

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, November 19, 2021

Weekly

FAREWELL FROM PASTOR PETER

Dear Friends,

As most of you have heard, Cindy and I are starting a new *adventure* in Cottonwood AZ, as I have accepted the pastor position at Graceway Bible Church. This opportunity came about when I was searching for a Bible-based church for a friend of ours in or near the Phoenix area. In my search, I came across this church which was in need of a pastor. At first I dismissed the idea, but this Bible church without a shepherd kept creeping into my mind.

I talked to the Elder in charge of the pastor search team there and he informed me they have been looking for some time and he would hate to see the sheep scattered. This spoke to my heart and, after much prayer and seeking the Lord's direction, I approached Kevin about the situation. He was very supportive and helped me firm up my decision to become a candidate for the position. I recently preached three Sundays at Graceway Bible Church before the church voted unanimously to call me.

Although we are excited to go where the Lord leads, we will miss you here at VCC. You have been so kind and loving toward us. We have received many hugs and encouragement. Almost weekly we have had someone tell us they are praying for us or for our two sons. This has meant so much to us. I even had



a woman tell me that on her daily walk she would pray for our eldest son who lives in Minnesota! That brought tears of joy to Cindy and me. As some of you may have heard, our son, Joey, will be getting an apartment and staying in Tucson, so please don't stop the prayers!

I'm convinced the Lord brought us to Oro Valley on our way to Cottonwood to prepare us and teach us some things. I have benefitted greatly under Kevin's leadership and I thank the Lord for the privilege I have had to spend the last four years at Vistoso Community Church.

We were saved in this hope and we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. (Romans 8:24-25)

Let's keep on keeping on!

Grace 'n Peace,

Peter 'n Cindy

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, November 22, we will celebrate the life of Carl Forssell with a service at 11:00 am. Carl went to be with the Lord November 8. Pray for peace and comfort for Dorina.



HELP WRAPPING GIFT BIBLES

The Missions Committee recently purchased a case of Bibles for the children attending the largest Good News Club in Tucson—more than 40 kids. We could use some help gift wrapping those Bibles before they are distributed at a December Good News Club meeting.

The plan is to wrap the Bibles following the last fall session of

the Men's and Women's Bible study this coming Tuesday, November 23. If you are attending next Tuesday's Bible study and could lend a hand with the gift wrapping, your help would be greatly appreciated. The wrapping project is scheduled to begin at 11:30 am on Tuesday and it will probably take about 30 minutes to complete.



LUNCHEON INVITATION FOR ALL VCC LADIES

All women in the VCC congregation are invited to join us for a fun time at our annual HeartCall Bible Study and Christmas luncheon, Thursday, December 9. This year's luncheon, in the Fellowship Hall, will include a *Create your own Pasta Station* with salad and breadsticks catered by the Olive Garden restaurant. The \$15.00 charge for the luncheon includes drinks and desserts.

The HeartCall Bible Study is from 9:30-11:00 am in the church library with the luncheon to follow. Visitors are welcome to check out the study.

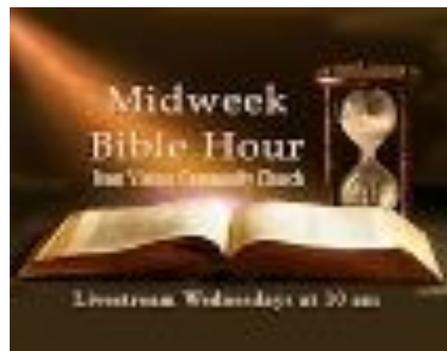
Those wishing to attend the luncheon can RSVP by signing up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. The deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, December 5. Questions: Contact Nancy Klawitter (top) 520-528-0774/cell or call Evelyn Daley (Bible study teacher) 520-825-4736.

To add to the fun, bring a wrapped gift without a name for gift exchange. Gifts should be no more than \$15.00.



MIDWEEK BIBLE HOUR SUSPENDED FOR NOW

In this interim period, while VCC conducts the search for a new Associate Pastor, we will have no regularly-scheduled Midweek Bible Hour on Wednesday mornings. Pastor Kevin may occasionally teach a Bible lesson during that time in the interim. Look for notices of these interim studies in future issues of the *The Vistoso Voice Weekly*.



VCC WILL BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

VCC's neighbors in Sun City will be having a big renovation of their Activity Center over the next one-to-two years. This will cause disruption for a number of Sun City activities that regularly use the auditorium and other spaces in the Activity Center. VCC has been asked to be a good neighbor and provide space for some of these activities during the construction period.

The first of these activities will be the Sun City Singers Christmas concert—*Welcome Back Christmas*—December 9 and 10 at 7:00 pm. The Singers have already held one rehearsal in the church to determine how to fit their 60 members into the space at the front of the sanctuary.



There will be no charge for this Christmas concert. Instead the Singers will distribute free tickets for the purpose of controlling the number of attendees. Instead of charging for tickets, the singers plan to have a freewill offering to benefit charity at their two concerts.

The distribution of concert tickets will be

at the Desert Oasis Center on Sun City Boulevard from 9:00 am until noon on both Thursday and Friday, December 2 and 3.

Requests for the use of the church building are made to and approved by the VCC Church Board. The types of activities and the requirements for such usage are governed by building use policies that have been approved by the VCC congregation.

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November 22-28, 2021

- **Monday**, Memorial Service for Carl Forssel, 11:00 am.
- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's Genesis Bible Study, 10:00-11:30 am. Final fall session.
- **Wednesday**, There will be no Midweek Bible Hour until further notice.
- **Wednesday**, Choir practice, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- **Thursday**, Have a blessed and grateful Thanksgiving.
- **Friday**, NO Men's Bible study this week.
- **Saturday**, worship 5:00 pm, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.
- **Sunday**, worship, 10:00 am, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.