

# The Vistoso Voice

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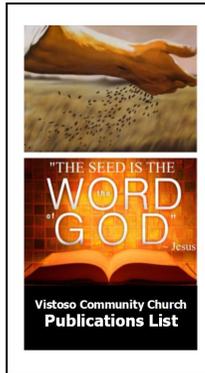
## Weekly

### A PUBLICATIONS UPDATE AND TWO NEW BOOKS

VCC has a very robust publications ministry, an effort that involves a good deal of writing time on the part of our pastor, plus the work of a dozen editors and several involved in printing. The purpose is to provide materials free of charge for your ministry. You are urged to use all the booklets, tracts, and devotionals in your outreach to others.

#### Publications Update

To let you know what is available, the publications team recently updated our Publications List brochure. Pick up your copy from the Publications rack in the Fellowship Hall.

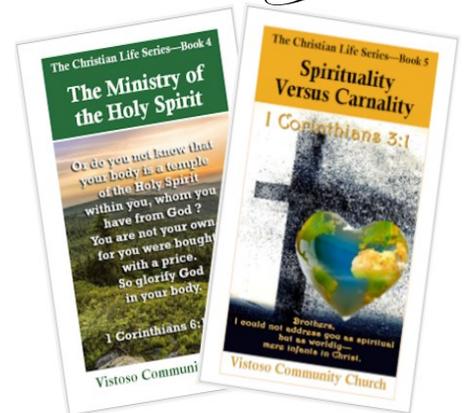


#### Two New Books

The newest publications in our library are two new books based upon lessons from Pastor Kevin's Friday morning *Christian Life—Starting with the Basics* series. The new books are:

- **Book 4:** *The Ministry of the Holy Spirit*
- **Book 5:** *Spirituality Versus Carnality*

There will be three more books in the *Basics* series. Books 6 and 7 are in the publications process and Pastor Kevin is at work writing Book 8. When published these books are available on the web.



#### CHOIR FOR EASTER

Our VCC choir, appropriately distanced, is singing the call to worship for our Easter Sunday service on April 4. Their selection so appropriate to begin our Easter celebration, is *Alleluia! Christ is Risen*, words and music by Joseph M. Martin.

### VCC'S SUPPORTED MINISTRIES WORKING TOGETHER

#### A Missions Report by Kathryn Farris

Six-year-old Annie was a fast runner. Her best friend Heidi was a very slow runner! It was Field Day at school and both lined up for the 50-yard dash. The gun popped and Annie immediately moved to the front while Heidi trailed behind. Proud mom stood on the sidelines cheering Annie on! Obviously she was going to win! That is, until she looked back and saw Heidi falling behind. She slowed her pace and reached her hand back so Heidi could catch up and hold on. Hand-in-hand they crossed the finish line, Annie first and Heidi second. They both won!

Mission organizations do the same thing sometimes, just on a different level! While each one

has a different mission, both are working toward the same goal. Take Wycliffe Bible Translators for instance. Their mission to unreached people groups involves learning the language, developing an alphabet, and translating the New Testament (and sometimes the Old Testament) for every language group. They do a really good job at that! They aren't quite as adept at spreading the Good News.

Faith Comes By Hearing is a different ministry, one dedicated to spreading the Gospel to all people. This ministry doesn't translate the New Testament or the Old Testament—that's Wycliffe's job. One might say that Faith Comes By Hearing is a

ministry that holds hands with Wycliffe by recording Scripture in every language and by making the recordings freely available by every means possible. It is a strategy that makes both ministries effective winners.

Some of the devices developed and used to spread the gospel include the Audio Bible, Proclaimers, Micro SD Cards, and the BibleSticks for the military. And, *TheBible.is* app allows people to engage with God's Word via their mobile devices.

VCC's missions outreach supports both of these ministries.





## A PALM SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PETER

When Christ rode into Jerusalem on a colt on Palm Sunday, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, all the multitude joyfully acknowledged His kingship:

***Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!***

Luke 19:38

When He was nailed to the tree, the inscription over His head in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew read:

***THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS***

Luke 23:38

But Israel rejected their King and as a result:

***God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.***

Hosea 9:17

## thisweek

**March 29-April 4**

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's study of Revelation 1-3—in church and streaming, 10 am.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Hour, streaming at 10 am.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study is cancelled for Good Friday.
- **Friday, Good Friday Service, 10:00 am, in-church and streaming.**
- **Easter Sunday**, worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am, in-church and streaming.



### Israel Rejected HIM

God would temporarily cast Israel out of its land and make the Jewish people wander throughout the world for centuries. This prophecy from Hosea foretells what we call today the Diaspora—the Jewish dispersion. It explains why the Jewish people are scattered around the globe and why they struggle to return to the land promised to them by God. Although Israel still waits, when the time is right:

***...the Son of Man will come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.***

Matthew 25:31

When Jesus returns, the world will recognize Him instantly and Israel will have its King and:

***Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end...***

Isaiah 9:7

### God Is In Charge

Friends, is there any doubt that our God is in charge? Even when the crowd cried “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” They did not have the power to carry out that sentence. God was in charge!

Jesus Himself said,

***“No one takes My life from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”***

John 10:18

When Pilate declared that he had the power to either crucify Jesus or release Him, Jesus replied,

***“You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.”***

John 19:11

Scripture tells us that Jesus was “obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.” He chose to suffer the cross as part of the Father’s salvation plan. Jesus did it for us. His resurrection was the Father’s amen of approval. It was finished and our sin debt was *Paid in Full*.

As we celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday, we can rejoice that He will return for us and we will be in His kingdom forever.

Praise God!

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