

The Vistoso Voice

Weekly

Friday, March 25, 2022

EASTER

MISSIONS OFFERING

As many know, we typically have an emphasis on missions at both Christmas and Easter. Our Easter Missions Offering supports the efforts of our Missions Committee to meet needs that arise in the lives of our missionaries throughout the remainder of the year. Sometimes these needs are special opportunities for ministry, and other times they are personal in nature. And, of course, these offerings are also an opportunity to designate additional funds to a missionary or missions enterprise beyond our budgeted support.

This year's Easter Missions Offering will begin on Sunday April 3, and conclude on Easter, April 17. Thank you in advance for any gift you might choose to make.

If you don't already have one, pick up the current version of our 2022 *Missions Ministry* booklet so that you might pray regularly for the missionaries and the mission ministries that VCC supports.

Vistoso Community Church
2022 Missions Ministry



START COLLECTING

Elsie Calvin's Spring Clothing Drive begins the Sunday after Easter. There will be three collection dates: April 24, May 2, and May 9 (please only those dates). Elsie needs clean clothing in great shape. Women's purses are accepted, but please, no shoes. Donations benefit two senior facilities.

A GUEST FROM FIRST LIBERTY, APRIL 3

On Sunday April 3, Mike Cahill from *First Liberty* will be sharing with us during the Q & A time. First Liberty is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious liberty. I have heard their president and CEO, Kelly Shackelford, speak in the past and was greatly blessed by it.



Mike Cahill is First Liberty's ministry relations officer for the western portion of the U.S., and just happens to live here in the Tucson area. He will provide a brief overview of the organization and an update on the types of religious liberty cases currently being argued in the courts.

Here is a quote from First Liberty's Mission statement that may whet your appetite to hear more:

Religious freedom is the first freedom outlined in the First Amendment of the Constitution, and for good reason: it is the foundational right that all others are built upon. And if this cornerstone freedom ever falls, *all other freedoms would be at risk of tumbling as well*. That's why protecting and defending it is so important—because to fight for religious freedom is to fight for the future of **all** freedoms,

HOW THE VOTING WILL WORK THIS WEEKEND

Sunday's business meeting, that will be opened at the end of the service, has one agenda item: The Church Board's recommendation that we call Michael Haltom as our Associate Pastor.

Our bylaws require a two-thirds vote of the formal membership to call a Pastor. But, we want all of our congregation to vote, so there will be two colors of ballots distributed in the foyer of the church before and after both services this weekend. Pastor Kevin will answer any remaining questions on the issue during Q&A following both services.

The ballots are simple. Below the call statement are these two options:

- I approve.
- I do not approve.

When you have marked your ballot, fold it. and put it in one of the ballot boxes. There will be a final ballot collection after any vote questions. While Kevin continues with the sermon Q&A, the votes will be counted. Results will be announced before the adjournment of the business meeting.



MEETING VCC'S NEW MEMBERS, PART 2

At our annual meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 15 people were voted into VCC's formal membership. At the beginning of March, *The Voice Weekly* introduced seven of those new members. This issue introduces five more.

Tom and Ann Kurtz

Tom and Ann moved from Southern California to SaddleBrooke in 2002 following long careers in education that included teaching, counseling, and administration. Tom retired as a Superintendent and Ann as a Director of Student Services. Tom grew up in Tucson and has family here.



Retirement has allowed them to pursue many interests and opportunities to work together. They truly enjoy serving as volunteer mediators for the Arizona Attorney General's Office. They organized and taught ballroom dance classes in SaddleBrooke for several years. Ann is the choreographer for the SaddleBrooke SilverBelles Performance Dance Team.

Tom and Ann have been married for 43 years and have two sons, one in Temecula, CA and one in Seattle, WA, and a daughter who lives in Pittsburgh. They have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

After leaving their former church, Tom and Ann didn't attend anywhere for a time but felt drawn to find a new church. They had a list of five churches to visit, but after the first Sunday at VCC they knew they "had found our home."

Bonnee Norris

Bonnee grew up in Silver City, New Mexico and studied at New Mexico Western University, and, later while working, at Linfield University in Oregon. As a single mother, she needed a job and found one with the National Forest Service that led to a 30 year career. She retired from the Washington Office, while posted in Tucson at the National Fire Training Center.



She started coming to VCC to attend our concerts and also heard Pastor Kevin preach. When she moved from Pinal County to Desert Springs, she decided it was time to make a change and began attending regularly and is "loving it."

Bonnee enjoys all things involving nature and does a lot of walking and reading. She also volunteers regularly at Desert Springs. Her daughter lives in NW Arkansas and Bonnee has three grandchildren, two boys and a girl.

Normal and Lisa Hall

In order to figure out where they wanted to retire, Norman and Lisa embarked on a three month driving trip from Washington to Texas. On the way back, having made no decision, they decided to stop in Tucson and one look at the Catalinas settled it. They now live in SaddleBrooke.



Norman and Lisa have been married 22 years. Before they retired she managed dental offices and he worked for the postal service. Although they have no children, they have great nieces and nephews that they call their grandchildren. Norman loves to play tennis and Lisa is adjusting to doing fewer physical and more social activities.

During Covid, Lisa was searching for a church that would provide guidance on living in times like these. At VCC, they found the Biblical teaching they were seeking. She said, "it felt like home right from the beginning" and were excited to become members.

BUSINESS MEETING

A called business meeting has been scheduled for Sunday March 27 to act upon the Board's recommendation to call Michael Haltom as an Associate Pastor.

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March 28-April 3, 2022

- **Tuesday**, 10:00 am, Men's and Women's Bible Study in the Book of Genesis.
- **Wednesday**, 2:00 pm, choir practice.
- **Friday**, 7:30 am, Men's Bible study in Colossians.
- **Friday**, 10:00 am, Women's Share, Care, and Prayer.
- **Saturday**, 5:00 pm, worship service followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.
- **Sunday**, 10:00 am, worship service followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.