

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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10:45 AM

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TODAY'S WORLD

Jesus said to his disciples and to you, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22) Why? How important is this? Can't you just read your Bible, go to Church, and do your best? Isn't that good enough?

Jesus also said, "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on 'high.'" (Luke 24:49) After mentoring his disciples 24/7 for three years, he says "wait"..."don't go out and try to change the world"..."you must be clothed with power from on high (the Holy Spirit)".

The Christian life is a supernatural lifestyle. We cannot live for Christ in our own power and ingenuity. To try to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit is an exercise in futility and frustration. If we receive God's gift of His promised Holy Spirit, what can we expect to realize in our daily living in today's world?

First of all, we must understand that **prayer is the prelude to power** (Acts 1:14). After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the disciples committed themselves to fervent prayer in preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Professing Christians who do not pray will not experience the power of the Spirit. Those who learn to pray much will experience much power. There is a direct causal relationship. Do you pray?

Second and third, with prayerful anticipation and receptivity you will experience **God's empowering presence**. God promises his power in answer to his people's prayers. On Pente-

cost, God showed up and the signs of His presence and power were evident. A new wind of His Spirit was blowing. A new communication miracle set the people free to proclaim the mighty acts of God. And a once defeated, but now empowered Peter stepped up and preached the good news demonstrating a **passion for Christ** (Acts 12-41) which was to become the distinguishing mark of this revolutionary people movement called the Church of Jesus Christ. Today, the Church filled with the Holy Spirit demonstrates a **passion for Christ** (Philippians 1:21 and 4:13).

Fourth and fifth, **the Lord is our priority** (Matthew 6:33) and **God's perspective brings hope and peace** in our daily living (Romans 15:13 and Philippians 4:4-7). Living in this dangerous, threatening contemporary world can be like skydiving into a hurricane, but through faith we experience the "eye of the storm" knowing hope and peace in the midst of the turmoil. God's shalom (Hebrew for "peace, a deep sense of well being") pervades our anxious hearts. People will see and ask about your hope and peace (1 Peter 3:15) and we can tell them about Christ our Lord whose Spirit grants us these precious promises (2 Peter 1:4). Are you anxious, worried, and fearful? Be filled with the Spirit!

Finally, the Church filled with the Holy Spirit will demonstrate that **people matter to God** and will **live to the praise of His glory** ministering to people with love, mercy, and generosity (Acts 2:43-47). In many cases the contemporary Church limps along poorly reflecting the magnificent mission to which we are called (Matthew 28:16-20) Only in the power of the Holy Spirit can we change the world! Arise! Awaken the Church to become His people living in the power of His Spirit! (Acts 1:8) The weary world awaits an empowered Church! It's our only hope!

Calling All COR Men and Their Friends!

"The Band of Brothers"

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 21, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and encouraging table talk as you make new friends and grow in your faith. Our times together are really enjoyable. There's something really special about men getting together and sharing their stories. It's kinda like "a band of brothers!" Why not come on Saturday, May 21, and give it a try. For more information, call 699-2715. Your donation supports the meal and your service (set up, cooking, clean up) lightens the load for everybody. Come, relax, and enjoy!

Wear RED on Pentecost Sunday as We Celebrate the Coming of the Holy Spirit

PENTECOST SUNDAY

ACTS Chapter Two Tells the Story

Sunday, May 15th, 9:00 & 10:45 Worship Services

Pentecost Sunday is one of the high holy days of the Christian Faith for it remembers and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem. The prophecy of Pentecost is found in Joel 2:28-32 and the historical event is found in Acts 2. Pastor Wes Holmes will be bringing an encouraging message on "The Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit" as hearts are inspired to receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered for Christian living today. Be sure and wear RED for this is the traditional color of this festive day. The music will thrill your hearts! Invite your friends to experience this important dimension of the Faith.



FaithWorks

August 13-21 - Alaska

A team of up to 13 persons will travel to Anchorage to minister to a Christian ministry called "The Children's Lunchbox". This mission entails working in kitchens preparing meals for underprivileged children. The fee is \$400 plus airfare.

Interested? Please call the Faithworks office at 928.774.0504.

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Sermons for May

Preaching the Good News is one of the primary ministries of the Church of Jesus Christ. We welcome the opportunity at Church of the Resurrection to gather as God's people celebrating the gospel of grace and inviting unbelievers into the presence of God. Each Lord's Day we seek to teach from God's inspired Word and connect the truth of God with life in the everyday world. Our sermons for May are designed to share with believers and their not-yet-Christian friends seeking to encourage people in everyday life. The following are our sermons for next month:

- Sunday, May 1 *"Facing the Future without Fear"*
Matthew 14:22-36
- Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) *"Growing a Healthy Home"*
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Sunday, May 15 (Pentecost Sunday) *"The Church in the Power of the Spirit"* Acts 2
- Sunday, May 22 *"Surprised by the Power of the Spirit"*
Acts 3 & 4
- Sunday, May 29 *"The Greatest Counselor in the World"*
John 14-16

Let's discover together the power of a personal invitation as we reach out in love to our unchurched friends and neighbors.

"A Growing Marriage" Seminar Featuring Dr. Gary Chapman Live! (DVD presentations)

**Author of the bestselling book
*The Five Love Languages***

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

Nurturing a marriage to reach its full potential is challenging! That's why we are offering Dr. Gary Chapman's "A Growing Marriage Seminar" for our Flagstaff audience. His seminal work *The Five Love Languages* has blessed millions of marriages worldwide. Childcare will be provided upon request (699-2715). Pre-register for the seminar so that sufficient participant handouts can be provided. The five session seminar will be following this schedule:

- Tuesday, April 26 *"Communication 101"*
- Tuesday, May 3 *"Understanding and Expressing Love"*
- Tuesday, May 10 *"Initiating Positive Change"*
- Tuesday, May 17 *"Making Sex a Mutual Joy"*
- Tuesday, May 24 *"How to Share the Things That Bug You"*

Tell your friends about this dynamic seminar. It's biblical, practical, and humorous. Every week there are

practical insights to take home and apply. Invite those with good marriages and those whose marriages are strained. All are welcome.

DivorceCare Find Help. Discover Hope. Experience Healing. Monday Evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

Church of the Resurrection offers *DivorceCare* as a compassionate outreach into the Flagstaff community for those going through the emotional pain and personal crisis of separation and divorce. *DivorceCare* is a seminar teaching practical insights from a Christian, biblical perspective on how to survive the trauma of separation/divorce. It is also a support group providing relationships of mutual support and encouragement. Pastor Bob and Elias Reyes serve as co-facilitators. For more information, call 699-2715. The following sequence of topics will be covered in May and June:

- Monday, May 2 *"Forgiveness"*
- Monday, May 9 *"Reconciliation"*
- Monday, May 16 *"Moving On, Growing Closer to God"*
- Monday, May 23 *"What's Happening to Me?"*
(Session One)
- Monday, May 30 Memorial Day (no meeting)
- Monday, June 6 *"The Road to Healing / Finding Help"*
- Monday, June 13 *"Facing My Anger"*
- Monday, June 20 *"Facing My Depression"*
- Monday, June 27 *"Facing My Loneliness"*

Pass the word in the Flagstaff community! COR is doing *DivorceCare* and hurting people are getting the help they need. Christian divorce recovery goes deeper. We are praying about DC4K (Divorce Care for Kids). Would you like to help?

Baptisms and Reception of New Members MOTHER'S DAY

Pastor Bob's encouraging word *"Growing a Healthy Home"*

Sunday, May 8th, 9:00 & 10:45 Worship

Mother's Day is a great day to be in church and worshipping the Lord! We'll honor our mothers and honor the mothering instinct of all women who bless and nurture others. Our music will be inspiring. Flowers will be presented to all women attending our services. Come and celebrate! Invite your unchurched friends early so they can plan on worshipping with you on this festive day.

GriefShare...your journey from mourning to joy Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

Loss and Grief are a part of everyone's life. We all lose loved ones to death. It's a part of life. How well do we deal with loss and grief? Usually, not very well. Some will say, "Time heals." However, this is not true for time alone does not ultimately heal. *GriefShare* teaches the principles of healthy grieving. *GriefShare* also provides a support group of loving, caring people to walk with you through your season of grief. For more information, call 699-2715. The following topics will be covered in May:

- Wednesday, May 4 *"When Your Spouse Dies"*
- Wednesday, May 11 *"Your Family and Grief"*
- Wednesday, May 18 *"Why?"*
- Wednesday, May 25 *"The Uniqueness of Grief" (part one)*

When to begin? You are welcome to begin attending the *GriefShare* group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with *GriefShare* through the next cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen. This group provides "real help for deep hurt." It's about "people loving each other in the midst of their hurting."

Introducing *The DANIEL PLAN*... 40 Days to a Healthier Life Faith - Food - Fitness - Focus - Friends

Pastor Rick Warren (author of *The Purpose-Driven Life*) has collaborated with Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman to produce this dynamic, balanced program toward achieving a healthier lifestyle. Joan Stoner and Pastor Bob will facilitate this new opportunity at Church of the Resurrection to motivate our people and their friends in healthy living. Come and be blessed! Our first gathering will be Thursday, April 28, at 5:30 PM. Sign up today!

Youth & Family Mexico Mission Trip June 11-18 *Sharing the Gospel in Tijuana, Mexico* Registration Deadline: May 10

We have raised over \$1500 toward the cost of our short-term mission trip this summer to Tijuana, Mexico where we will be serving with 3 other PCA churches and their Youth & Family on a mission to build 3 homes and share our faith with Mexican families. We also did a

carwash fundraiser at the end of April and now we have plenty of financial support for the \$400 cost per person of the trip. Be sure to have forms and payment turned into the office by May 10! Contact Pastor Wes.

New Home Small Group Study Forming *"THE CASE FOR CHRIST"*

by Lee Strobel

**Facilitators Mike & Bridgette Bradley
1233 W. Lil Ben (Ponderosa Trails)
Six Tuesday Evenings,
Starting MAY 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

"Christians grow best in small groups!" This small group will be **quality** as week by week participants gather with able facilitators Mike and Brigitte Bradley to discuss the exciting discoveries of award-winning journalist Lee Strobel. *The Case for Christ* has deepened the faith of thousands of believers worldwide. Come and share life together with other Christians wanting to grow in their faith. Seekers are also welcome to join the journey and discover why Christians are so excited about following Christ. For more information call Mike at 606-3143 or Brigitte at 774-5557.

Pioneer Club's Last Day is May 24! Join us Tuesdays After-School at 3:30 PM *We Will Come Back in the Fall*

Hey kids! Pastor Bob, Wes, and Debbie would love to see you at to Pioneer Club! We do games, activities, and interactive Bible lessons every week. The boys and girls are earning activity awards, playing games, and memorizing Bible verses. As we grow in God's grace together we are learning the importance of God's Word. We even sing songs and have snacks. Invite your classmates and neighbors to join the fun!

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

Family and friends are welcome to be a part of our group for middle and high school students! We always have a freshly cooked dinner, interactive games, Bible study and a good time encouraging each other. This is a great way to get involved in the community of the church! We are working through a lesson series on the fear of God and what that means for our lives. You and your family are encouraged to come!

Mark Your Calendars! VBS is Coming!

July 11-15, from 9 AM-Noon, grades K-5. Details soon!