

## CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

740 W. University Heights Dr. South  
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### Sunday Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

### Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:45 AM

Nursery Provided at the 2nd Service

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“Where People Come Alive!”

## TRANSFORMING CHILDREN Into SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS

Children matter to God and one could build a good case for why children should be the church's #1 priority. Jesus himself made a good case for children. Look to Matthew 18:1-6. *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”* Jesus always was a straight shooter. He tells it like it is. Then, why don't we listen to him?

A kingdom of children. Even before Walt Disney. And the little children came. And they still do if we are responsive to their needs and lead them to Jesus who meets the deepest needs of all of our lives.

Children matter to God and the Scriptures are clear about their significance. *Children are a gift from God* (Dt. 7:13; Ps. 127:3). *Adults receive special blessings through their children* (Num. 5:28; Dt. 28:4, 11; Lam. 4:2). *Children are desirable* (Gen. 9:7; Dt. 6:3; Lk. 1:24-25). *Children need to be taught how to think and act in relation to God and His ways* (Ex. 12:26, 37; Dt. 4:9-10; 6:1-7; 31:12-13; Ps. 78:4-6; Prov. 22:6). *To have a fruitful relationship with God, children must be taught to obey Him* (Prov. 8:32; 19:26; Jer. 2:30; 3:22; Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20). *Children are so valuable to God that He commands us to protect them* (1 Sam. 20:42; Ezra 8:21). *God wants to have a genuine relationship with His children* (Ps. 8:2; 34:11; 103:13; Mal. 2:15;

Mt. 21:15; Mk. 10:13-16). *God loves children enough to ensure that they receive discipline* (Prov. 3:11-12; 13:24; 19:18; 23:13; 29:15-17; Eph. 6:4). *God enjoys the nature and personality of children* (Mt. 18:3; 19:14; Phil. 2:15).

The role of the church is to spiritually mentor parents; the role of parents is to spiritually mentor their children; and the legacy of faith continues from generation to generation. Our hope for the future lies in our ability to help young people experience spiritual transformation. Most people who trust Jesus as their Savior do so before the age of 15. The Risen Lord invites us into the greatest harvest field of all time – children. We need to boldly and faithfully seize the opportunity to impact our community – starting with the children.

In this issue of our COR newsletter and in our Sunday morning messages in May you will learn about how to *bless the children* the way Jesus did in His earthly ministry (Lk. 18:15-17) and how He wants to bless them today through *you!* Sunday School. Pioneer Clubs. Sponsoring a Compassion child “*releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name*”. Youth and Family. Youth mission trip to Mexico. Vacation Bible School. Future educational opportunities for children and youth at COR. There is an urgency about the Church's need to strategically focus our energies on children and youth. Jesus' message for today flies straight to the heart of every parent, grandparent, teacher and pastor. Invest early. Get them while they're young, or they may miss knowing Jesus altogether – and thus, so may our world.

This message is ancient with the wisdom of the ages. It's also as fresh and urgent as today's newspaper. Let's join together in *transforming children into spiritual champions!*

Our “HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH”  
Workshop has been rescheduled  
for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Mark your calendars!  
Don't miss this golden opportunity!

Come Enjoy a Delicious Breakfast and Rich Fellowship  
“The Band of Brothers”  
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST  
Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Our own chef Bob Philpott and his helpers will be providing a hearty, delicious breakfast. Our program always encourages spiritual growth and provides strong prayer support for our guys who are seeking to live for God. Bring your friends. They're always welcome. Your donations will help pay for the food and your volunteer service will mean a lot toward set up, cooking, and clean-up. It's a great morning! The comradery is very special, like “a band of brothers”!

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Upper Room

Joint us for a time of fellowship and to bless our latest shawls. Breakfast included - complements of the Band of Brothers. We thank our brothers in taking such good care of us to enhance our time together!



Please pray for the  
FaithWorks  
Sonora Mexico Mission  
May 18-21

June 17 - Indian Bible  
College

For the second year now we'll go to this one-of-a-kind Christian Ministry to Native American students by providing building fix-up and encouragement to the faithful staff. [C/F] \$30 per person, \$50 per family.

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## Sermons for May "Blessing the Children"

Our theme for May is "blessing the children" and our model is Jesus himself (Lk. 18:15-17). People chided Jesus for wasting time focusing on the children and he made it abundantly clear that their perception was not honoring to God. We're going to spend a month gazing upon Jesus and all the Scriptures which point us to the Church's mission to children. I have a sense of urgency about this matter. I hope you will join me in being fully engaged in hearing our Lord's teaching and living the Word of God to bless the children and our time and in our community. It will be a great adventure!

### Sunday, May 7th "Children Matter to God!"

Dt. 6:4-9 and Mt. 18:1-6 (Celebration of The Lord's Supper and Compassion Sunday)

**Sunday, May 14th "How Churches Help to Raise Spiritual Champions"** Luke 18:15-17 and 2 Timothy 1:3-7 (Mother's Day and Prayers for Healing and Wholeness)

### Sunday, May 21st "Lord of the Ordinary"

**Sunday, May 28th "Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions"** Psalm 127 and Ephesians 6:1-4 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Come to worship and invite the families in your sphere of influence. Let's build a strategy in our families and in our Church to "bless the children"!

## The CHURCH in MISSION

### This Month's Focus: Valorie Eddy & KidZ at Heart

Recently, our Session of Teaching and Ruling Elders on behalf of the members and friends of COR decided to partner with Valorie Eddy of KidZ at Heart. So we are involved with this exciting ministry to bless children throughout the world!

Valorie Eddy is a life-long educator having taught, trained teachers at NAU, and also served her local church as Director of Children & Educational Ministries. She loves the Lord with all her heart and now is involved as Director of Training Content & Certification with KidZ at Heart. This ministry teaches Christian teachers in many nations throughout the world so that the children will have ongoing mentors to lead them to Christ. It is cutting-edge missions work blessing generations to come. We are glad to join with Valorie by supporting her mission with children at \$100/month. We will be inviting Valorie to come meet the people of Church of the Resurrection. Please be praying for her ministry.

### The Truth Project Adult Small Group Study Thursdays 6:30-8:30PM

We just started a 12-week tour through the Biblical structure of a Christian worldview and it's not too late to join in! This study is a wonderful, thought-provoking, and

engaging opportunity to consider the major claims of the Bible over against prevailing cultural opinions and to grow in our faith together. Pastor Wes will be facilitating the group at the King home in Pine Canyon: 3805 Clubhouse Circle.

### New Group Forming! Invite Your Friends and Neighbors! GriefShare

**Grief Recovery Support Group**  
Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 p.m. Upper Room  
New GriefShare Group Starting May 3rd  
Facilitators are Brian Kolb and Lu Ann Hunt

GriefShare may be your journey from mourning to joy. Our group is a part of a network of thousands of grief recovery support groups meeting around the world. GriefShare is a program of 13 weeks with direction and purpose. With GriefShare you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where hurting people find healing and hope.

Come and experience new insights on how to grieve in a healthy way and also receive the loving support will need as we deal with issues of loss and grief. Brian and Lu Ann are experienced and compassionate care givers who will serve as your guides.

To register or ask questions about GriefShare, call the church office at 928.699.2715.



**Pitch In, Pick Up! Our Spring Adopt-an-Avenue cleanup** is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 9:00 am. We will meet at the First Baptist Church on the corner of San Francisco and Columbus and then clean up our section along San

Francisco from Cherry to Forest Avenue. Please text or call Joan Stoner at (928) 853-9827

### What's the Best News You've Ever Heard? CHRISTIANITY Explored Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 p.m., In Our Homes (Call 699-7592 for this week's location)

Christianity Explored gives people time and space to discover the best news they've ever heard. Over seven interactive sessions, as they explore Mark's Gospel, people find out who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. Christianity Explored Ministries was established in 2001 to help people love, live and tell the good news about Jesus Christ. These courses run in over 100 countries. Our CE course will start with a light supper in a relaxed environment. Bring your

questions and look for spiritual reality as we learn together who Jesus is and his relevance for everyday life. For more information, call the group's facilitator Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592. Come and hear the best news ever!

### Come and Enjoy Our 3rd Annual Forest Highlands Summer Home Bible Study

**"The Supremacy of Christ" (Hebrews)**  
Every Other Thursday, Starting May 18th, 6:30 pm  
3114 Bear Howard (Lu & Fae Warner's home)

Pastor Bob and Lu Warner will be guiding this interactive study of the Book of Hebrews with the engaging and challenging theme of "The Supremacy of Christ." Hebrews is a magnificent New Testament book bridging the Old and New Testaments with a clear analysis of the centrality of Christ for Jews and Christians. You'll enjoy the warm hospitality of heart & home of the Warners and you'll be thrilled by the amazing teaching about Jesus, the Messiah. All are welcome. Invite your friends. For more information, call the church office at 928.699.2715 or Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592. Sign up this week on the Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall.

### "Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name!"

## COMPASSION SUNDAY, May 7th

Compassion International assists Christians in sponsoring over 2 million children throughout the poverty pockets of the world. At Church of the Resurrection alone, our people sponsor over 75 children. It is a major part of our missions effort and a significant way that we reach out into the world with the love of Jesus Christ.

On Compassion Sunday, May 7th, we will learn about Compassion International and the opportunities which child sponsorship provides. To sponsor a child, one agrees to provide \$38/month to cover food, clothing, education, medicine and spiritual training for children in poverty. Studies have documented that Compassion children are growing up to transform their cultures. Won't you prayerfully consider sponsoring a child? There will be a Child Sponsorship Table in the Fellowship Hall after each morning service with volunteers to help you. For more information, contact our Compassion Sunday coordinator Brigitte Bradley at 928.699.2715 (church office) or 928.774.5557 (cell).

### "Resolving Everyday Conflict" Biblical Answers for a Common Problem Coming in July (4 Sessions)

Our own Mark Ford will be our facilitator for this dynamic practical course in conflict resolution. Each

participant will be asked to contribute \$10 which provides a participant guide. Scholarships are available. This is so relevant. From time to time we all experience conflict. Now we can discover how to resolve everyday conflict. This excellent material is produced by Peacemaker Ministries. Mark Ford is a trained, certified facilitator with Peacemaker. Call the church office at 928.699.2715 for more information.

### Youth & Family Group Every Wednesday, 5:30-8:00 PM In The Fellowship Hall

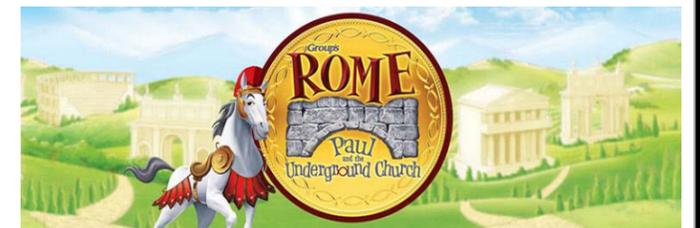
Looking for something that is not of this world? Youth & Family Group is for everyone grades 6-12 and their families, and 5th grade graduates are invited to join in this summer! It's a wonderful time for food and fellowship, Bible study and prayer, and we sing to the Lord as well! Join us as Pastor Wes leads the Bible study about our identity according to God.

### Youth & Family Mexico Mission Trip June 10 - 17

We had an overflow of generosity with our Easter Breakfast fundraiser. \$1140 was raised! Thank you to all who contributed food and finances! And thank you to all who are praying for our trip as we prepare! Are you considering being a part of our house-building, gospel-sharing, faith-growing mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico? If so, talk with Pastor Wes and he can tell you all about it.

### Pioneer Club For Kids K-5th Grade Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00

Voyagers (K-2nd) and Pathfinders (3rd-5th), our Bible Pioneers, will be wrapping up lessons for the summer. Our last day is May 16th! But don't worry, we will be starting up again once school is back in session. God doing great things in this ministry and Pastors Bob and Wes along with our super volunteers are excited to be a part of it.



### Rome VBS is Coming! July 31-August 4 9:00-11:00AM

Get ready for Rome! We will visit Paul and the Underground Church in the first century learning about the love of Jesus and having a great time singing God's praise, growing in faith, and experiencing an ancient Roman Marketplace! If you want to volunteer, see Pastor Wes!