

# The Vistoso Voice

Friday, December 4, 2020

## Weekly

### VCC FOURTH QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, at 5 pm, is VCC's important close of the year quarterly business meeting. On the agenda is the approval of the 2021 church budget, the election of the church officers for the next year, voting on new members, and updates on some of the church ministries.

#### Quorum Required

Our Church bylaws require attendance of a minimum of 20% of the Church membership in order to conduct business at the meeting. All members are urged to attend and social distancing will be practiced at the meeting.



#### Church Board Candidates

The five members of the Church Board are elected for two-year terms. As a result, not all Board members are on the ballot in any given year. The bylaws also limit members to two terms in a single office and a total of three consecutive terms on the Board.

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The candidates for election to the Board this year are the following:



#### Dee Bethke.

Dee has served two terms as Board Administrative Officer. On this year's ballot, she is a candidate for the position of VCC's

Personnel Officer.

#### Darwin Thornton

is the candidate for his second term as Property Officer. The Property Officer is designated by our Bylaws as the chair of VCC's Property Committee.



#### Carolyn Carson

is the candidate for the Administrative Officer. Carolyn has not served on the Board in the past, but has been very active

in the choir and she is chair of our Fellowship Committee.

See you at the meeting!

### REMINDER

With the number of COVID cases increasing again, we all need to be especially vigilant about distancing when we attend services. Be especially aware as you enter and exit the building that you avoid hand shaking, close conversation, or clustering in groups.

### DECEMBER BRINGS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Although Next Week calendar generally lists the activities each week, the following summary alerts you to all the schedule changes in December:

- **Tuesday Men's and Women's Bible Study.** The Bible study sessions have concluded for this year. The Discipleship Committee is evaluating how best to continue studies in the new year given the ongoing need for social distancing.
- **Wednesday Midweek Bible Hour.** Pastor Peter is continuing to stream his 10 am New Testament Bible lessons in December with some interruptions. For example, there is no Bible Hour the last Wednesday of the month, December 30.
- **Thursday HeartCall Ladies Bible Study.** The ladies meet this Thursday for their only December study and then they will be on hiatus until February.
- **Friday Men's Bible Study.** The 7:30 am in-church study continues through December except on Christmas Day.
- **Friday Christian Life series.** Pastor Kevin plans to begin streaming a new segment of the *Christian Life series* in the new year. December 18, Pastor Peter will fill that streaming slot with a presentation on *Sharing the Gospel*.

#### Special Events

- December 13: A special service of support and encouragement for the church body.
- December 20: Christmas Sunday service.
- December 24: Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm—in church and streaming.



**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**  
Psalm 116:15

**THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE JUST NEED TO DO!**

Recently, VCC has had a number of our fellowship lose a spouse of many years—71 years in one case. Furthermore, current health conditions prevent us from gathering friends, family, and our church family for a typical memorial service. Yet these members of our fellowship are grieving their loss.

**Our Responsibility as a Church Body**

In speaking specifically of the Body—the local Church—the Bible makes clear that:

**If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. . .**  
I Corinthians 12:26

I do not want to simply let this go, blaming it on the current health crisis! Instead, let me suggest that we need to do what the Body of Christ should always be doing, and that is thinking about how we can minister to those among us who are hurting. Given current circumstances, it may not be the way we have done it in the past, but we still need to reach out to those who need to sense from us the love of Christ!

Now, to be sure, we are not:

**...to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.**  
I Thessalonians 4:13

But this verse is not a prohibition against grieving, but rather a restriction on letting grieving go too far. We can help make sure that isn't the case by finding ways to gather around those who remain for the purpose of giving comfort and providing them with encouragement in the Lord.

**What We Might Do**

Here are some suggestions on what each of us within our church family might do:

- **Pray for the grieving.** Let us surround each of these bereaved spouses with our prayers for peace and healing. The list is in the next column.
- **Pray for the service.** A special service of support and encouragement on Sunday, December 13, will focus on allowing our love for one another help see those grieving through this trial of temporary separation. Please pray ahead of time the Lord's blessing upon our gathering for this purpose. Pray that it would bless those who are hurting and be pleasing in the sight of the Lord.
- **Participate in person or online.** The service on Sunday, December 13, is not a call to gather the friends and family of the bereaved, that is simply not appropriate at this time. It is, instead, an opportunity for our church family to gather in support—either in person or via streaming—with a special message and music.

It is good for God's people to gather together and be reminded of His truths. What a blessing it is to know, while the world around us struggles with anxiety and fear, that:

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In His Grace,



Please pray for Jerri at the passing of Dick Claypool on September 13.



Please pray for Jackie at the passing of Ken Budd on November 12.



Please pray for Millie at the passing of Rags Ragland on November 20.



Please pray for Bill at the passing of Cecelia Hallier on November 30.