

The Vistoso Voice

Weekly

Friday, October 23, 2020

BEHIND THE SCENES—VCC IS SANITIZING

Darwin Thornton, VCC's Property Committee Chair, wants those who attend the Sunday worship or the Tuesday Men's and Women's Bible studies to



know that we sanitize the church each Monday and Saturday. The hospital-grade disinfectant used is applied with a fogger throughout the church. This disinfectant leaves no residue and is capable of neutralizing the COVID-19 virus.

You Can Help Too!

As diligent as our Property Committee is with their sanitizing efforts, you can help by following these important safety guidelines during these trying times:

- **Avoid queuing.** The Property Committee has worked hard to ensure distancing of our seating in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and now for our fellowship. But clustering at the doorways and in the foyer negates that safety precaution. Be sure that you maintain distancing as you enter, exit, and move about the church.

- **Personally sanitize.** There are dispensing machines for hand sanitizer at each of our entrances. Consider taking the time as you enter to give your hands a little spritz as an extra precaution.
- **Consider wearing a mask.** Many in our congregation feel more comfortable when those they are meeting or passing are wearing a mask. Even if you do not normally wear a mask, consider wearing one as a courtesy to those who are more comfortable when masks are used. Masks are available at the church doors.

VCC has been blessed to have had very few COVID cases, let's work together to continue that record.

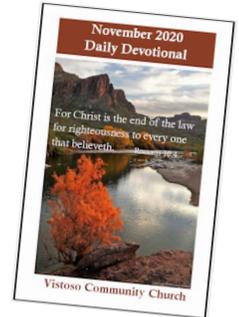
OUR DISTANCED CHOIR CALLS US TO WORSHIP



Our Sunday services are once again blessed with a call to worship by our choir. Last Sunday was the first appearance of our *distanced* choir. Rather than gather in the choir chairs as they normally would, the choir practiced and sang for the service appropriately distanced. In addition to the return of the choir, our conductor Dan Detloff plans to add more soloists to our services.

DEVOTIONAL

The November devotional is printed and ready to be picked up today. There are copies in the foyer and on the literature rack in the Fellowship Hall.



DIRECTORY PICTURES

If you would like to be in the new VCC pictorial directory or would just like your picture updated, there will be someone at the visitor's desk on Sunday to take pictures and provide directory information forms.

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Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:30 am:

Worship in church and streaming. Limited fellowship following the service.

Tuesday, 10:00 am: Men's and Women's Bible Study in church and streaming.

Wednesday, 10:00 am:

Midweek Bible Hour. Pastor Peter streams New Testament lessons.

Thursday, 9:30 am: HeartCall Ladies Bible Study resumes.

Friday, 7:30 am: Men's Bible study in the Fellowship Hall.

10:00 am: Special streaming talk by Bill Penning, our newest missionary.

Meeting

Friday, 11:00 am: Scheduling Committee meeting.

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Ministries

SOLVING A BLESSED PROBLEM—A GROWING CONGREGATION

Last Sunday, October 18, VCC was blessed with 158 people in attendance at our morning worship. Wednesday, our Church Board considered the issue of whether our congregation would continue to feel comfortable gathering or would feel crowded in these times of social distancing. After discussion the Board determined, at the suggestion of Pastor Kevin, that we adopt a new schedule of two services on Sunday morning to expand our capability for more people to gather in worship—especially in the sanctuary. Beginning Sunday, November 1, VCC will offer worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

What About the Extra Work?

Two services certainly involve more work for all of our various support teams—ushers, security, fellowship, sound room, choir, musicians, music leader, and, of course, our pastors. We certainly have many details to work out in the next week, but Pastor Kevin is more than ready to preach two sermons as he sees this to be in the best interest of our fellowship. The real challenges we will face are related to staying on schedule, something we normally do not have to worry too much about, and filling the many volunteer positions over the course of the two-service schedule.

What About Our Fellowship?

In the past several weeks, we have just begun to introduce a limited coffee fellowship following our 9:30 service. Thus, one of the first questions to come under discussion for the proposed two-service plan was: What about fellowship? The solution is to provide beverages for fellowship for the entire time between the two Sunday services. This means that those folks who



wish to stay for a few minutes after the 9:00 service or those who wish to come a few minutes before the 11:00 service will have time to sit and chat over a cup of coffee just as we have for the past few weeks.



What About Parking?

Our parking lot is large enough to accommodate an attendance between 250 to 275. As you can see, social distancing, trying to avoid feeling over-crowded, and the desire to provide sanctuary seating for more people are driving

our decision-making and not the demand for parking. We feel confident that one hour between services will be enough for a comfortable transition, even taking into account some overlap to attend fellowship.

But we do have one concern—and we would like to provide a word of caution. Our congregation is not used to meeting oncoming traffic when we drive out of the parking lot after the service. With our two-service plan, we will have two-way traffic so we need to be extra cautious entering and exiting our parking lot beginning next Sunday.



What Can I Do to Help?

The first thing we can all do is thank God for His special blessings to our church. Even in these difficult times, He is bringing us new members, new attenders, and new technology to reach many more through our streaming services and Bible studies. Then, if you are led to serve, there is certainly a need for more volunteers—more ushers and more servers for fellowship to name two areas. If you would like to volunteer, leave your name and a note on how you would like to serve with Jan in the church office.