

The Vistoso Voice

NEW LIBRARIAN

Now that she has (semi) retired, Judi Lynn Anderson has agreed to take over the position of VCC librarian in the middle of October. Judi has a degree and a lifetime of experience as a library cataloger so she is excited to get to work on the VCC library. See Judi to donate books or if you need information on how to check out books from the Church library.



EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

Do you have any unused iPads, tablets, or similar items? We often buy the newest edition and the old one just sits around in a cupboard. Bring your donations to the church office where someone will clean the equipment so that it can be donated to a senior in need. The equipment will be of special benefit for seniors who have vision difficulties and need to be able to expand the type for Bible study and reading.



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SHOEBOXES

It may seem as if we are rushing Christmas, but our Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign starts in October this year—October 28-November 18. Sharon Stark and Audrey Johnson will have their tables in the foyer of the Church for four Sundays for picking up and returning the boxes, but you can start shopping now for the goodies to fill those boxes.

Personal care items, clothing, toys, and craft items are recommended. Note you are asked to avoid the following items: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



GREETING CARDS

Marilyn Alletzhauer is interested in starting a ministry to make cards to send to members of our congregation. She will bring all the materials and demonstrate the card making techniques. The initial card making sessions will be Wednesday, October 10 and 17 from 12:30 until 2:00, in the classroom across the hall from the sanctuary, and everyone is welcome.



Christmas Cantata Practices.

Practices for the VCC Christmas Cantata, every other Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 am, are on October 13 and 27.

Choir Practices. Choir practice for our Sunday ministry will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

John Study. Tuesday, October 2, at 9:30, is the first session of the new John Bible. The study meets each Tuesday for eight weeks until November 20.

HeartCall. Our Ladies Bible Study is back in session the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 10:30. Sessions this month are on October 11 and 25. All ladies are welcome.

Men's Bible Study. All men are invited to Bible Study with Pastor Kevin at 7:30 am each Friday in October.

Midweek Services. Everyone is invited to our mid-week prayer Service and Bible study at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.



Ministries

VCC PUBLICATIONS, AN OUTREACH MINISTRY FOR OUR WHOLE CONGREGATION

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

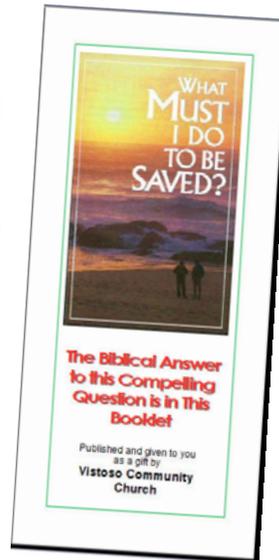
Scripture exhorts us over and over to spread the Gospel, but how exactly do we do that? Our Pastors regularly proclaim the Word of God in Bible studies and worship services, but we can't always get our family and friends to come and hear those messages. So, how do we get the truths to those who need to hear it? Although there are so many ways, sometimes it is as simple as giving a friend or family member one of VCC's publications—a flyer or tract, a Bible study or sermon booklet, a daily devotional.



How to Use the Material?

For evangelism. Virtually every VCC booklet has a clear call to believe throughout the content. But, VCC has produced three tracts that can be particularly useful for helping the unsaved understand their need for salvation. Look for:

- *What Must I Do to Be Saved?*
- *If God Should Ask, How Would You Answer This Question: Why Should I Let You into Heaven?*
- *Truths I Must See and Believe in Order to be Saved*



For encouragement. Nothing can be more encouraging than getting into the word of God on a daily basis. For this reason, many in our congregation share our daily devotional booklets with family and friends. Members have shared the many ways that they find to get the material into the hands of those who need it. One gentleman “bundles up the books” and sends them to his daughter. A lady who regularly corresponds with a grandchild, slips the pages for the week into the letter. Another man picks up several copies each month and visits neighbors to give them a copy. The wonderfully positive response to the devotionals has prompted Pastor Kevin to continue writing them in 2019.

As an invitation. The perfect way to invite someone to visit our church is to provide them with a sampling of the preaching we enjoy each Sunday. The literature table and rack in the foyer contain a number of booklets of sermons that could provide just the incentive a friend or neighbor needs to accept your invitation. And, don't forget invitations to our Bible Studies, like the John Study that begins the first Tuesday of October. A booklet of a previous Bible Study may be just the nudge someone needs to join us in the Word.

What Is the Source?

VCC has a team of volunteers involved in our publication ministry. Although our Pastor does the greatest proportion of the writing, our publications team manages formatting, editing, and printing of all the material you can find each week on our literature table and the literature rack next to the mailboxes. We keep that copy machine by the offices cranking. It has printed, folded, and stapled more than 3,500 booklets so far this year. Add to this bulletins and inserts, newsletters, and flyers for special events, and you can see that your communications team is busy.



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VCC Missions Report

A LETTER OF THANKS TO VCC

The Christian Family Center church of San Marcos Tlacoyalco, Puebla, Mexico (where Sharon Stark started her missionary life as a translator with Wycliffe) has outgrown their small meeting space. Currently, 60 adults and 50 plus children attend the three Sunday services. One service is in the Popoloca language, one is in Spanish, and one is for young people and is basically all in Popoloca. Evangelism efforts have the attendance increasing steadily.

VCC, through our Missions Committee, has provided funds to purchase enough cement and blocks to build the foundation and walls of a 3800 sq. ft. worship center. The church members will supply the skilled labor to carry out the construction.

The leaders of the church there sent us their thanks saying: "The brothers and sisters of the Christian Family Center church of San Marcos Tlacoyalco, Puebla, Mexico and especially Jacob, Verónica, Emilio, and Sara, who are on the translation team, and Luis and Pedro, who are the leaders of the church, as well as Dorcas, Estefania, Claudia, Rebeca, Erica, and Minerva, who teach the children,...we all greet you in the love of our Lord Jesus....We are profoundly grateful to you, sister Sharon, and your church; we didn't think we were worthy of such a great blessing, but God has blessed us through you and your church. We don't have sufficient words to thank you; we can only say many thanks and may God our Father bless you abundantly with the desires of your heart."



Above: Church members in their current meeting space waving thank you to VCC for the donation of building materials.

Below: Church members outlining the space where the new church will be built



SAVE THE DATE

Cristobel Russelliah, Co-founder of Gilgal Ministries in India, is our speaker for the Q&A time on Sunday, October 28. Starting only with a desire to reach the lost with the

Gospel of Christ, Gilgal Ministries now has 21 churches, a seminary to train church planters, a Children's Home, and a Preschool for poor children in the communities where they serve.



As a result of God's blessings, many hundreds of people have accepted Christ as their Savior and their God.

JAARS FUNDING

JAARS has significantly changed the way in which projects are funded. In the past, specific project funds could be tied up for years if there were changes in governments or financial laws. Designations now can be made to any of the four world geographic regions, and to any of the four areas of need within the regions. JAARS will then use the funds where most needed within those designations.

The missions committee has approved funds for the JAARS Africa Initiative in the areas of transportation and technology. See JAARS representative Ralph Nitcher should you have any questions about JAARS.



One of the JAARS transportation tasks is delivering Bibles.

VCC'S HELP WANTED LISTINGS

Property needs volunteers for two landscape areas:



- **West patio**—watering twice a week and caring for the pots on that patio.
- **Fellowship ramp**—caring for the roses and lantana in the little garden by the ramp.

See Darwin Thornton to volunteer.

Safety and Security is looking for more ushers, especially for the winter months when we expect our congregation to be even larger. See Landon Coleman to volunteer.



Sign up sheets for our Saturday services will be up in October. See the office for details.

Fellowship needs volunteers in these areas:



- **Hostess** for donut/cookie Sunday. This task is six Sundays a year, one Sunday every other month all year around.
- **Assistants** for setting up and cleaning up after our Sunday Fellowship.

See Caryl Thornton for details.



Sheila Witle	10/03	Sonny Maples	10/14
Caryl Thornton	10/04	Sharon Hufford	10/14
Gary Townsend	10/04	Janet Driscoll	10/16
Chris Nodolf	10/05	Charlene Van Pelt	10/17
Patricia Roberts	10/05	Barbara Glaser	10/17
Warren Witle	10/06	Pep Draper	10/19
Maureen Perkins	10/07	Cecilia Hallier	10/19
Mary Ann Underwood	10/07	Lisa Haldane	10/19
Judi Wilson	10/07	Jim Bixler	10/21
Jeanne Theobald	10/07	Becky Sellers	10/21
Dick Hudgins	10/09	Bee Taylor	10/22
Larry Jennings	10/09	Helen Bruning	10/22
Jim Ketring	10/09	Rick Thomas	10/23
Darwin Thornton	10/09	Ann Hatfield	10/24
Jim Klawitter	10/10	Virginia Kacprzak	10/28
Harvey Holleman	10/10	Judi Lynn Anderson	10/29
Jan Thomas	10/12	Mary Anne Cooper	10/30
Richard Wynd	10/12	Pat South-Werth	10/30



Ingolf and Erika Wallow—53 years	10/03
Steve and Virginia Kacprzak—33 years	10/04
Ralph and Bonita Nitcher—3 years	10/06
Michael and Jan Galyen—35 years	10/07
Jim and Nancy Klawitter—43 years	10/10

AUDIO SERIES

During September, VCC hosted a Tuesday morning audio series entitled *The History of the English Bible* by Dr. Daniel Wallace. For those who missed the series and would like to listen to these lectures, email the Church Office requesting the link to the lectures online. The office will reply with the link embedded in an email. This will enable you to simply click and select lecture #1. Note that you do not need to create an account to listen to the lectures.