



The Vistoso Voice

Christmas Boxes

Our annual *Operation Christmas Child* campaign has just begun. It will run from Sunday, October 30 through November 20. You can



pick up the plastic boxes and instructions for filling them at the table in the foyer. Project chairs Sharon Stark and

Audrey Johnson will also be at the table to provide information and advice, as they have headed this project for several years.

November 13 - the Giving Tree Goes Up at VCC

This Christmas season (11/13 through 12/11) VCC is joining in a special project to provide essentials to elderly nursing home, assisted and independent living residents who do not generally receive gifts. We join *Love Thy Neighbor Ministries* and *Home Instead Senior Care* in their *Be a Santa to a Senior* program. Here's how it works:

- **Requests.** Seniors in need list the items they particularly want—often essentials such as toothpaste and hand soap.
- **Tree hangers.** These requests are printed on decorations hung on the Giving Tree.

- **Purchases.** VCC members are asked to select one or more of the tree hangers and purchase the items requested. Keep the items and tree hanger together.



- **Collection.** Do **not** wrap the gifts you purchase. In December we will have a wrapping day at Church to prepare the gifts for delivery.

For more information on how you can help, see Jackie Budd.

Your Help is Needed to Update the VCC Pictorial Directory for 2017

In November, your Communications team makes the final push to collect all the new and changed contact information for our pictorial directory so that the 2017 directory can be released in December. The first step in this process is collecting the information that needs to be changed and/or added to the directory.

Here's what you need to do to help with the project:

- **Return the form.** If you received one of these directory forms in your mailbox, mark it with corrections and return it to the Bethke mailbox. Note: If you have already returned your correction page, you can ignore the rest of this article. And the Communications team thanks you.
- **No form.** If you did not get the correction form, check your page in the current directory and e-mail any changes to Dee Bethke at ddbethke@msn.com.



- **No Page.** If you do not have a page in the current directory, pick up a directory information page in the Church foyer. Complete and return it to the Bethke mailbox.
- **Icky Picture.** If you don't like your picture in the directory, it is easy to change it. Dee Bethke will be taking pictures in the Church foyer each Sunday through November 20. OR, you can e-mail a picture you like to ddbethke@msn.com.

The cut-off date for all directory changes and updates is Sunday, November 20. At that time, the Communications team makes all the changes and prepares the pages for reproduction. Printing of the directories requires a minimum of two weeks followed by a day of assembly before release.

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Men's and Women's Bible Study.

Tuesdays: 11/1, 11/8, and 11/15 at 9:30 am. *Love Thy Neighbor* video, 11/29 and 12/6.

Men's Friday Bible Study.

Fridays: 11/4, 11/11, 11/18 and 11/25 at 7:30 am.

Men of Honor.

Friday,: 11/4 at 8:00 am.

Ladies Fun Day.

Tuesdays: 11/1 and 11/15 at 1:00 pm. Check Sunday bulletins for further information regarding hostess and location.



Choir Practice.

Wednesdays: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 and 11/30 at 5:15 pm. Saturday, 11/19 at 9:00 am.



HeartCall Women's Bible Study.

Thursday: 11/10 at 9:30 am. "Know Bible Prophecy and the Deception of False Doctrine."



Stitchers Fellowship.



Wednesday; 11/30 at 1:00 pm.

Ministries

WHERE CAN I FIND THE BOOKLET ENTITLED...?

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17

Recently I heard someone asking where to find one of our VCC publications, and I realized that we had not done a very good job of explaining where things are. These are the major distribution options:

- **Your mailbox.** The office regularly e-mails electronic copies of the Vistoso Voice, Pastor Kevin's sermons, devotions books, and other publications. Simply make a request with the Church office to get on the various e-mail distribution lists. Electronic documents are also easily forwarded to friends and family.

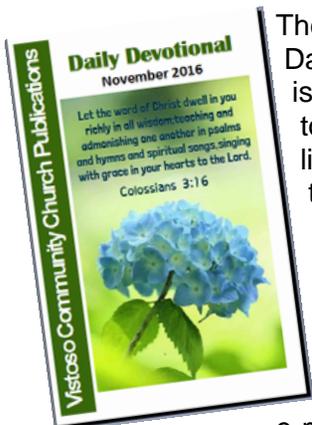


- **Your Smartphone.** VCC has a downloadable app for your Smartphone or tablet that allows you to access VCC's calendar, website, audio sermons, and print publications. Pastor Kevin reports that he actually reads the daily devotions on his phone. Instructions for downloading the App are found on the VCC website: Vistoso.org.

- **Your Computer.** The VCC website provides access to a complete range of the VCC materials. The graphic at right shows the quick links you will find on the website home page that take you right to the pages for audio sermons, daily devotionals, and other publications. The instructions for downloading and using the VCC App are accessed by clicking the last link in the list.



- **Church Foyer.** For those who prefer printed documents to electronic ones, one of our church secretaries, Jan Galyen, keeps the supply in the Church foyer completely up-to-date and labeled. The entire Prophecy series is in the rack next to the mailboxes. The publications based upon sermons and Bible Studies are on the table between the doors to the Fellowship Hall, including the four books based upon Pastor Kevin's messages from Acts.



The November Daily Devotional is available today on the literature table. The booklet can also be accessed on the VCC website, App and via e-mail.



MISSIONS UPDATE

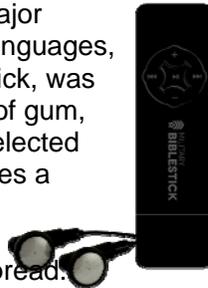
POINT OF NEED

The Missions Committee approved a disbursement to help support **Family First Pregnancy Care Center and Family Diaper Bank**, a Christian family planning organization that serves Pima, Pinal, and Gila counties. Sixteen VCC members attended the Chuck Wagon Round Up BBQ last month, Family



First's major fall fund-raising event. The ministry helps and educates mothers, youth, and families in a variety of areas, including pregnancy, STDs, substance abuse, and dating violence. The diaper bank provides services to those who cannot help themselves - babies, the disabled, and the elderly.

The ministry **Faith Comes By Hearing** was founded in 1972 as a Christian tape lending library. They have progressed into a major developer and distributor of audio Bible recordings in 1,016 languages, spoken by six billion people. One of their devices, the BibleStick, was specifically developed for the US military. The size of a pack of gum, these digital players contain the entire New Testament and selected Psalms. We helped support this ministry last month which gives a player, without charge, to any service member who requests one (there were 18,000 requests in September). Pray for the Military BibleStick ministry and the power of God's Word to spread.



At the **Southwest Christian Center** in Silver City New Mexico, we are assisting with the rehab of an older mobile home which will be used as a no-cost retreat for pastors, missionaries, and ministry workers. VCC member Ann Kilby serves on the SCC Board of Directors, and as a volunteer at the camp. SCC offers a variety of Christian summer camps, retreats, seminars, and hosts organizational events.



Their mission is to establish and enhance a family of believers who passionately seek the heart of the Lord and to spread a passion for the glory of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ.

MISSION COMMUNIQUE'S

Fikret and Darlene Bocek, and the Izmir Protestant Church (IPK), have been under the pressure of government scrutiny since Turkey declared Martial Law. Among other inconveniences, there continues to be the threat of frequent terrorist bombings. The Turkish police interrupt the IPK church proceedings to ensure the Christians are not terrorists. God is using the Martial Law and ISIS threat to bring many Muslims to seek the peace and love of Christ. Pray for spiritual strength for the Boceks and the IPK church, as well as God's protection over them as they spread the good news of the Gospel.

Since his wife Betty's passing, **Guillermo Villanueva** has kept busy with his evangelistic crusades and other ministries. He had a partial knee replacement and continues to be in a lot of pain. Pray that Guillermo has complete healing and relief from the pain so he may fully resume serving the Lord.

Julie Evans and Christian Challenge at UofA have had a great start to the new semester. Attendance at the Thursday Challenge Night has increased by 50%, to an average of 24 students. Pastor Kevin has accepted an invitation to speak at Challenge Night on November 3. The Gospel message is being spread through Bible stories in Henna tattoo art and by Gospel appointments. Please pray for God to soften and prepare young college hearts to accept His Word and that follow-up Gospel appointments are fruitful.



Emmie Lou Brunson	11/4
Marsha Slade	11/4
Genenne Sexton	11/5
Marge Silcott	11/5
Gail Markwell	11/6
Paul Matthews	11/7
Jean Nelson	11/9
Arlene Berg	11/10
Phoebe Bax	11/11
Ken Fahl	11/14
Nick Christensen	11/23
Peggy Thurmond	11/24
Chet Dyche	11/24
Bill Carson	11/25
Vic Wetmore	11/25
Elizabeth Wosinski	11/30



Gayle & Connie Weythman, 58 years	11/1
Ed & Linda Kilby, 4 years	11/3
Paul & Ardith Matthews, 2 years	11/74
Robert & Patty Lott, 34 years	11/12
Tom & Sharon Crozier, 53 years	11/15
Jerry & Patti Wagner, 51 years	11/18
Ray & Elizabeth Wosinski, 53 years	11/30
Rags & Millie Ragland, 14 years	11/30

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Vic and Sue Wetmore joined VCC after being invited by neighbors. They like Kevin's preaching style and the friendly people they have met. Vic and Sue have lived in Tucson for six years; coming from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Sue was born and lived her entire life. Vic is from Bedford, Iowa and would enjoy meeting other displaced Iowans. They met when Sue was invited by a friend to a very active singles Bible study. From that Bible study group, there were 16 couples that met, married, and are still married.

Vic was in the oil and gas business and Sue taught preschool for 25 years. She still likes to engage with children of that age. Vic and Sue have two sons, both married, each with a son. One lives in Tulsa and the other moved to Tucson in April of this year.

Vic had been an avid golfer before having a knee problem. Sue enjoys spending time with their two-year-old grandson here in Tucson. She likes ceramics and other group activities. She is also looking forward to finding her niche in the church. Introduce yourselves to Vic and Sue the next time you see them.

Chris and Penny Lovatt

Chris is originally from Cheshire, England. He and Penny married there seven years ago so that his mother would be able to attend their wedding. They have found their church home at VCC. Both Chris and Penny spend a lot of time working and having fun on their computers. Chris is an IT Manager and also a pilot. Penny is a graphic designer. She will be taking over as Editor of the Vistoso Voice in January. They both love to read and they enjoy their 16 year-old miniature poodle. Penny is in several Bible studies and likes to swim and walk. They collect board games and enjoy having friends over to play them.



Bill and Gain von Fabrice embraced VCC the day they entered the doors back in February and became members in June. They knew the preaching, teaching and music was just what they were looking for. The teaching was biblically-based and the music refreshing. Bill is already a member of the VCC Strategic Planning Committee.

Bill and Gain are originally from New Jersey, having lived there most of their lives. Gain was having a hard time adjusting to the desert when she opened the Bible to this scripture (Isaiah 43:18-19) *"Do not remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* She knew then that she was right where God wanted her to be.

Gain was very actively seeking Jesus even as a child. She visited churches at the age of 12 and chose a Lutheran church to join. Bill and Gain were both baptized in the early 1980s and want to offer up their love and praise and thanksgiving to Jesus for their eternal salvation.

Bill was in the Air Force (Strategic Air Command at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California). One of his fond memories is being on the crew that flew Jimmy Stewart to SAC Headquarters in 1957. He has also been involved with several sports; officiating football at many levels and working as a starter for track and field, even working at the Atlanta Olympics. Gain was a homemaker who raised their six children. They now have eleven grandchildren with great-grandchildren numbers 7, 8 and 9 arriving in the first part of the new year.

Gain enjoys needlework of all kinds and is a member of various ministry groups. Bill has been flying gliders for about 16 years in Tucson. Welcome to Bill and Gain!