

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, January 7, 2022

Weekly

THANK YOU, VCC!

Steve Kacprzak, who along with his wife Virginia, runs the Love Thy Neighbor Ministries, submitted this wonderful picture. It shows Steve helping the nursing home van driver load the many Christmas gift bags they had assembled for residents.

Steve also wrote this note to our congregation:

Thank you, VCC!

What a wonderful outpouring of generosity. We had hoped to secure Christmas gifts for all of the residents of two nursing homes—240 people. By the time the last items were received from you through the Giving Tree, along with the items purchased with financial gifts, there were 4,066 items, enough for 360 gift bags with at least 11 items in each bag.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!



CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

This is notice of a Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 5:00 pm. This meeting will deal with important business deferred by cancellation of our December meeting, as well as customary business for the January annual meeting.



Consider joining us for this important update on the life of VCC. As a reminder, we do need a quorum for business to be conducted at the meeting.

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POSTPONEMENTS

As a reminder, the start date for the following activities have been moved back to give all those who traveled or had visitors over the holidays a chance to complete quarantine and participate:

- **Men's and Women's Bible study** in the

Book of Genesis, is now scheduled to begin January 18 at 10:00 am.



If you did not attend the fall session, but would like to join the winter sessions, see the office. Your name will go on a waiting list as we are currently seeking table leaders to allow for additional attenders.

- **Choir practice** will begin again on Wednesday, January 19, at 2:00 pm. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join the choir simply by coming to practice.

thisweek

January 10-16, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's Genesis Bible Study is on hiatus until January 18.
- **Wednesday**, Choir practice is on hiatus until January 19.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible study, 7:30 am.
- **Saturday**, worship and communion, 5:00 pm, with fellowship and sermon Q&A to follow the service.
- **Sunday**, worship and communion, 10:00 am, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.

GENESIS BOOKS

The study materials for Genesis are available in the church office. They are punched but individuals need to provide their own three-ring binder.

A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

To the VCC Congregation,

Covid remains a lingering health concern and we need to talk about risk. To date, VCC has complied with all state mandates, and taken many other actions to mitigate the risk to those who gather for worship at Vistoso Community Church. Further, we intend to continue to monitor the situation for the foreseeable future, and act as prudence dictates.

Having said that, it is important to realize that, just as there is increased risk in gathering with others during the height of cold and flu season, there is inherent risk in gathering with others while Covid infections are still present in our locale.



Managing the Risk

There are things that can be done to manage that risk. We practice a number of them and routinely mention them in our various communications. There are also many sources of medical advice at your disposal. You also need to know there are some things that VCC cannot do. For example, we cannot disclose a person's medical information, unless they might choose to release it, for example, by asking for prayer. Further, we do not have the means to collect data on those who attend and might become infected, nor do we have the means to communicate such information to all those who might have attended.

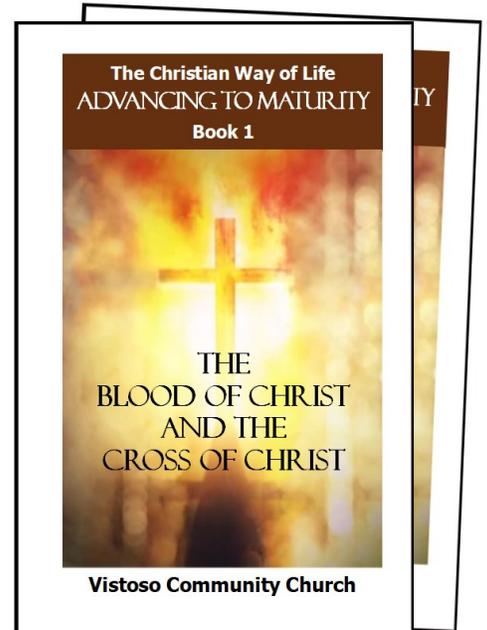
So, that brings us back to the reality of our current situation. There is some degree of risk associated with gathering with others in worship. We can, and will, attempt to manage the risk associated with our group gatherings, but we certainly cannot eliminate it. Ultimately, the management of risk must rest upon each individual as he or she combines an understanding of VCC's practices with a knowledge of their own health situation and the advice from trusted health-care providers.

VCC's Responsibility

VCC's responsibility is to be the local Church: by definition an assembly of those who have

trusted in Christ unto eternal life and gather for the purpose of worship, the proclamation of the Word of God, and fellowship among the saints. We will continue to carry out our heavenly mandate while circumstances play out here below. Join us as you can, using the means best suited to your personal circumstances, and hold fast to the faith

ADVANCING TO MATURITY BOOKS OUT



Last summer, Pastor Kevin taught a Bible Study on four advanced topics in his series of lessons on *The Christian Way of Life*. In 2020, the basic lessons in this series were compiled into eight books that are distributed separately. However, the four topics in this Advancing to Maturity books are a continuous discourse presented in two books only because of printing limitations. Thus, the two books are banded together as a set.

The four topics covered in the books are:

- I. The Blood of Christ
- II. The Cross of Christ
- III. The Life of Christ
- IV. The Spirit of Christ

Because these are advanced lessons that require doctrinal foundation, it is recommended that you first share the booklets in the basic series with unbelievers or new believers. All of *The Christian Way of Life* books are in the foyer literature racks and on our website.



To stream our Sunday service, click the streaming button on our website home page at vistoso.org whether gathering in person or via streaming.

Sincerely, John Sellers, VCC Board Chair