

## CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

740 W. University Heights Dr. South  
Flagstaff, AZ 86005

### 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!"

## The World's Greatest RESCUE OPERATION

Christianity is a rescue religion. It declares that God has taken the initiative in Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins. This is the main theme of the Bible. *You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.* (Matthew 1:21) *The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.* (Luke 19:10) *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* (1 Timothy 1:15) *We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.* (1 John 4:14)

"Salvation" is a wonderfully wide-ranging word, and it would be a great mistake to think that it only refers to the forgiveness of our sins. God is as much concerned with our present and our future as with our past. His plan is to put right our relationship with him, and then progressively to set us free from our self-centeredness and bring us into harmony with other people. We owe our forgiveness and reconciliation chiefly to the death of Christ, but it is by his Spirit that we can be set free from ourselves and in his church that we can be united in a fellowship of love.

The church is to become a life-saving station that proclaims and lives the salvation Jesus Christ brings. The drift toward irrelevance must always be counteracted with the rediscovery toward recovering our life-saving mission in the world. As Archbishop William Temple once said, *"The Church of Jesus Christ is the only organization in the world which exists for the sake of those who are not members of it."* Our mission is great in Flagstaff for 90% of our residents do not know Christ nor do they darken the door of the church. This is why our COR mission is clearly stated: *To Know Christ and To Make Him Known.*

The new movie **Dunkirk** tells the story well of the spring of 1940 when Hitler's

panzer divisions and Luftwaffe war planes were bearing down on allied troops. The British army foundered on the coast of France in the channel port of Dunkirk. Nearly a quarter million young British soldiers and over 100,000 allied troops faced capture or death. The Germans were looking for an easy kill. The Royal Navy had enough ships to save barely 17,000 men and the impending disaster brought "hard and heavy tidings". Prime Minister Winston Churchill called the nation to pray...and the nation responded with prayer and action.

While a despairing world watched with fading hope, a bizarre fleet of ships appeared on the horizon of the English Channel. Trawlers, tugs, fishing sloops, lifeboats, sailboats, pleasure craft, an island ferry named Gracie Fields, and even the America's Cup challenger Endeavor, all manned by civilian sailors, sped to the rescue. The ragtag armada eventually rescued 338,682 men and returned them home to the shores of England. It was one of the most remarkable naval operations in history.

The Church, likewise, is God's ragtag armada. The Church is a mix of flawed individuals on a rescue operation commissioned by God. Starting with twelve disciples, Jesus said, *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people* (Matthew 4:19). Two thousand years later there are now 2.3 billion followers of Jesus in the world today. The rescue operation continues. That is why we are offering our upcoming **"How to Share Your Faith" Workshop** on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The stakes are high. Together, let us form God's ragtag armada for Flagstaff. Yes! We are called to participate in the world's greatest rescue operation. The living Lord Jesus Christ awaits your response. Pray. Spring into action. Lives will be lost if God's people do not heed the call. Come, join the adventure and make history by participating in the world's greatest rescue operation.

## The Premier Training Event of the Year!

### "How to Share Your Faith" Workshop

With PCA Pastors Mark Roessler & Phil Kruis  
Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
The Fellowship Hall  
Sign Up Today! The Cost is \$20/participant  
(includes lunch)

We are inviting Christians from all area churches to join with us for this dynamic ministry training event! We want to bless the Body of Christ with this grace event. Pastor Mark Roessler served as the Director of Evangelism Explosion (1980-1990). EE has the amazing distinction of providing training in every nation on the face of the earth. The EE format emphasizes "the GRACE of GOD" helping people to discover what God has done for us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Developed by Dr. D. James Kennedy the EE gospel presentation begins with two provocative diagnostic questions. **Have you reached that point in your life that if you were to die tonight you would be certain that you would go to be with God?** Many people don't realize that God wants us to be certain about our eternal destiny. The follow-up diagnostic question is the following: **If you were to die tonight, and stand before God, and he said to you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" what would you say?** Good thought-provoking question! What would we say? Our answer would reveal if we understand the grace of God or if we are on a religious treadmill.

We start with God's amazing grace and invite unbelievers into the presence of God. Come and learn about how to share your faith in a positive, effective way. The cost is only \$20 per person (includes materials and lunch). Don't delay. This is most important. Make it a priority. And invite your friends from area churches to join with you.



**FaithWorks**  
Medical Supply and  
Equipment Mission to  
Agua Prieta, Mexico  
September 7-9, 2017  
(\$200 per Person)

**Mission to the Navajo  
Reservation, Arizona**  
September 30, 2017  
(\$30 per Person,  
\$50 per Family)

For more information  
contact the  
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## Meet Your Staff



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## New Sermon Series Continues.... "Jesus Our Joy"

So many members and friends of COR have responded to our current series with excitement and enthusiasm as to how beneficial Paul's Letter to the Philippians is blessing their lives. Why not invite your friends and neighbors to join you for joyful worship and discovering the secret of living in troubled times filled with the joy of the Lord. This is a message for all seekers as well as sincere followers of Christ. In September, the series continues according to the following schedule:

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - "Servants of Christ"  
Philippians 2:19-30

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - "Rejoice in the Lord"  
Philippians 3:1-21

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - "Stand Firm in the Lord"  
Philippians 4:1-9

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - "Contentment in All  
Circumstances" Philippians 4:10-23

See you Sunday! We'll look forward to meeting your friends and neighbors and welcoming them warmly to the fellowship of God's family.

### Musical Notes from Patty

 Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:19)

I have been so blessed by the people of this church and worship teams. Your prayers for me have been comforting and given me strength to go on. I would like to feature some of our worship team members, in the next few months, so you can get to know them better.

One of our newer members is Noah Chesterman. He plays drums and washboard for us but also plays piano, ukelele and digeridoo. He is a senior at Flagstaff High School and is the section leader for the percussion in the marching band.

His family includes Tom and Beth, his parents, and an older brother Chris who is in Africa serving in the Peace Corps.

Noah is working on becoming an Eagle Scout, like his dad. He plays and designs board games. This summer he worked as a counselor at a music camp in Alaska. They have asked him back as a teacher for next year! He played with several groups doing folk music, jazz and bluegrass.

His goal is to be a musical therapist. Please keep him in your prayers. I find him to be very compassionate, wise beyond his years and a complete "wiggly worm". I love the positive attitude and the energy he brings to us. May his time with us bring him closer to our Lord and give him memories that will help sustain him through life.

## We Bless WES & JULIA HOLMES as They Prepare for New Ministry

We are thankful for Wes and Julia and their two years of serving in our midst. We pray God's best in their lives and ministry. Wes gave his resignation at our August 7<sup>th</sup> Session meeting and he'll be completing his ministry with Youth & Family throughout the month of August. Share your love and gratitude.



### Saying Goodbye A Letter from Pastor Wes

Julia and I want to thank the families of Church of the Resurrection for their wonderful care and love for us. We have been truly blessed by your willingness to receive us as part of the church family and for sharing your lives with us. I would particularly like to say thank you to the youth of the church who have taught me so much and have been a blessing to me as I watched them grow in their knowledge of and love for Jesus over these past two years. We love you and we will miss you all!

Sincerely, Pastor Wes and Julia Holmes



### Pioneer Clubs

"Christ in every phase of life!"

Tuesday Afternoons, 3:30-5:00 p.m., in the  
Fellowship Hall

Starting September 12<sup>th</sup>! Register Today by  
Calling the Church Office at 699-2715

We currently have two Pioneer Clubs (Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade). We have two good teams of volunteers to work with the children. Each week they engage in Bible stories, playing fun games, doing skits, learning new life skills, singing Christian songs, enjoying creative craft projects, learning about God in Bible explorations, and challenging oneself in Bible memory. The children earn Bible and activity awards, listen to guest speakers, and sometimes go on field trips.

Families can register their children through the church office at 928.699.2715 or fill out a registration form on Sunday mornings. The church covers the cost. Pioneer Clubs are fun and a great way to partner with parents to teach values and help children to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. For more information, call Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592 Our theme verse for Pioneer Clubs is Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

## YOUTH & FAMILY FORUMS Come and Participate in Developing Our New Youth Ministry

Your Feedback and Creative Ideas are Welcomed

Pastor Bob will be leading three gatherings for sharing of ideas offered by Middle and Senior High students and their parents. We want to hear your ideas as we shape and mold our new season of doing ministry with Youth & Family. The gatherings will be at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall

(this gathering is worked into our current  
Youth & Family gathering)

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall

(this gathering is during our fellowship/refreshment  
time after our 10:45 worship)

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the  
Fremont House, 2819 N. Fremont Blvd

(this gathering will be in Pastor Bob & Robin's  
living room/come and share your ideas)

We invite and encourage your ideas.  
Feedback is the breakfast of champions!

### DISCIPLESHIP Small Groups Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Mike and Brigitte Bradley host and lead our Discipleship Home Group for westside residents at their home in Ponderosa Trails, 1233 W. Lil Ben Trail and Hal and Pam Givens host and lead our Discipleship Small Group in Smokerise Valley (eastside) at their home, 5901 N. Mountaineer Rd. Both groups meet on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. engaging in prayer, mutual encouragement, and discussion of the biblical text in Philippians for the previous Sunday's sermon.

People are loving these small groups! There's something about the warmth and intimacy of meeting in our homes that adds a special, informal dimension. Have you tried our small groups? Why not try them out this week. You can call the Bradleys at 606-3143 (Mike's cell) or 774-5557 (Brigitte's cell). Or, for the eastside location you can call the Givens at 266-2721. They would love to have you join their groups.

Remember, "Christians grow best in small groups!" Adult spiritual formation is men and women becoming believers and then growing in their spiritual life as they become more and more like the character of Jesus Christ. Let's grow together!

## The BETHEL BIBLE SERIES New Testament Studies Come and Join Us on Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. The Fellowship Hall

The Bethel Bible Series is a tested, tried and true way to master the content of Scripture. Many people who take the Bethel Series call it a "life-changing experience" for the Bible comes alive. The Bethel Series uses teaching pictures as mnemonic devices. The teaching is solid and the discussion helps reveal the relevance of Scripture to life in the contemporary world. Pastor Bob is our instructor and he has been teaching the Bethel Series for four decades. He has seen the fruit in the lives of men and women who invest in biblical studies.

Our current focus in Bethel is the New Testament. Twenty lessons. Twenty teaching pictures. Covering the entire New Testament with the discipline of group study and discussion. Come and experiment with Bethel. You will want to stay. For more information, call Pastor Bob at 928.699.7592

In 2018 we will be offering The Bethel Series on a week night. Be watching for details on this golden opportunity to study the Old Testament and then the New Testament starting in January.

### GriefShare... your JOURNEY from mourning to JOY Wednesday Evenings, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room, Starting September 6<sup>th</sup>

Brian Kolb and Lu Ann Hunt lead our GriefShare grief recovery support group. They do an excellent job and people receive substantial help through their guidance. GriefShare is a seminar in the principles of healthy grieving plus a wonderful support group with people who understand and care deeply about the healing of your hurting heart. People don't have to go through their seasons of grief alone.

Pass the word in the Flagstaff community. GriefShare is for everyone!

### "People's Pantry" Sunday Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Information Flyers Available at the Church

"Bring Food to Fill Up the  
PEOPLE'S PANTRY VAN"  
Our own Sandy Berry is Coordinating  
this effort in Flagstaff Helping Flagstaff!