

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, April 2, 2021

Weekly

VCC'S NEW WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

A new *Women's Support Group* begins meeting this Wednesday, April 7th, at 10:00 in the church conference room.

There are many reasons you might want to attend this group—everything from dealing with something major in your life to feeling a bit isolated and lonely after the events of this past year. You can expect to find mutual support, sound Biblical guidance, and others willing to pray for you.

The group will be facilitated by Nancy Vander Ark, who is herself a great encourager. So for those ladies in our fellowship who feel like this group might be an answer to prayer, you are encouraged to come this coming Wednesday.

Please note: So that we know how many to expect, please call the Church Office, 825-0652, and let them know you are planning to attend.



If you have questions for Nancy regarding what to expect, please call her directly at (602) 402-7191.

thisweek

April 5-11, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's study of Revelation 1-3—in church and streaming, 10 am. This is the final session of this study.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Hour, streaming at 10 am.
- **Thursday**, Heart-Call Ladies Bible Study, in-church only at 9:30 am.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study, in-church only, at 7:30 am.
- **Friday, No Streaming Study** at 10:00 am.
- **Sunday**, worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am, in-church and streaming.



A SWEET TREAT TO CELEBRATE EASTER

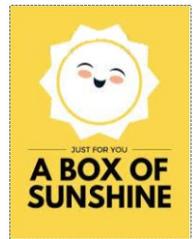
Our Fellowship Committee is providing an Easter cookie for all members of our congregation. For those who attend, there will be trays of cookies as you leave the sanctuary and you are urged to pick one up. Our Deacons will coordinate delivery of cookies next week to those who do not currently attend the services.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Nancy Appell's family will have a short time of remembrance in the prayer garden on Saturday April 10th at 11:00 am, and then her ashes will be interred in our columbarium. The family would welcome any from her church family who wish to come, but understand why most will choose not to since the family will all be arriving from out of town/state just prior to the remembrance.

THANK YOU TO ALL

Our sunshine box program was again very successful this spring. Volunteers filled 23 boxes and they were delivered by Pastor Peter and members of the Deacon Fellowship. The church has received so many positive comments and notes of appreciation for these thoughtful gifts that we want to pass the gratitude on to all those who participated in this ministry to our congregation.



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From the Pastor's Desk

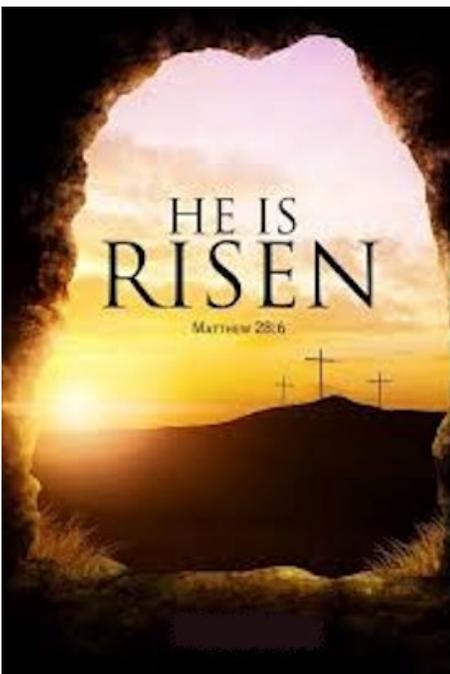
The angel said to the women,
“... He is not here; he has
risen, just as he said.”
Matthew 28:5-6

AN EASTER MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

This Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of our Savior from the dead, just as He said He would, just three days after bearing our sin and dying in our place at Calvary's cross. Why do we celebrate this year after year, and what should Easter mean to us?

He Has Risen!

We have a risen Savior. In the words of this Sunday's closing hymn, *Because He lives I can face tomorrow!* In short, a risen, living Savior is much more a cause for hope than one who lies dead in the ground. Right there, Christianity has separated itself from every other religion—for **our Savior lives!**



God Approved!

Second, the resurrection is God's stamp of approval on the quality of the work accomplished by

Jesus on the cross. This is how we know our sin has been fully and finally dealt with. And, if you are wondering, “But how can we be sure?” God has:

... raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:20-21

Jesus occupies the place of greatest honor in heaven for His faithfulness in carrying out to perfection the Father's plan of redemption for mankind.

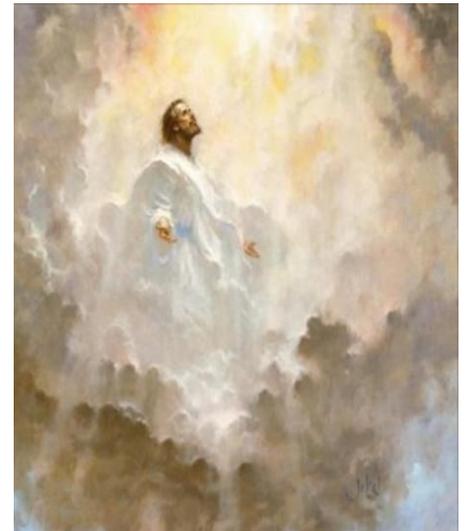
He Gives Us Hope!

The resurrection of Jesus to a new and glorious body is our hope of a future resurrection to exactly the same kind of eternal body. How can we be sure? The Scriptures are so clear—if we have placed our faith in the person and work of Christ, then:

... our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

Philippians 3:20-21

We really do have so much hope wrapped up in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.



God Is Still in Charge!

Now I want to ask you two questions! Have the events of the past year impacted the resurrection of Jesus in the slightest way? Does any kind of uncertainty with respect to our national future have the least chance of changing the impact of the resurrection or our hope?

The answers to these questions are “No!” and “No!”

There is nothing that is ever going to impact the finished work of the cross and our hope centered in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's the only kind of hope to have in the day in which we live.



I wish you a blessed Easter!

Kevin Redig