



The Common Task

May 2023

the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." -James 2:26

Michael Who?

Well, for all of you wondering who this new guy is coming into Faithworks, my name is Michael Combs, I have resided near Ash Fork for the last 12 years. Most of my life I have worked on golf courses as either a laborer, assistant, or golf course superintendent managing up to 23 crew members. During this time, I was able to learn general light construction skills such as framing, roofing, electrical and plumbing. I am always ready to learn the new skills necessary to accomplish a task. This is a good attribute for that is what I now will do for Faithworks as the incoming Executive Director. I am thankful to have Tony here to guide me during this transitional process. Also, I happen to know Glen and Jan Allen who have graciously made themselves available to be resources in the future to be able to give guidance and insight when needed. I grew up in North Central Illinois and moved to Arizona in 2000. I came to know about Faithworks while attending Community United Methodist Church in Williams. My pastor at that time was Billy Martin, who served on the Board of Directors for Faithworks. As my shepherd he disciplined me in my journey of faith not only as mentor but as a friend. While serving at that church I was involved in many areas of ministry. One of the most rewarding was expository teaching to our youth through books of the Bible one verse at a time. Since we learn as we



teach, we will deepen our understanding of God's character and truths of His word through preparation. Billy recommended me as a prospect to the board of Faithworks in 2016 to fill his position when his term would be completed. I served on the board for 6 years, 4 as President. My home church now is Canyon Bible Church of Prescott that meets at the Prescott High School. I am sure I will have challenges doing something totally different from my college education and work experience. I am thankful that through God's grace and mercy, and support of the Faithworks faithful, we will be able to continue to help unify the body by encouraging and taking on some of the burden in order to help other ministries. I look forward to meeting many of you and seeing you on future mission trips. My heart may be physically small, but when it comes to a heart for the Lord, it's definitely "Bigger On the Inside". Here I am Lord I humbly thank you for using flawed people for Your Glory!

El Nathan Christian Ministries

Another successful mission trip at the El Nathan, 9 servants from 7 different churches gave of their time and gifts to help prepare for a new season of campers. After devotion, prayer, and a history of the camp from Jeff, we got to work. It was a joyful day of fellowship coming along side another ministry for Gods glory. We broke off, with a couple of gentlemen repairing and refinishing the doors on



which needed a cleaning. Somehow after the snow melt and spring winds it managed to accumulate dust and dirt, imagine that. Also, two of the many cabins were worked on. One needed some flooring repairs while the other had some water damage to the ceiling. The cutting of downed branches, raking of pine needles and removal of a few old appliances finished the tasks for the day. Lunch was graciously provided by Jeff and Jenifer for the crew, thanks to you both again. We thank God for all who gave of their time, prayers, and donations to make this a day a success. So much to be thankful for and we look forward to serving here again, Lord willing.

Church of God Holiness

Our ongoing mission to provide running water to the church is progressing steadily. Since the last newsletter the water tank has been filled by a donor willing to donate for the first fill, as well as many others donors for future needs. There is a church that offered to sponsor for the estimated annual filling costs. Thank you all for a giving spirit in support of brothers and sisters in need. There was a manifold made that splits the main water supply from the tank. New shut off valves service the new Fellowship Hall kitchen as

well as the bathrooms at the old Fellowship building. We were able to prime the solar pump and test the system. This showed where a couple more repairs were needed. After all repairs were made to the newly installed lines, we then filled the



existing line to the old bathrooms. Unfortunately, they are not in useable condition. In the future, we need to run a new line to the bathroom as well as existing fixtures inside. Just as perseverance in our faith and obedience to God through spiritual challenges, we hope here it will bring forth completion. We may need to have an inspection of old septic to determine if it will work properly or if new septic system will be needed. The final project of this stage will be to get a second solar pump installed for the 1000-gallon water tank at the home on the property where Eugene and his family



reside. Other repairs will be needed on the plumbing to make the system operational. As water is needed to make the turf on the golf course grow, we hope this water will help the Word of God, to take deep root to this part of the Navajo Nation. Thanks for all your support to bring this to fruition and come alongside the Church of God Holiness to help spread the truth of the Gospel.

-Yours in Missions, Michael



Faithworks Thrift Store

As many of you may already know, Faithworks is operating a thrift store located on Fourth Street in Flagstaff in the Knolls Square Plaza. This location is also home to our boardroom and office space, where we work to accomplish the daily needs of the ministry for God's Glory. It is a blessing to interact with the public and when the door is opened to discuss Faithworks and more importantly, our Lord and Savior Jesus and the hope of the Gospel. We are in need of volunteers to help with the daily operation of the store to run efficiently. We are praying to have enough help to fill 4-hour shifts always having two people in the store. We are so thankful for all those already giving their time but could use more to take the load off the precious few who are serving now. The store is a benefit to the community. by providing a place for people to donate items in good condition and then others to purchase them at a discounted price. So stop on by if you are looking for something unique or would like to donate unneeded items. We have faith God will fill this need for servants. And pray some of you will answer the call or direct people you may know this way to donate a little time to the ministry in this capacity.

Help Wanted!

We are also in much need of a person who can fill an Office Manager position. It will entail 10 hours a week with compensation. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact the office for more information. (928-774-0504)

Additionally, the position of Store Manager is also needed to be filled, prayerfully by July 1st. We hope to find someone to take over for Betsy, who has done amazing things, along with her volunteers, in the last month. This Store Manager position also requires 10 hours per week paid compensation and hoping the possibility of volunteering another 10 per week. If interested, please contact the office. (928-774-0504)

Lastly, we are hoping to find someone to help develop our website to its full potential. This could be done by working with our existing website host provider or taking on the job of being the webmaster. If this sounds like a way you could serve come on by or call. (928-774-0504)

Other things....

Olive Branch Ministry update. A small team went to the Olive Branch to Help Cindy and her brother Jim move their belongings from their home of many years across the back yard to their new residence. It was a heartfelt day knowing that the ministry of the Olive Branch New Beginnings was coming to an end. We were encouraged how God still shines on His adopted children. Thank you, Lord, for giving us the ability to serve alongside them for many years.

Indian Bible College: We have rescheduled our construction mission to the college. It was cancelled earlier this year due to heavy snow. I'm excited to announce that Saturday June 24, 2023, has been added to the calendar. We will be in need of servants to come enjoy a day serving alongside a wonderful ministry for God's Glory. Please contact the office if you can give of your day for fellowship, work, and hopefully a little fun.

Opportunities to serve in 2023

June 3rd **Sunshine Rescue Mission**, Flagstaff, AZ

June 24th **Indian Bible College**, Flagstaff, AZ

Aug 15th-27th **Birchwood Christian Camp**, Chugiak, AK

Sept 8th-9th **Mexico Medical Supply Trip**

Oct 21st **Navajo Mission Church**, Leupp, AZ

Nov 2nd-5th **Mexico Medical Clinic**

Dec 2nd **Navajo Christmas**, Leupp, AZ

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FaithWorks Mission Statement

To unite the Christian community in ministry through providing opportunities for education, information, and practical mission experiences, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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