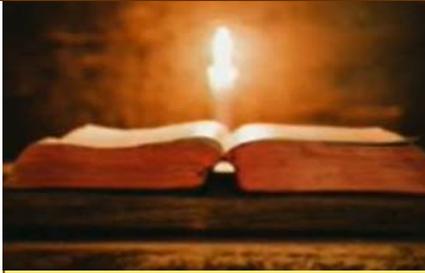


Vistoso Community Church Update: May 8, 2020



IN YOUR LIGHT, WE SEE LIGHT

Psalms 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.

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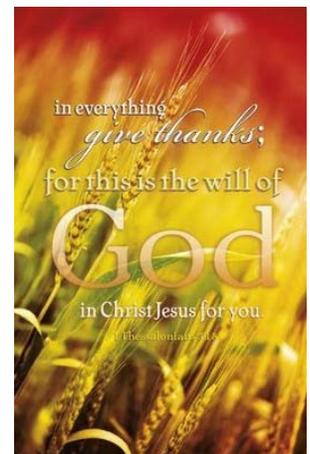
REGATHERING THE SAINTS AT VCC—WHEN?

Praise God that we are getting ever closer to opening our doors again for the gathering of the saints at VCC. I thought I might have a date to give you in this communiqué, but the Board and I have neither the peace of the Lord or unified hearts on this matter, so we are going to take the time to seek the Lord's will until we are sure. This is not in any way a problem—this is the right thing to do. On the one hand, we so very much desire to re-gather. On the other hand, we have deep concern for the vulnerabilities of our particular fellowship. If we have learned anything from our study of the Old Testament these past weeks, it is the importance of waiting upon the Lord in dependent trust—and that is what your Board and pastors are doing. In the meantime, there are many things we can communicate to you regarding our first service back together again. The rest of this article walks you through a few of them.

REGATHERING THE SAINTS AT VCC—FIRST WHAT?

It just wouldn't be right to discuss re-gathering without first giving thanks to the Lord! I have greatly missed gathering together, but if I have one overriding attitude—it is one of being thankful.

- Thankful for His hand of preservation on our congregation.
- Thankful for the technology and dedicated people that allowed the Word of God to go forth at greater levels than it did before we suspended services.
- Thankful that He loves us and has never forsaken us!



REGATHERING THE SAINTS AT VCC—WHAT'S NEW?

Second, when you return there will be some changes to our "look" and normal practices. For example, both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall have been converted to seat people maintaining social distancing. We will be changing the emphasis of our music and singing from full-voiced congregational singing to more reflective and meditative hymns of worship. And, for the short term, we will not be holding a time of fellowship following the service.

These changes are simply meant to protect our fellowship from inadvertently spreading the virus should one of those in attendance be infected but not symptomatic. These changes are temporary, but I can't tell you what their duration might be. I understand that you may find some of these changes different, even objectionable, but I am confident that the Spirit of God will be among us when we re-gather. He will lead us to be the kind of worshippers our Father is looking for—those who "*worship Him in Spirit and in truth!*"

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From the Pastor's Desk

REGATHERING THE SAINTS AT VCC— WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Once we have set a date, how should you respond to the re-opening of the church and once again holding Sunday services? Let me give you a couple of things to consider:

- If you do not yet feel comfortable returning to group gatherings, by all means don't feel any pressure to do so. Simply join us via live-stream and continue to use this means to gather with us in order to worship the one Creator of Heaven and Earth!
- If you do feel like you might be coming down with something, are immuno-compromised or have other health concerns, it is best for you to wait and see how things continue to play out with respect to cases of Covid-19 in Arizona. Discretion is certainly wise for our demographic and for those with health concerns.
- We will have our customary hand-sanitizers available at the doors, and we will also make masks available for those who would like to wear one. If you do choose to pick up a mask, please dispose of it at the door on your way out. The theory associated with wearing masks is sound and can be found in the graphic at right, although I would consider the numbers to be for comparison's sake.

REGATHERING THE SAINTS AT VCC— WHAT ABOUT THE REST?

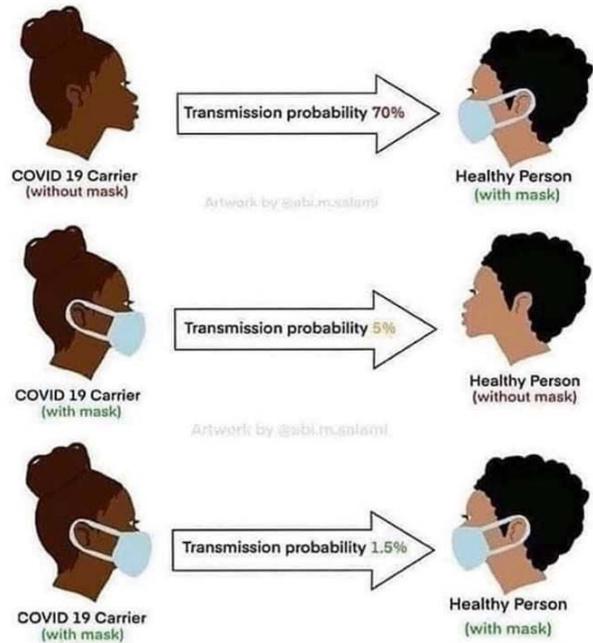
Perhaps you are wondering about a return to the rest of our normal activities—things like Wednesday night service and Tuesday morning Bible studies. For now, we are going to focus on Sunday mornings and continue to suspend our other gatherings. This will allow us to refine our approach and work out the bugs while keeping the fellowship as safe as we can. In the meantime, we will continue with a daily Bible study at 10:00 am each week day via live-stream.

In this way, I trust the unity of our fellowship would be fully centered upon the Lord Jesus Christ and the proclamation of His Word.

God bless, and I am praying for you,

Kevin

MASK IT UP



A SPECIAL NEED

Our supported missionary, John Coleman, phoned our Missions Committee chair Mike Galyen to make a special request. The children on the Tohona O'odham Reservation are in great need of clothing. Mike will meet with John on the 21st to give him our donations for the reservation. We know that shopping is difficult during this shut-down period, but any items you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Or, if you would like to make a small cash donation, we will enlist the aid of a few willing shoppers to purchase new items. Please bring clothing items or donations to the Church during office hours by May 21.



John Coleman is delivering food to more villages during this crisis, a total of 13,065 lbs. in April

To access our livestream broadcasts: go to our website (vistoso.org) and click the livestream icon.