethnic minority person. Yet he was the one with a grateful heart. Nine religious guys were healed and took it for granted, not even having enough integrity to return to give thanks. Jesus suffered. The people were fickle. In contemporary sports, when coaches win the fans love them, but when they lose the fans say some very hateful things and demand a new coach. As a coach, if you don't win...you're history. Jesus knew the feeling.

Jesus was the **Man of Joy**. He didn't settle for happiness. Happiness comes when everything is going right in your life. Joy goes deeper. Joy happens when the roots of your soul are grounded in the fertile soil of God's love. God's love is unconditional. Nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35-39). So, joy can be your spiritual reality even on the worst of days.

Who killed Jesus? Did the Jews? Did the Romans? No, **you** did, and **I** did. When Mel Gibson directed *The Passion of the Christ* he characteristically wrote himself into a cameo role in the epic film. When the cameras filmed a closeup of the hands of the Roman soldier nailing Jesus to the Cross, those hands were the hands of Mel Gibson. He wanted the world to know that the sins of Mel Gibson put Jesus on the Cross. And he wanted us to know that **our** sins put Jesus on the Cross. We killed Him and yet He loves us nonetheless. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus was also a **Man of suffering and familiar with pain** (Isaiah 53:3). He was despised and rejected. Jesus brought healing, but the people wanted more. They wanted Jesus to be their lucky rabbit's foot, their Jeannie in the bottle to fulfill their every wish, their cosmic bellhop to bear every burden, their free lunch. Discipleship? Following Jesus during hard times? No thank you. And they left (John 6). Only the disciples stuck around saying, "Only you, Jesus, have the words of life." Do we stick around or do we leave drifting away because Jesus doesn't fulfill our every heart's desire?

I'm encouraged. If Jesus can be the Man of Joy and also a Man of sorrows acquainted with grief, then following Him will empower me to embrace suffering in the midst of my ministry. I've decided to follow Jesus, no matter what.

One man came to Jesus wanting help



THE CHURCH IN MISSIONS

Church of the Resurrection seeks to be the Church in mission. How do we do this? Our own *Sandy Berry* heads up **The Pantry** feeding the hungry of Flagstaff. We also contribute \$200 monthly to help with expenses and we are seeking to recruit volunteers to help **The Pantry**. We also provide volunteers each month and weekly for the **Flagstaff Family Food Center**. Talk with *Ken Rhode* about FFFC for he volunteers weekly and now coordinates our monthly volunteers. We support financially (\$100/month) the **Sunshine Rescue Mission** and **Hope Cottage**. We are also seeking to work with them with our Evangelism Explosion training for onsite OJT.

Each year we help provide the **Flagstaff Shelter Services Overflow** with four weeks of hosting the homeless. Also, we provide support of \$100 each month to Alex and Erin Leefers with **New Life Campus Ministry**. Alex and Erin make new disciples on the NAU campus leading students to Christ and teaching them in small group Bible studies. And, of course, we help support **FaithWorks Christians in Mission** who organize short-term mission trips monthly locally and internationally.

Church of the Resurrection is a mission-minded congregation. We want to become even more so in the years ahead. We worship and serve a missionary God!



Mission to "El Nathan Campground & Retreat Center" March 9, 2019

We will 'gather around' the young missionary couple and their kids by working on needed building fix-ups and repairs. This camp serves as a retreat and conference center for adults & children, especially Native Americans. \$30 per person, \$50 per family. For more information contact the Trip Coordinator Amy Casali at (928) 699-8138 or via email at Tony_Amy@FaithWorks4us.org

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Sermon Series for March "MEGATRUTHS"

Christians are a "People of the Book" for God has given us his inspired, revealed truth (2 Timothy 3:16-17) which is our faithful guide for faith and life. A vital part of our weekly worship is turning our hearts and minds to learn together from God's Word. In March, Pastor Bob will be teaching some of the *MegaTruths* from the Bible. These are formative truths which greatly impact our living for God's glory.

Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to come and grapple with these monumental teachings from Scripture. It would provide good conversation over coffee or breakfast following the service. Be a friend. Help folks to come to learn of God's overtures of love and how one can experience a life-changing personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. The series *MegaTruths* will unfold in the following manner:

Sunday, **March 3**, 2019 - "Created in God's Image"
Genesis 1:26-27 and Psalm 8
Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, **March 10**, 2019 - "Miracles"
Exodus 14:13-25

Sunday, **March 17**, 2019 - "The Kingdom of God"
John 18:33-38

Sunday, **March 24**, 2019 - "The Christ of the
Covenants" Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sunday, **March 31**, 2019 - "The Bush is Still
Burning" Exodus 3:14-15 and John 6:35-40

"A SPIRIT OF INVITATION" Reaching Out in Love To Our Friends & Neighbors in Flagstaff

A wonderful thing is happening at Church of the Resurrection. Our members and friends of the church are overcoming their timidity and handing out post cards and business cards along with a warm personal invitation to come and join us at COR. The cards are simple. They give the basic information about the church: address, service times, and noting "An Invitation from (your name)". People are beginning to respond to the invitations.

The power of a personal invitation is warm and welcoming. Jessica Fitchett invited her friends to the Chapman Marriage class. They came and they had a good time. Thank you, Jessica, for loving your friends so much to include them. That's what friendship is all about. Do we exclude friends? No! Certainly not. We include them. Will you overcome your timidity this week by allowing a spirit of invitation to flow through you?

Pray for the LOVING OUTREACH of OASIS OF HOPE CHURCH

Did you know that twelve percent of Flagstaff's population is Hispanic? We're so glad that our sister church Oasis of Hope meets at COR for Sunday Bible Study at 5:00 p.m. and Bi-lingual worship at 6:15 p.m. Oasis of Hope is reaching out in love to the Hispanic community in Flagstaff. This is wonderful! Pray for their effective outreach.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Is Thriving at COR!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has reached over five million people and some of those are meeting at Church of the Resurrection. Chuck Thomsen is coordinating our FPU class and the class which includes COR members and community members is doing really well. Are you curious? You can always attend a session for free to check it out. You'll probably then want to sign up and pay your tuition and take the next FPU class in its entirety. It's very good. It's life-changing. Getting out of debt is so freeing. Living by financial peace is so much better than financial anxiety. FPU meets Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Chuck Thomsen at (928) 699-6011.

Dr. Gary Chapman's "The MARRIAGE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED" Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

We have launched and are enjoying Dr. Gary Chapman's teaching on The Marriage You've Always Wanted. But it's not too late. You can join us for the following talks followed by discussion:

February 20th - "Understanding and Expressing Love"
February 27th - "Initiating Positive Change"

Something to Celebrate! ELECTION & ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The members of Church of the Resurrection are gathering on **Sunday, March 3rd, at 12:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary** to participate in the Election of Deacon Candidates - Randy Messerschmidt, Brian Skowronski, and Chuck Thomsen. These men have been going through extensive training with Ruling Elder Mike Bradley. They have demonstrated the character and virtues of 1 Timothy 3 and we celebrate their spiritual gifts and depth of commitment in serving the Lord with joy. Come and participate in this election. If these Christian brothers are elected Deacons on March 3rd, then they will be ordained Deacons on Sunday, March 31st, during the 10:45 worship service. We give thanks to the Lord for these new leaders in our midst.

COR Partners in CHURCH PLANTING!

We are so glad that our Arizona Presbytery has their missional priorities right! Approximately 95% of the funds we remit to our Presbytery goes for church planting. Studies verify that "church planting" is one of the most effective ways to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. We are sharing in the action! Currently, a new congregation in midtown Phoenix, a new church in Queen Creek, and possibly a new congregation in Prescott are in the works. Furthermore, much prayer and discussion has centered around a new Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at NAU. Wouldn't that be something! How exciting to be faithful in disciple-making through church planting.

Felt-Need SUPPORT GROUPS

At COR we are committed to Felt-Need Support Groups in bringing people to Christ by addressing their felt-needs. Currently, we offer *GriefShare* and *DivorceCare* when we have a critical mass of participants. We are ready. If the need is there, we spring into action by starting a new group. Furthermore, one of our new Deacon candidates is considering and praying about starting a new *Celebrate Recovery* group which would minister to persons dealing with addictive behaviors. *Celebrate Recovery* uses the Twelve-Step Recovery process with distinctively Christian content. It's very effective and very honoring to the Lord Jesus Christ.

March 6th - "Making Sex a Mutual Joy"
March 13th - "How to Share the Things That Bug You"

Dr. Chapman's talks are biblical and practical. Come and enjoy learning about how to make your marriage the best ever. Childcare is provided.

A Parenting Class for Parents and Grandparents

"MAKING CHILDREN MIND WITHOUT LOSING YOURS"

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.
in the Upper Room

Starting Wednesday, March 20th, Five Weeks
of Great Talks/Discussion

By Dr. Kevin Leman

When Dr. Kevin Leman talks, people listen. Why? Because his teaching is so based on the principles of Scripture and his delivery is so humorous. We're gathering parents and grandparents who want to love the children in their lives by providing loving, effective discipline. We are called to shape the lives of children so they can learn to live their lives honoring God and honoring parents. Godly discipline is at the heart of being a good parent. Come and learn how to do it from one of the master teachers in the field of parenting. Childcare will be provided. Call the church office and register today (928) 699-2715.

Our STEPHEN MINISTRY CareGivers Are Making a Difference!



Bear one another's burdens

We have ten of our members who have completed the twenty modules of training in serving as a Stephen Minister and are currently meeting one-on-one with persons who are going through challenges and difficulties in their lives. However, this situation changes periodically. Stephen Ministers become available for service from time to time. Would you like to have a Stephen Minister helping you? Let the church office know (928) 699-2715 if you would like to talk with one of our Stephen Leaders about the possibility of having a Stephen Minister assist you. Stephen Ministers make a difference...they can make a difference for you. You don't have to go through pain and suffering alone. We care.