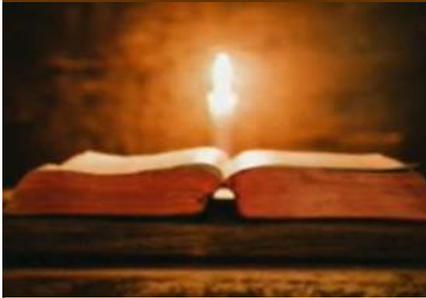


Vistoso Community Church Update: May 1, 2020



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.

Church Address: 1200 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley, 85755



WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING?

Last Friday afternoon several of the men of the church gathered to begin the process of readying our sanctuary to comply with whatever the social distancing guidelines will be when we can again gather together. They first removed about half of the chairs and stored them in the classroom. Then, they spread out the remaining chairs ready to be finally positioned when the distancing guidelines are specified. We cannot again gather in the sanctuary and/or fellowship hall until the limit on the number of people who can gather in one place is raised to 200 or more, but planning is underway to make our gathering together possible when it is again safe.

THE VIRUS HAS NOT SHUTDOWN YOUR GENEROSITY!

Regardless of all the changes we have all had to make because of COVID-19, one thing has not changed and that is the generosity of the VCC congregation. We are blessed to have received sufficient tithes and offerings to cover all the church expenses.

In addition, your giving for our Easter offering was exceptional and our Mission Committee has been able to add more than \$5,000 into our fund to meet Point of Need requests from our missionaries.

Further, exceptional giving to our benevolent fund has allowed our Deacons to reach into the Oro Valley, Catalina, and Tucson communities with vital help in these trying times.

In addition, to working with a Catalina restaurant to provide meals for shut-ins

and others in need, the Deacons have been able to help individual families with food gift cards through a partnership with the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness.





From the Pastor's Desk

GETTING TOGETHER IS ON MY MIND!

If you were to ask me what I'm thinking about, aside from whatever it is I'm teaching on next and my own walk with the Lord, I would tell you I am thinking about the saints of VCC getting back together again. What a blessing that will be when we can all gather in our church! But, not only am I thinking about what a blessing that will be, I am also thinking about the many details involved in making that gathering happen.

What Has to Be Decided?

Details we have to consider include: How are we going to welcome people if we need to maintain social distancing, and how are we going to seat everyone? What will we do about our Wednesday night service? How about fellowship and Q & A? How are we going to handle music, will we be able to have the choir any time soon? Is there something special we can do to welcome people back and give thanks to the Lord at the same time?

As you can see, there are lots of things that we will have to carefully work through as part of the planning to physically re-gather the saints. While we wait, I trust the tie that binds us spiritually hasn't been impacted in the least. As our plans firm up, we will keep you informed via our new weekly newsletter. We are waiting patiently for government/medical guidance, so that we can consider carefully what additional measures might be necessary to safeguard our particular fellowship.

What Do You Need Now?

In the meantime, I hope you are able to keep up with us on livestream so that you might be encouraged by the Word of God on a daily basis. If there is anything we can pray about, please let the office know so that we can add your request to the prayer list that is published and e-mailed each Thursday. And, of course, if there is anything else on your mind, pick up the phone, send an email, or schedule an appointment to stop by and talk with either myself or Peter. I am praying for you, your walk with the Lord and your witness to family, friends and neighbors.

In His grace, Kevin Redig

LAST SUNDAY'S SACRIFICE OF PRAISE SERVICE—A SPECIAL BLESSING

Sunday's worship service was a first for our livestream broadcasts, although not a first for the church. The Sacrifice of Praise service involved wonderful music, scripture readings by Pastor Kevin and Pastor Peter, congregational singing led by Dan Detloff, and an uplifting sermon. Several practices were needed to coordinate all the details for broadcast and kudos go to the sound room crew—Regina Bechard, Rick Sexton, and Jim Ketring—for an excellent job.

The service was planned by Dorothy Smith and Dorothy and Donna Hess provided piano and organ solos and duets for the service prelude and postlude as well as accompanying the congregational singing (although we were all singing at home). If you were not among the 300 plus who were tuned into the service on Sunday, you can still view it by going to VCC's web site: Vistoso.org and clicking on the live-stream icon. The service is identified by Pastor Kevin's sermon title: *Growing Our Confidence*.

