

The Vistoso Voice

Weekly

Friday, April 9, 2021



Easter Joy! The most wonderful addition to our Easter service last Sunday was to be called to worship by our choir.

The choir is practicing every Wednesday beginning at 3 pm, and they plan to sing for the services more often now that they

have worked out the logistics of entrances, exits, and singing while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

thisweek

April 12-18, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's Bible Study is completed.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Hour, streaming at 10 am.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study, in-church only, at 7:30 am.
- **Sunday**, worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am, in-church and streaming.

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TWO NEW VIDEOS ON THE MISSIONS CHANNEL

NEW MISSION VIDEOS

Two new video clips are up for you to peruse on our web site Missions Channel:

- From Guillermo Villaneuva, an evangelist in Mexico and Central America.
- From the Wilson Family. Bryan is a pilot and aviation mechanic currently serving with United Indian Mission, which focuses on remote areas in Mexico.



Both clips are informative and provide items for which we can pray. We provide support to both Guillermo and the Wilsons, so take advantage of this opportunity to keep up with, and pray for, our missions partners. To access our mission videos:

- Go to our website: vistoso.org.
- On the home page, click on the missions button.
- On the missions page, click on the Go button.





WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I am asking the headline question in the context of how we, as a church fellowship, are going to continue to manage the risk of spreading COVID-19 within our fellowship. The very good news is that the health-related data looks very good, in particular for Pima County. For this reason, the Governor has greatly relaxed state-mandated requirements. Thus, I want to answer our question on two levels—first with respect to our practices and then regarding our mental attitude.

Our Practices

We are planning to continue much of what we have been doing, with just a few changes. We will continue with two services in order to minimize crowding. Seating in both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will continue with spacing and without aisles. Masks and water will still be available at the door for those who wish to make use of either one. And, we will continue to sanitize the building prior to Sunday services, and the Sanctuary between services.

You may ask, “So what are the changes?” You were already blessed by one of the changes—a quartet on Good Friday and the choir on Easter Sunday. We will be slowly adding the ministry of music to our Sunday services during the upcoming weeks.

Further, starting this Sunday, April 11th, simple coffee, tea, water fellowship returns between the two services. You will see the return of our familiar round tables to the western half of the Fellowship Hall albeit with half the usual number of chairs at each table.

In short, we are trying to make changes that will enhance our time of worship and fellowship as they are consistent with improving circumstances. In general, we have been so blessed thus far, I see no reason to rush things at this late date.

Our Attitudes

Now, how about our mental attitude? I want to forewarn us all! There is going to be quite a bit of political squabbling on all manner of things from masks, to vaccine passports, to the next wave. It is already happening here in Arizona between Pima county and the State, and I suspect it is going to play out on the national stage and continue for some time. We

absolutely must, as a church fellowship, rise above this fray. We all have our opinions on these matters, but if we allow the squabbling *out there* to come into our fellowship, it will cause division. And, division is something we absolutely must avoid. We are proclaiming the Word of God regularly and offering a pure Gospel message; and, Satan would like nothing better than to sow discord in our midst or compromise our witness to the lost.

For the sake of the Gospel, I trust that we can set aside our opinions, and concentrate on that which binds us: our love of the Lord, desire to know Him more fully, and share Him with those who don't know Him. That's in part what it means to “fix our eyes upon Jesus, the Captain and Perfecter of our faith!

In His Grace,

Kevin Redig

THE EASTER CELEBRATION CAME EARLY

...for approximately forty children in Oracle and Winkelman, AZ, thanks to Family First, a Christian ministry to mothers, youth, and families, that VCC supports with point of need funds. Unable yet to completely open, Family First moved the celebration to the parking lot and had time slots for those attending so that the children could participate safely. Two members of the VCC Missions Committee attended the event in Oracle and provided some comments on the event:

Even though the events were outside, Claire, the mission's director, and several volunteers made it a very festive occasion with some decorations and a lot of love. There were cupcakes for everyone to enjoy on the spot and gifts bags for each one to take home.

Each child was given a gift bag containing a small New Testament, Easter pictures to color, crayons, and candy. In addition, each mother received a recording of portions of the book “Jesus Is For Me”, so the children can hear again and again about the love of Jesus.

As each child arrived, the staff and volunteers greeted them with enthusiasm and made each one feel special.

