



The Vistoso Voice

“MORNIN’ JOE”

How often we have greeted Joe Markwell with those words. And we know him by his ready smile, his fine singing voice, and—maybe—by his shiny shoes. It’s always a pleasure to shake his hand on Sunday morning.

But maybe we don’t know all the things that Joe does at VCC. For instance, many of us don’t know just who takes such good care of the roses that are blooming now. As you leave the Social Hall after fellowship time, take a look at the beautiful roses beside the entry ramp. Or, go out thru the patio door off the foyer and just smell...fragrance... around the corner is a large planter filled with gorgeous roses (ha, you thought I was going to say bacon!). Or go through the door on the right from the sanctuary, down the hall past the library/classroom, and out the exit to the Prayer Garden. All those beautiful roses and the peaceful care of that garden are in the loving hands, and “green thumbs,” of our Joe Markwell. So next Sunday when you come to church, give him a hearty handshake and a “Mornin’ Joe.” He’ll know you have just seen his roses. (See page 3 for an additional picture)



MEN’S CHORUS



Music Minister, Paul Matthews is issuing a special invitation

to all men of the church to join the Men’s Chorus that will sing for Mother’s Day Sunday, May 8.

Men, even if you do not regularly sing in the choir, please take this opportunity to raise your voice in celebration of Mother’s Day.

The first practice will be Sunday morning, May 1 at 8:30 am., where the men will practice their Mother’s Day number for 15 minutes. The choir will then gather at 8:45 am. to prepare for the morning service. Then, on May 8, the Men’s Chorus will gather at 8:30 am. to practice and prepare for the Mother’s Day Service.



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Scriptural Theme for the Year:

...Rejoice that your names are written in heaven

Luke 10:20



Men's and Women's Bible Studies.

Tuesdays; 5/3, 5/10 and 5/17 at 9:30 am.

Men's Friday Bible Study.

Fridays; 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 and 5/27 at 7:30 am.



Men of Honor.

Friday, 5/6 at 8:00 am.

Ladies Fellowship.

Tuesdays; 5/3 and 5/17 at 1:00 pm. Hostess 5/3 is Joyce Henry 877-8489. Hostess 5/17 is Linda Wilkes 395-2370. Please confirm with your hostess prior to the meeting.

HeartCall Women's Bible Study

Thursdays; 5/12 and 5/26 at 9:30 am.



Choir Practice.

Wednesdays; 5/4, 5/11 (5:30 pm), 5/18 and 5/25 at 5:45 pm.

Stitchers' Fellowship.

Wednesday, 5/25 at 1:00 pm.



Ministries

SPREADING THE WORD!

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

Whenever I am counting my blessings, I include in that list the fact that I found a Bible-teaching and preaching Church when I moved to Arizona. The truth is, however, that many, perhaps most, of our friends and family do not have this same blessing, which is just one reason for the Communications Team's focus on producing Bible-based materials, including the three new booklets that we have available today. If you think that someone in your family or circle of friends needs the support of sound Bible teaching, consider sharing our printed materials with them.

THE DAILY DEVOTIONS SERIES



Since January, the Communications Team has been producing a daily devotions booklet each month with reading suggestions and study lessons written by Pastor Kevin. The May issue is now available. June and July have completed the format and editing process and are ready for release. Pastor is nearly finished writing the materials for this year. The *Daily Devotions* booklets have been so well received that there is now discussion about continuing the project through 2017. If you are looking for a good way to get into the Word on a regular basis, pick up a copy of the *Daily Devotional* for May or check it out at Vistoso.org.

TWO NEW SERMON BOOKLETS

It is our goal to record and put on our web site and iPhone app each of our Sunday sermons and many of our Bible Studies. In addition, some sermons are also produced in written form because they contain information that is particularly effective for use in outreach and evangelism. We have published two such booklets this month:



- **Is the Message Still Relevant?** This sermon from January provides a strong defense for recognizing the truth and power of ALL of God's Word and why we should never dilute Bible truth to make it more acceptable to modern audiences or current thinking.
- **Who Can Come? How Do You Come?** This sermon, only preached a couple of weeks ago, was moved quickly through the publication process because our recording failed that Sunday. It provides a clear and compelling Biblical explanation of why believing in the person and work of Jesus Christ is the one and only requirement for and way to be saved.

SPECIAL THANKS. At times like this when we have lots of publications activity going on, three booklets, a newsletter, and the Sunday bulletin released all in one week, it is appropriate to thank the publications team: **Newsletter Editor**—Vickie Brennan; **Webmaster**—Ellen Dudzik; **Editor/Proofreaders**: Mike and Jan Galyen, Cecilia Hallier, Phyllis Ketring, and Sharon Whitmer; **Weekly Production**: Al Brogan, Eva Froehner, and Mike and Jan Galyen...with extra special thanks to Jan Dee Bethke, Communications Coordinator



SERVANT SUNDAY

If you have been a part of this fellowship for any time at all, then you know how many, many people serve tirelessly and behind the scenes in support of the varied ministries in which we are engaged. They don't want recognition or accolades—they just want to do what they can to serve the Lord and accomplish His purposes. In short, we are very blessed to have so many faithful servants of the Lord laboring in our congregation. If the Lord finds reason to approve and bless this congregation, and I trust He will, it will be due in large part to the faithful ministry of so many of its saints.



Sunday May 22nd, during our fellowship time, has been set aside to remember and honor all those who are, or who have been, faithful servants here at VCC. Nothing too elaborate, just a time to be thankful for the faithfulness of God's people. You might be asking yourself, "What has prompted this?" Good question. Two things. First, it is something long overdue. And second, within the past few months, we have had several long-time and very faithful servants of this fellowship need to step back because of physical limitations. I know they are adverse to any kind of recognition, but it really is most appropriate for all of us to tell them—"Thank-You."



Kenneth Budd	5/1
Dave Marty	5/2
Marilyn Steele	5/5
Carol Warner	5/9
Nancy Crews	5/12
Phyllis Hughes	5/15
Phyllis Ketring	5/16
Karen Hunt	5/17
Susan Bong	5/19
Warren Thurmond	5/20
Bill Studt	5/21
Joan Terp	5/23
Bea Putz	5/24
Timm Bax	5/29
Nancy Johnson	5/30



Joe Markwell tending the roses at VCC.

Special Days in May:

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8



Memorial Day
Monday,
May 30



WIGGLES

What's that tune I keep hearing my worthless helper singing under his breath--something about "April showers....?" Well, now it's May, and the flowers seem to be drying up, just like the visitors to the library. C'mon all you hot-weather people! Oh, not hot enough yet? Well, the books and DVDs are still waiting here for you, and you know how you will want them come the summer heat. And, not to leave out you few remaining *snow birds*, you can still pick out some choice items for those days when you are longing for VCC. Besides, I'm already getting downright lonely in the library. As I migrate from book to book, shelf to shelf, non-fiction to fiction, I just weep that my eager readers of the winter months have deserted me (sob). Ah well, there are a few really good times to look forward to. By July there will be sweaty summer seekers after some simple samples of relief to carry home and delight themselves with a good book under the air conditioners.



Your little friend, Wiggles

Darold & Pat Cutsinger, 48 years	5/4
Gary & Janet Driscoll, 39 years	5/28
Phil & Maureen Perkins, 29 years	5/29
Chuck & Doris Wood, 74 years	5/29
Ron & Roberta Potts, 45 years	5/30
Frank & Lu Mastin, 47 years	5/31

MISSIONS UPDATE

The Missions Committee has been working diligently to review, update, and evaluate the current needs of our supported missionaries. Any change to the support of a missionary involves much prayer and discussion by the Committee and communication with the missionary to discuss the changes. One kind of change is to move some missionaries from *Monthly Support* to *Point of Need*, where they would be better served. Another is, due to the generous giving of VCC; the Committee has been able to increase the monthly support where needed for the balance of this year.

MONTHLY SUPPORT

Richard and Tricia Wagner are the newest additions to our monthly supported missionaries. Heeding the call to the mission field, God is leading this young family to minister to *at risk* young men at the **Flying H Youth Ranch**, a Christ-centered program for boys in Naches, Washington (www.flyingh.org). Richard will be serving as administrator for the Ranch, which is staffed by eleven other missionary families. Tricia has plans to minister to the boys at the ranch and to support the missionary families. The Wagners are in the process of building their support base and are hoping to make the move from California to Washington with their children (Gabriel, 10, Abigail, 8, and Elesha, 4) by summer. Please keep the Wagners in prayer as they fund-raise and prepare for the move to Washington.



Steve and Christine Hayes are being changed from *Monthly* to *Point of Need* support. The Hayes are now self-supported, with Steve taking a position with *Partners Relief and Development* as U.S. Director of Development and Sustainability. The balance of this year's committed support for the Hayes will be distributed to *Partners*, Steve's new ministry. We will also be looking to consider special projects from partners that come to us through Steve.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The **Turkish Standard Version (TSV)** Bible translation effort is underway. As of the end of March, the first 32 chapters of Genesis were completed. The hope is to have Genesis completed by the end of April and to have 300 copies distributed to local pastors for evaluation and feedback. The Mission Committee approved a distribution of committed funds to cover the cost of producing and distributing this first edition of Genesis. For security reasons, communications into and out of Turkey are tenuous at best, but we will try to procure a copy of this first printing.

Duluth Bible Church is sending a mission team to Africa for two weeks starting on April 22, and are asking for our prayer support. The first week they will be in Nairobi, Kenya, at the Grace Training Institute (GTI) teaching 90 students on 1 Corinthians 12-14, grammar, and exegesis. The second week they will be in Lusaka, Zambia, where they will be graduating 60 GTI students on May 5. The students studied for 4½ years, where they have been grounded in grace, eternal security, evangelism, grammar, exegesis, and in various books of the Bible. Many have already been teaching what they have learned and some have started training centers in their various locations, where many more people are learning. Please pray for the health and safety of the team, for the evangelism going on in Nairobi, and for the graduation in Zambia.



COMMUNIQUES



Fikret and Darlene Bocek are thankful for our prayers of protection for the Easter service at the Izmir Protestant Church (IPK) in Turkey. Pastor Fikret had posted an invitation to the service on FaceBook, and it was read by 40,000 people! There was a specific bomb threat issued against IPK and the Easter service. Turkish police sent six armed men to protect the service, which was attended by 100 people. Many were Muslims seeking Christ. Please keep the Boceks, IPK, and Turkish believers in prayer for protection and opportunities to share God's Word.