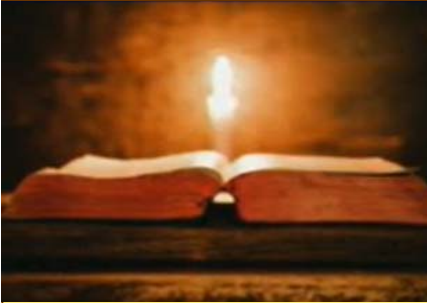


Vistoso Community Church Update: March 27, 2020



IN YOUR LIGHT, WE SEE LIGHT

Psalm 36:9

Livestream Schedule

Sunday: Livestream Worship service at 10:00 am followed by 10 minutes of music, then Pastor Kevin will have 15 minutes of Q&A with e-mail questions: pastorkr@icloud.com

Monday-Friday: Livestream Bible Study, 10:00 am. The broadcast begins with music at 9:50 am.

Office Hours

The Church is open during normal office hours:

Tuesday-Thursday from 10 am-2 pm.

Friday from 10 am-12 noon.

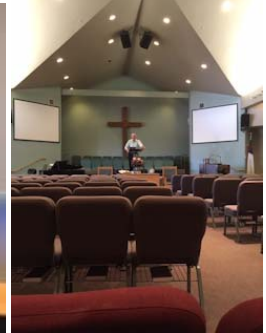
Weekly Publications

Prayer list—Thursday
Update newsletter—Friday

For those with an e-mail address in the Church directory, these publications will be e-mailed to you. For those without e-mail, the publications will be available at the Church.

Also Available

Audio discs are available at the church for each of the Bible Studies and the Sunday service for those who do not have computers.



YOUR LIVESTREAM PROBLEM-SOLVING TECH TEAM

There are four members on the technical team bringing you the daily livestream broadcasts: (l-r) Jim Ketring, Regina Bechard, Rick Sexton, and Dee Bethke (taking the picture). The left computer runs the livestream program, the middle computer monitors sound and recording, the right computer (not shown) runs the slides. The team has overcome several technical difficulties in the first week: new equipment to manage Pastor Peter's PowerPoints, new sound settings necessary in the empty and echoing church, faltering internet connections, plus sanitizing and distancing requirements.

SPREAD THE WORD FAR AND WIDE!

This is a time for outreach, for invitation, for making sure our friends and family know they can hear the Word. What a comfort it is to hear the truth of God's power and promises.

How can we reach out when we are not out meeting and greeting? Make a phone call, write a note, send an e-mail. Invite friends and family to join us at 10:00 am to hear God's word Monday-Friday and Sunday on our livestream.

Our livestream is easy to find! Go to our web site—vistoso.org—and click the livestream icon to see either a live or an archived broadcast.



GIVING GUIDELINES

Many of you have asked how you can continue supporting the Church during this shut down. Two easy ways to do that are:

- **The offering box** has been moved next to the door to the Fellowship Hall. Stop in during office hours to drop your check in the box. But please, do not put cash in the box until we are back to normal operations.
- **Mail in your check** to the following address: 1200 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley, AZ 85755.



Thanks for your support.

NOT GETTING LIVESTREAM

Getting livestream broadcasts has some technical requirements. Not everyone has the internet connection or bandwidth to receive the broadcast successfully. As a result, the tech team is making daily audio CDs that are available at the Church during regular office hours (see left). At the end of each week, the daily CDs are bundled so that you can pick up a weekly packet of CDs at your convenience.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Between home and church, I haven't spent much time anywhere else lately. So, it was a change of pace to head out to the grocery store with Karen's short list on Monday at 6:00 am. I was totally unprepared for what followed—and greatly discouraged after only 15 minutes. Health crisis or not—the old sin nature is alive and well. Now, we are all aware of our moral decline as a people; but seriously, in this time of trial, are we going to be remembered for our greed over toilet paper! At 6:00 am, grim-faced senior shoppers rushed into the store when it opened in something approaching a frenzy to *get theirs* with nary a thought for anyone else.

My experience suggests an easy point of application. Jesus said it this way to the Israelites:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Years later, Peter said something very similar:

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. 1 Peter 2:12

As God enables, we can do this, and it most certainly includes thinking of others ahead of ourselves. It just requires us to think of others first. It is my prayer that, in this time of heightened tension within the lost community around us, those who have turned from Christianity or have become antagonistic to it would see that there is something different among those that make up our fellowship and be attracted to it. I am referring to the peace of God in the midst of turmoil (Romans 5:1); a certain quietness and assurance that is the result of being justified before our Holy God (Isaiah 32:17); and a confidence about the future because we have an imperishable, incorruptible hope that is laid up in heaven for us as the result of our faith in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3-5). Perhaps this will cause some to question the light within, and perhaps at least one of those will come to faith.

Therefore, my dear brothers (and sisters) **stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord** (whatever it might be at this particular time), **because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

1 Corinthians 15:58

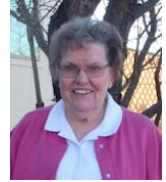
Praying for you! In His grace, Kevin

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

In March, *The Voice* missions page began listing prayer requests from our missionaries. As we have room in these weekly updates, we will complete the list.

Audrey Johnson

Pray for my aging and age-related struggles and for my desire to finish well my part in the translation tasks the Lord has allowed me to be involved with for more than 50 years. These concerns often tempt me to be depressed over my increasing limitations, so please pray my faith will be strong to stand in our Lord's grace. Pray that the translation team members, Adolfo, Tina, and Alfredo, would unify and overcome their inability to work as a team.



Steve and Virginia Kacprzak

Please pray for continued good health, energy, and the daily in-filling of the Holy Spirit for Virginia and me, our Board of Directors, and volunteers. Please pray that God would provide more volunteers, particularly men, who are willing to visit with nursing home residents. The fields are white for the harvest. Thank you for including us in Vis-toso Community Church's missionary program.



Kris (our sent missionary)

Update: Due to the COVID-19 situation, Kris has returned to the US and is currently in her two-week quarantine following her difficult travel. Her prayer requests for the ministry are still relevant.



Please pray for my personal health, and always for wisdom. The team needs wisdom and courage in understanding and then pursuing *good* relationships for language and culture purposes as well as for long-term ministry opportunities. The direction of the Church and Community Care needs clarity and prayer. This is the part of my work that gives church planting teams perspective and tools to broaden their discipleship to include all areas of life, not just spiritual growth. I need wisdom to understand if/how to support the Muslim-background believers.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18