

## 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!"

## DISCOVERING the HEART of the REFORMATION

This year, 2017, is the Martin Luther year. We remember the Reformation and we celebrate it. But we must also continue the Reformation. The Reformation is not a dusty museum to be visited occasionally on a tour bus. It was and is a vital movement for truth and life in the Church of Jesus Christ. How should we maintain and advance the life-giving spirit of the Reformation?

One key is the Reformation slogan, *Semper Reformada*, which is Latin for *reformed and always reforming*. First, we are Christians who have been reformed by the Word of God. We know we are saved by grace and put into a right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. We have been *Justified by Faith*. We're not working our way to heaven, but we've heard and believed the good news that eternal life is a gift of God for those who trust in Jesus Christ. Our certainty (1 John 5:11-13) is based on His righteousness and His finished work on the Cross to supply our salvation. Being *Reformed* we must always remember that each generation must be about the business of *always reforming*, always coming back to the heart of the gospel of grace.

A second key is day by day turning our hearts in obedience to God. The Reformation watchword is *Coram Deo*, which is Latin for *Living before the face of God*. Martin Luther discovered the authority of Scripture, the life-giving Word of God. He admonished ordinary Christian people to turn to the Word daily and embrace the truth which sets us free (John 8:31-32). Luther translated the Latin Vulgate into German, the language of his people. They read. They

studied. They meditated upon the inspired Word of God. They lived before the face of God. We are to live this way also.

A third key is celebrating and cherishing the power of the *Solas* – the Latin word for *only* meaning maintaining the matrix of Christian truth through the liberating truths Luther discovered from the Bible. They are: *Sola Scriptura* (only Scripture is our source of authority for faith and life), *Solus Christus* (only through Christ do we come to God and are saved as affirmed in Acts 4:12 and John 14:6), *Sola Gratia* (only grace enables us to be saved, it is the gift of God as described in Ephesians 2:8-9), *Sole Fides* (only faith in Jesus Christ brings freedom as explained in Romans 3:21-24), and *Soli Deo Gloria* (only living for His glory fulfills the purpose for our living on the earth, 1 Corinthians 10:31). The Westminster Confession (a Reformation legacy) summarizes these truths and our lives by first asking *What is the chief end of man?* and then inspiring us with the perfect answer *To Glorify God and Enjoy Him Forever!*

The Reformation is about freedom and joy! The Word of God is our freedom book helping us in learning and living the eternal truths which enable us to be set free from religiosity, from a law-driven, fear-based approach to religion which brings death. Jesus said, *"I came that you might have life and have it to the full."* (John 10:10) He also said, *"I have told you these things that my joy might be in you and that your joy might be complete."* (John 15:11) Thank God for the Reformation in 1517 and in 2017! *Soli Deo Gloria!*

### Follow Up to SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training Twelve Weeks of Excellent Training Led by Pastor Bob Norton

We are forming a class of seven participants to engage in the Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training which includes small group learning plus field experience in faith sharing. Would you like to know more? Call Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592

### Our Elders are Prayerfully Considering this New Congregational Bible Initiative The ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV) May Become our New Congregationally Endorsed and Used Bible

90% of our PCA churches use the English Standard Version for their congregational Bible. We are considering this as well. Why? The NIV has gone through revisions, and trying to reconcile which NIV one might be using seems to be causing confusion in our congregation.

The current initiative would include purchasing 75-100 sturdy pew Bibles of the ESV translation. Therefore, we could all be on the same page. Pastor Bob would teach from the ESV. Each Bible would cost \$10 and members and worshippers would be invited to help purchase these Bibles to put in the chair pockets. The current NIV Bibles donated to us would then be given for distribution to Hope Cottage, Sunshine Mission, and other organizations providing free Bibles. Our homeless men could benefit from these donations as well. What do you think? Would you be willing to help?



**Pitch In, Pick Up!**  
Our Fall Adopt-an-Avenue Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017, at 9:00 am. We will meet at the First Baptist Church on the corner of San Francisco and Columbus and then cleanup our section along San Francisco from Cherry to Forest Avenue. Please text or call Joan Stoner at (928) 853-9827.

### Meet Your Staff



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## Our New Sermon Series for October "The Unquenchable Flame" The Continuing Reformation

This year, many people are celebrating the five-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95-Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Many reformers had gathered a huge pile of kindling, but Luther's challenging act set the fire which ignited the Protestant Reformation. Some years before Guttenberg had invented the printing press in the same area. They saw the potential, printed the 95-Theses, and distributed them throughout the realm. Life has never been the same. The truths discovered brought good news in 1517 and they bring good news in 2017. The Reformation is about freedom and the Church bursting with new life. In October, we're discovering why the Reformation still matters. Truth that will set us free and infuse our lives with new life and vitality. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is going to be *really* good!

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** - "The Cairns of the Reformation"  
(the Solas)

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** - "The Doctrines of Grace" (Tulip)  
COR Anniversary Sunday with Luncheon

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** - "The Myths of Calvinism"  
Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Congregational Meeting to Elect New Ruling Elder

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - "Walking with the Giants"  
(Luther, Calvin, & Knox)  
People's Pantry Sunday

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** - "The Dangerous Idea of the  
Reformation"

Reformation Sunday

(wear red for the Unquenchable Flame)

## Musical Notes from Patty

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. (Psalm 100:1-3)



We have some open spaces for help with worship. Not only do we have singers and musicians up front but we also have technical people behind the scenes to help with words up on the screen and sound. If you have any desire or calling to learn these skills, we would be happy to train you and use your talents. This would not be every Sunday but just when we need people to step in and help. Please contact me @ (928) 225-9889 if you think this is an area you feel God could use you.

## So Practical! So Helpful! So Healing! RESOLVING EVERYDAY CONFLICT with Mark Ford

Four Tuesdays in October (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

*Resolving Everyday Conflict* was so well received in the spring that we are now offering it again for the whole Flagstaff community in October. Pass the word. Everyone is welcome. Who doesn't have some conflict in their lives. It is so real world. These peacemaking principles are rooted in the Word of God and so effective in changing conflict, chaos, and consternation to restoration of relationships pervaded by God's peace. Register for this course by signing up on our bulletin board, or call the church office @ 928.699.2715.

## We Warmly Welcome OASIS OF HOPE CHURCH

New Bilingual Congregation Meeting for  
Worship Sundays at 5:00 p.m.  
and Bible Study Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

God is at work in the Hispanic community in our city. Six months ago our own Elias and Jennifer Reyes planted a new bilingual congregation and God is blessing this new church. Starting in September, Oasis of Hope Church started meeting in our Sanctuary on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. and also in our Fellowship Hall for Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We warmly welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ and celebrate God's blessing. Oasis of Hope is currently averaging 75 in attendance for Worship and 30-35 for Bible Study. Praise God! Keep them in your prayers. We are also praying about the possibility of Oasis of Hope becoming a new PCA mission church. Wouldn't that be wonderful!

## Congregational Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Election of Mike Bradley as a New Ruling Elder

The call is out to the members of Church of the Resurrection to gather on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to elect Mike Bradley as a new Ruling Elder. Mike has received extensive training in reformed theology and shepherd leadership for over six months as a Ruling Elder Intern in preparation for this very important day in his life. He has served with excellence. The opportunity is now for us to affirm Mike and make it official. Ruling Elders serve for life. Mike served as a Fire Chief and now brings his gifts and graces for ministry to this new role at Church of the Resurrection.

## Youth & Family Ministry Thrives BBQ and Workday Coming in October

Our boys and girls of our Youth and Family Ministry are meeting regularly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. They gathered with the youth group from Oasis of Hope Church on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for a BBQ at the Reyes home in University Heights. They will be meeting for another BBQ with Pastor Bob and Robin at their Fremont home in Cheshire (2819 N. Fremont Blvd) on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Bob, Patty Gross, and friends are leading the youth group and having a great time. We also are hosting a youth, family & friends workday on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> to paint Butch and Patty's home as an expression of our heartfelt gratitude for their being such a blessing to our church. Sign up for the workday and the BBQ by calling the church office at 928.699.2715

## Celebration of Church of the Resurrection's Tenth Anniversary! Thanks be to God!

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Celebration Luncheon  
in the Fellowship Hall, 12:20 p.m.

Our first public worship service was Sunday, October 7, 2007, at the commons area of De Miguel Elementary School. We had 180 well wishers gather to celebrate this new congregation birthed in the heart of God. We met at De Miguel for one year and then five years at the commons at Coconino Community College. We thank God for providing our new church which has been our spiritual home for four years. We are a grateful people. God has been so good to us. Come and celebrate!

Gather to Cheer on Haley Barnett  
BAPTISM AT LAKE MARY  
Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at  
the Lake Mary Boat Ramp

## An Opportunity for Hospitality Ministry HOSTING THE HOMELESS

For several years we have counted it a privilege to partner with Flagstaff Shelter Services to host the overflow homeless men during the coldest months of the year. Each year homeless people tragically die of exposure on bitterly cold nights. With the compassion of Christ we are trying to make a difference.

So far, we have volunteered to host up to twenty homeless men during the weeks of **November 5-11, December 3-9, and January 14-20**. If more times are needed, we would certainly prayerfully consider serving.

We will try to provide evening snacks, morning breakfasts, and creative fellowship and activity opportunities for the men. One art teacher came and helped the men to create holiday greeting cards. The men loved it! Come and watch movies with the guys. One dad brought his pre-teen son and proceeded to pray with the men. They were deeply touched. Let's get creative. How can we bless and provide warm Christian hospitality to these men?

Sign up sheets will be going up on the Ministry Board in the coming days. Let's serve the Lord with joy by touching the lives of these homeless men with the love of Christ our Lord.

## Rediscovering the Power of a Personal Invitation Praying for "A Spirit of INVITATION" Growing the Church God's Way

How do churches grow? By people bringing people. Who are your friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, family members, acquaintances, and fellow club members? Have you invited them to come to church with you? Studies indicate that 80% of the first-time attenders at church come because someone invited them. Why aren't we inviting? Many people show signs of spiritual hunger. Let's respond to their need, pray for them, and then invite them to come and hear the good news.

## Coming Again Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> PEOPLE'S PANTRY SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, we gathered and donated 1,054 pounds of food for the People's Pantry. Then, on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we gathered an additional 669 pounds of food. Our own Sandy Berry, Director of the People's Pantry, is delighted with the generosity of our people. We also had one of our families donate a very generous monetary contribution to the People Pantry. They said, "We are so glad that our church is helping the People's Pantry. This is local mission at its best. We're glad to contribute our gift to help feed hungry people." Our Session has designated Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> as our next People's Pantry Sunday. Let's do our best in being God's generous people!

## Helping Hurricane Victims through the PCA

With the onslaught of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, and now Maria many people are suffering. Our hearts go out to these people struck by tragedy. We are also becoming cautious regarding who or which organization we trust with our donation dollars. Greed can hurt relief and recovery efforts. We are blessed that our own PCA denomination has a Disaster Relief organization in place. You can go to their website, [pcamna.org](http://pcamna.org), left hand side: "DONATE" ...or via check made out and sent to: "Mission to North America." Their address is P. O. Box 890233, Charlotte NC, 28289-0233