

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, August 7, 2020

Weekly

thisweek

Sunday, August 9, 9:30 am:
Worship in church and via
livestream. No Q&A or fel-
lowship following service.
Social distancing practiced.

Wednesday, 10:00 am:
Midweek Bible Hour. Pastor
Peter teaches livestream
New Testament lessons.

Friday, 10:00 am: Pastor
Kevin's Bible study series:
*The Christian Life—Starting
with the Basics.*

nextweek

Sunday, August 16, 9:30 am:
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Meeting

Wednesday, August 19:
Vistoso Church Board
monthly meeting at 11 am.



NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The last five months have been harder on some than on others. Restaurant closures and travel restrictions applied to all, but for many a range of recreational opportunities were still available. My heart has gone out to several I have spoken with recently. Just listening to those who have rarely, if at all, been out of their homes or living quarters for the past months sheds a different light on our current circumstances. It has taken its toll on the spirits of some of those who make up our fellowship, and at times you can even detect a note of despair.

New Ministry to Reach Out to the VCC Congregation

So for those who are willing to provide a dose of encouragement—spiritual and otherwise—here is something you can do. We have compiled a list of those who could use some encouragement along with a supply of small boxes that will be available next week.

Stop into the church office and pick up a name and a box. Take the time to write a note of spiritual encouragement to the individual selected and then fill the small box with anything that might put on a smile on the face of the recipient—home made goods, a favorite devotional or book, or anything you think would be a blessing.



Once the box is ready, simply drop it off again at the Church Office. We will take care of getting your box sealed and either delivered or mailed. Over the course of the next month or two, it would be wonderful if we could reach out and touch all of those who have been cut off from the blessing that comes from fellowship with other believers. So thank you in advance for taking this on.

Outreach Request From Outside Our Congregation

Elsie Calvin has recently identified yet another opportunity for ministry.



She talked with the activities director at one of the care facilities our church has provided for in the past and was told that their need is desperate. Specifically they are in need of large and extra large men's shirts, gently-used clothing that is cleaned and folded, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, playing cards, large print word search books, magazines, books, puzzles, coloring books, and colored pencils.

If you are willing to provide any of these items, drop them off at the church office and Elsie will be sure they get to the care facility.



LIVESTREAM PROVIDES MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

First, we better get our terms right. Although we have been referring to all of our broadcast lessons and services as live-streams. Technically, our Bible studies on Wednesday and Friday are only *livestreamed* at 10:00 am on those days and our worship service is only *livestreamed* at 9:30 am on Sunday. That's because our lessons and our services are actually being broadcast live at those times so that they can be viewed by whomever tunes in.



Following each broadcast the recorded files are archived and can be accessed via our website so that anyone can watch the recordings as long as they remain on the web. VCC has two retention plans for those recorded files depending upon our ministry intent: standard and outreach.

Standard Recordings

The VCC video recordings of both the Wednesday *Midweek Bible Hour* and our Sunday morning worship service are retained on our website for a standard standard period. This allows our

congregation to go back and catch up on lessons and services that they missed on the day and time of their choosing.

You can expect the videos of these weekly events to be retained on our website for approximately a month.

The website will, however, permanently archive the audio recordings. The current Wednesday messages are dealing with a series of very important New Testament passages that should be part of the ongoing study of everyone in the congregation. Our current Sunday messages are covering the Book of Esther.

Outreach Recordings

The Friday series and some sermons are being handled a bit differently. I am hoping as we come to understand the focus of our Friday lessons, they can be used extensively in ministry. Currently, the Friday series focuses on the fundamentals of the Christian Life. In the future, you can expect messages on how to share your faith, apologetics, and more advanced aspects of the Christian Life.

These video recordings will be archived and available permanently by clicking the Video Sermons icon on our website: vistoso.org. In fact, right now you can find the recent series on the *Theology of Salvation*, sermons from the *Book of Ruth*, and, of course, all the lessons in the current series *The Christian Life: Starting with the Basics*.

The intent is that these videos would be available for those who in the future become part of our fellowship so that we would be

doctrinally on the same page. Equally important, our intent is that these recordings would be available for use in ministry by all the saints of VCC.

Ministry Ideas for You

Given the restrictions on meeting, not just in Arizona but around the country, I am particularly hopeful that these recordings can become a vital part of our outreach and ministry. In fact, I have already been greatly encouraged in this area by one of our winter visitors who is using one of the studies in a small group setting back in his home church over 1500 miles from VCC. Others are sharing the videos within their extended families. There are two reasons that I find these reports encouraging:

1. The truth of God's Word is being proclaimed!
2. We are functioning as Ephesians 4:12 describes with the Pastor's role being one of *equipping the saints for the work of the ministry*.

I am happy to "equip" and I love seeing you accomplish the work with the intent that the name of Jesus would be exalted.

In His grace, Kevin Redig



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