

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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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!"

RADICAL GRATITUDE

Followers of Jesus Christ discover joy through everyday thankfulness. As we grow in grace cultivating an attitude of gratitude becomes a way of life. The scriptures are abundantly clear. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Col. 3:16) "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thess. 5:18) We are called to be a thankful people. In fact, our grace-inspired attitude could be appropriately called "radical gratitude".

We worship and serve a sovereign God. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) No matter what happens in our lives, we know that God is ultimately in control and he will use every circumstance to conform us to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29) Life in the real world is a school of trust. We learn to place our trust in the trustworthiness of Jesus Christ. Our abundant life and eternal destiny are secure in Christ. He is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption...so we boast in Him alone. (1 Corinthians 1:30-31)

Therefore, we are a grateful people. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing..." (Ephesians 1:3) We are first of all, saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). We are then overflowing with joy and profound gratitude (2 Cor. 7:4, 8:2) which leads to a wealth of generosity. Paul gives tribute to the Macedonian Christians, who were experiencing extreme poverty, yet excelled in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7). Grace.

Gratitude. Generosity. These three are the triumvirate of good stewardship in the Church of Jesus Christ.

God's generous people become the visible signs of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. (Acts 2:43-45) Grumbling about money characterizes the unrepentant Israel on their wilderness trek. As the Church of Jesus Christ, we trust God to be our provider (Philippians 4:19). And He is faithful in every way.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation. He was severely criticized for calling the nation to give thanks to God only weeks after the bloody battle of Gettysburg. "Why now?" the people cried. The biblical admonition is that gratitude is to be a part of our everyday. President Lincoln reframed the tragedy of our Civil War. We have been blessed beyond measure and given such abundance, but we have forgotten God. He deserves our thanksgiving. Give thanks with a grateful heart.

What about Church of the Resurrection? Are we a people filled with grace? Are we a grateful people? How grateful? When the opportunity comes for us to express our gratitude in our Consecration Sunday's dedication of our estimates of giving, will we be found to be generous? Will our generosity reveal that we excel in the grace of giving? God knows our hearts. Will greed or generosity prevail? The choice is ours. Will apathy or adoration and action prevail? Again, the choice is ours.

Grace. Gratitude. Generosity. Signs of the Holy Spirit in your heart and mine. May it be so...to His glory!

Let's CELEBRATE DEMOCRACY by VOTING on November 6th

How Will You CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?

"Turning Holidays into Holy Days"

Pastor Bob is preparing a single sheet resource page to guide your preparation for a God-centered celebration of Thanksgiving. Obtain one through the church office. Is Thanksgiving only a day off for feasting and football? It can be so much more...

Women's and Youth's "Decorate the Church" Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, November 28th, 6:00 pm.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and beautifying our church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Please sign up on our Ministry bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Call Cathy Jolma for more information: (928) 773-7956 or (602) 615-0194.



Upcoming Women's Events

Stay tuned for a Fall Gratitude Brunch, a Christmas Advent meditation and a movie night. If you have additional suggestions, please contact Pam Givens (602) 899-6631 or Kim Camp (214) 394-2371.



Medical Mission to Sonora, Mexico Nov. 8-11, 2018

The purpose of this trip is to share the love of Jesus Christ in ways that make a Christian difference. Primarily by practicing good medical care, the team will be expressing love and care for the poor. We do not charge our care receivers for anything we do to help them.

Mission participation: \$295 per person. For more information contact the FaithWorks Office (928) 774-0504, or the Trip Coordinator Jan Allen (928) 567-0092

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**Pastor Bob's MESSAGES
for NOVEMBER
Themes of Thanksgiving,
Generosity & Living Free in Christ**

Church of the Resurrection is a congregation committed to teaching the Word of God and the timeless, life-giving principles the Lord imparts to His people. November brings us a varied faire of spiritual food rooted and grounded in Scripture. Invite your unchurched friends to come and learn about the abundant life Christ promises. The messages will unfold around the following schedule...

Sunday, November 4th, "Magnificent Generosity"
2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, November 11th, "The Joy of Giving"
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Sunday, November 18th, Thanksgiving Sunday,
"Discovering Joy Through Everyday Thankfulness"
Colossians 3:12-17
Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 25th, "Living Free in Christ"
Colossians 2:6-7
Guest Sunday and Consecration Sunday

**Consecration Sundays
Harvest Celebrations
Sundays, November 18th and 25th**

What is our philosophy of Christian Stewardship at Church of the Resurrection? We do not do fundraising. We do not present a budget and then invite people to do their best in raising money to support a budget. Instead, we teach the biblical principles of stewardship or money management and then challenge God's family, the Church, to obedience. We are not shy or embarrassed about talking about money. Why would we be? God meets this subject of money head-on! In the Bible, there are 500 verses about "Faith" and 500 verses about "Prayer", but over 2,300 verses about the use of wealth or money management. It is important! We don't side step this big issue. We address it and set people free from the worry of money which grips so many people's lives.

On Sundays, November 18th and 25th we will provide an opportunity for God's people to simply come forward and consecrate their "Estimates of Giving" cards at the altar. This act of dedication is a fitting expression of our profound gratitude to God.

**GUEST SUNDAY to Focus on
"Living Free in Christ"
Sunday, November 25th, 9:00 & 10:45
Worship Services**

The people of Church of the Resurrection are encouraged to invite their unchurched Christian friends, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, and seekers to come and celebrate the faith on Guest Sunday, November 25th. Why do we say, "Invite unchurched friends"? Because we are not trying to win people away from other churches. If folks are already involved in a church, bless them! We are reaching out in love to people who do not know Christ or disconnected Christians who are not worshipping regularly.

Pastor Bob will be preaching an encouraging message from Colossians 2:6-7 and handing out an inspiring spiritual growth tool entitled *Who I Am in Christ*. We'll have good refreshments and an opportunity to make your unchurched friends feel welcome.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE
SEMINAR & HEALING SERVICE
Saturday, November 17**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (How To Seminar)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Healing service)**

As Oasis of Hope grows in all areas we have discovered the need to grow in our disciple equipping. As we leave the building where we worship we are obeying the command of our Lord Jesus to GO into our community and fulfill the Great Commission in Flagstaff. We have invited Pastor Michael W. Smith to help equip us in our endeavor of reaching the least, the last, and the lost.

Pastor Michael W. Smith is the pastor and founder of House of Healing that opened in 2007. They opened the Arizona Deliverance Center in April 2017 and the Healing House in October 2017. They provide the Body of Christ with counseling, prayer, healing & deliverance services right in the heart of Maricopa County in Phoenix, Arizona.

Pastor Smith has a Master's Degree in counseling and a Bachelor's Degree in rehabilitation and worked as a certified counselor, certified rehabilitationist & certified labor market consult/expert witness in Maricopa County for 23 years and in the field of rehabilitation for 25 years prior to entering the ministry on Christmas Day 2005. He studied Greek at Western Bible College in Gilbert, AZ. Pastor Smith has been on the radio for over 16 years and his current radio programs and testimonials, which contain dramatic healing & deliverance testimonies, can be accessed on this

web site. Their radio program currently airs on KXXT/1010AM, M-F @ 7:30 AM, 5:30 PM & Sunday 4:00 PM.

Their ministry is dedicated to helping individuals who are afflicted by mental, physical &, emotional illnesses. Pastor Mike is a certified professional counselor with 37+ years' experience and his wife Karen is a licensed professional teacher with 25+ years' experience.

Pastor Smith has been a guest in Phoenix on Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) and Joy in Our Town television shows discussing mental health issues and how Christians can be treated and cured from addictions and mental & emotional illness. -Elias Reyes,
Ruling Elder & Pastor of Oasis of Hope

**A ROBUST Ministry Budget
for His GLORY!**

"Missions more than maintenance"

Our Session of Elders has been prayerfully working on a Ministry Budget for 2019 for several months now. New missional initiatives include a strong emphasis upon church planting and a new Director of Children's Ministry position. **Why church planting?** Research reveals many new disciples are won to Christ through new congregations. We are a Great Commission Church (Matthew 28:19-20) so we plant churches in obedience to Christ's mandate to make disciples. **Why a new position for Children's Ministry?** Most people come to Christ in their childhood and youth years. Young hearts and minds want to know about God and how to live their lives in this often confusing and challenging world. We share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ and help children and youth live the abundant life in Christ.

Our Ministry Budget for 2019 is over \$300,000 and we need the sacrificial giving of God's people to make God's dream for COR a reality in 2019! Salaries/wages are staying the same; however, missional initiatives are our emphasis for His glory!

**Evangelism Explosion
Discipleship Training
"A small and mighty group... life changing!"
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room
Starting November 28th**

Evangelism Explosion is taught in every nation on the face of the earth. Our EE group will be comprised of 2-3 men and 2-3 women. We'll be meeting on Wednesday mornings starting November 28th. Would you like to explore the possibilities for your involvement in this ministry? Then, call Pastor Bob at

928.699.7592 Let's be a "Great Commission Church!" Jesus started with twelve and changed the world. Be a world-changer!

**From our Director for Youth & Family:
INSPIRING THE IDEALISM
OF YOUTH**

Webster's Dictionary states the term *Idealism* to mean, "an individual guided by idealism and one that places their highest ideals before and above practical considerations."

I find this interesting when I reflect on observations as youth director for the past 10 months. I have found that what separates youthful idealism from older, "wiser veterans" of the world is that our youth are still so inexperienced that they believe themselves to be self-sufficient to live according to their highest ideals.

Because of this belief, they have not allowed themselves to be jaded by the world's problems. As a result, they have vastly different goals and visions of the world than a "more experienced" adult (such as myself) does. They have the audacity to still believe that they can make a difference or change the world, and they grasp that all change begins with one individual person at a time - they think, why not let it begin with them?

As youth director, I have observed that no matter how terrible, how gigantic or difficult their problems, the youth of today are able to keep compassionate eyes open to helping and seeing those individual faces who suffer - from the tiniest issues to the most difficult problems they encounter.

Our youth are much more refined at seeing people for who they are as individuals... and not as skillful at putting people in clumps, situations or pre-judged people groups. Because of this, they are able to hear the unique stories and "suffering" that we all have, and do this without seeing through a lens that has already been negatively prejudiced or altered.

As youth director, I continually work to encourage the youth to reach to their highest idealistic self. I encourage them to charge ahead and change the world, to change their community, their friends, their families and most importantly to allow God to change them from the inside!

I encourage them to do this by tapping into Jesus' power through prayer; only God's empowerment bears the kind of fruit which allows them to have a lasting impact of compassion, love and ability, fruit that will help them change the amazing world around them - with great love.