



The Vistoso Voice

CANTATA INVITATIONS AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER

It is just a little over one month until our choir presents *Christmas Dreams*, our 2018 Christmas cantata. The cantata dates are Saturday, December 8 at 4 pm and Sunday December 9 during our 9:30 morning worship service. Yoojin Muhn, our Director of Music Ministries, has again gathered an outstanding collection of musicians to provide orchestral accompaniment.

Because of the overflow crowds for our recent cantatas, we are not doing an advertising flyer this year. We will feature the cantata in our ads in *The Tipster* in Sun City, the *Saddlebag Notes* in SaddleBrooke, and *The Explorer* newspaper to let our neighbors know about the cantata.

In addition, the first Sunday in November, we will again have the little invitation cards that you can use to remind friends and family of the dates and times of this blessed annual celebration of Christ's birth.



Because of our limited seating, we are asking our congregation to plan to attend only one of the cantata services.

There is no charge for the Cantata services and seating is on a first-come, first served basis.

November

Christmas Cantata Practice. The choir will have a Saturday practice for the VCC Christmas Cantata, on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 to 11:00.



Choir Practices. Choir practice for our Sunday ministry will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 7, 14, and 28. Note there will be no choir practice on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 21.

John Study. The Tuesday morning Men's and Women's Bible Study in the book of John meets at 9:30 on November 6, 13, 20. The study will take a break beginning November 27 and resume again January 8.

HeartCall. Our Ladies Bible Study meets only once this month on Thursday, November 8 at 9:30 am.

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



Midweek Services. We will have our mid-week prayer service and Bible study at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 7, 14, and 28. Note there will be no midweek service on Wednesday, November 21, the day before Thanksgiving!

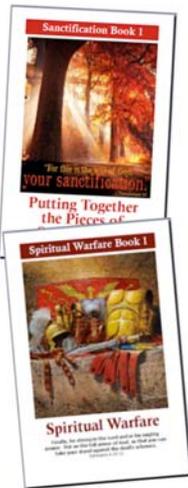


TWO NEW SERMON SERIES BOOKS

Two of Pastor Kevin's 2018 sermon series are now being published in booklet form. The first book in the series on *Spiritual Warfare* from the last verses in the Book of Ephesians was released on Sunday, October 28. The first book in the Sanctification series, entitled *Putting Together the Pieces of Sanctification* will be published in the first weeks of November. Each of the series will have three or more books.

The Sanctification series explains what God's Word has to say about redeeming our time on earth between our salvation and the time the Lord takes us home. It is God's provision and promises to help us redeem the

The *Spiritual Warfare* series begins in Book 1 by explaining what we are up against living as citizens of heaven in a lost world. Subsequent books provide insight into what it means to "put on the full armor of God." Feel free to share the books with friends and family.



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Ministries

THE CULMINATION OF A TWO-YEAR PROJECT

After two years of investigation, planning, and lots of labor, our new columbarium is installed and our prayer garden upgrade is almost complete. The last two items to be installed are a new gate for the garden and a new security door from the garden to the Church. These installations are expected to be completed within the next two weeks and then there will be an open house following the church service so that everyone can see the completed project and greet the committee responsible for this lovely space.

Two years ago Bill Von Fabrice felt led to propose a columbarium for the Church to give us a beautiful internment place that would also provide a peaceful place for prayer and contemplation. He proposed the plan to the Church Board which approved presenting the plan to the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. The proviso was that the project would be self-funded. When, after a year of education and recruitment, there were not enough subscriptions to support construction, the Board was forced to consider abandoning the project.

An anonymous donation to the Church earmarked for use by the Columbarium revived the project and a committee was formed to plan the upgrades to the prayer garden and to determine how we would manage the sale of niches and the details surrounding the internment of ashes in the structure. Debra Westendorf agreed to be the first Columbarium clerk and she has set up the necessary record-keeping procedures.

Becky Sellers had been caring for the prayer garden and she and Caryl Thornton agreed to work on the design and ultimately the new plantings in the prayer garden.

Bill Von Fabrice set about lining up suppliers and contractors and overseeing such things as the pouring of the concrete for the base of the Columbarium structure and the new paving in the prayer garden.

To date 21 of the 88 available niches have been purchased and members already have the ashes of loved ones interred in the Columbarium. What a blessing!

The Columbarium Committee



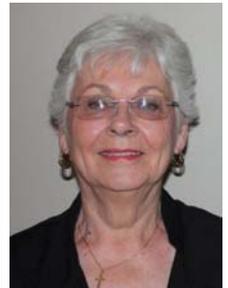
Bill VonFabrice
Chair



Debra Westendorf
Clerk



Caryl Thornton
Prayer Garden



Becky Sellers
Prayer Garden



TWO MORE CARD MAKING CLASSES



Marilyn Alletzhauser conducted two very successful card making classes in October and attendees made cards to bless those in our congregation who are ill or in need of a bit of cheer. She will hold two more classes in November, Wednesday, November 3 and 10, beginning at 12:30. The classes are held in the VCC Library and Marilyn provides all the supplies, but attendees can bring their own scissors and glue. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf as you enter the fellowship hall. Sign up and note the date you are attending, so that Marilyn can plan supplies.

MISSIONS REPORT

TOHONO O'ODHAM RESERVATION DONATIONS

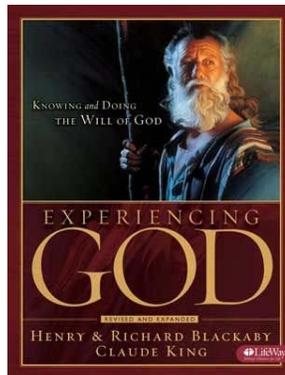
The Missions Committee will be taking donations of furniture and household items to the reservation later in November. If you have items that you wish to donate please list them by November 11 on the sheet located on the sign-up shelf in the Fellowship Hall. Any items to be donated should be clean and in good working condition.

These items are going to the poor and needy families in the Baboquivari district, south of Sells. Every trip we make with donations, we build trust with the Nation and help open doors for missionary John Coleman to share the Good News. Please see Michael Galyen (I) or Chuck Slade if you have any questions.



OPPOSITION BUILDS STRENGTH IN NCCC BELIEVERS

The Experiencing God study, which VCC missions donations helped to launch at the North Central Correctional Complex in Marion, Ohio, has seen amazing growth since its inception two years ago. Starting as a small group, led by Barbara Glaser's nephew Stephen and limited to the Inter-Faith dorm, it now has multiple groups and leaders and is offered to the general population of inmates in the chapel. Completion of the study also earns a certificate which goes into the inmate's prison record. The growth of this first Bible study has also generated additional studies: *The Battle Plan for Prayer* and *The Invisible War*.



The increase in believers and the spreading of the Gospel has also generated the expected opposition from Satan. Just before the introduction of the next round of studies, which was to be held at a chapel service, Stephen and three other inmates were put into seclusion, solitary cells isolated from the general population. The computer they used for record keeping in the chapel was confiscated for forensic inspection. At the same time there was a general lockdown due to a hepatitis scare. For ten days the believers united together in prayer for their brothers, and they greatly rejoiced together upon the release of Stephen and the others after the computer was found to be clean! And now, the delayed study has begun.

Please keep these men in prayer as the attacks will surely continue.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ELDERLY

Would you like to be a blessing to a nursing home resident this Christmas season? Here is a special and meaningful way to do just that. As we have in the past, Love Thy Neighbor Ministries is partnering with Vistoso Community Church to provide Christmas gifts to our elders in area nursing homes. This year in our *Blessings in a Bag* program, we are asking you to purchase men's or women's sweaters sizes Large, Extra-Large, 2XL, or 3XL as a gift.

Beginning Sunday, November 18, here is what you do to participate and bless someone at Christmas:

1. Remove a gift tag(s) from the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall.
2. Purchase the sweater(s).
3. Place the sweater(s), unwrapped, with the gift tag(s), in the gift collection box next to the tree.

The tree, gift tags, and collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall from November 18 through Sunday, December 9.



VCC'S HELP WANTED LISTINGS

The Columbarium Committee



needs a backup for their clerk, Debra Westendorf, especially when she travels in the summer. The job requires a working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and availability in the Tucson area during the summer. For more details, contact Debra.

Our Communications Team



needs a few more good editors and proof readers to help with quality assurance on our publications, such as the Daily Devotionals and sermon books. If you are interested in occasional assignments, contact Communications Coordinator Dee Bethke.

DON'T FORGET

There will be a table in the Church foyer for the next four Sundays—October 28 to November 18—to distribute and collect Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. The shoeboxes are a wonderful way for us to share the love of Christ and the Gospel with children around the world.



Our Saturday Services Need Lots of Volunteers

The sign-up sheets for the support teams for our Saturday night services are now posted on the wall above the sign-up shelf in the Fellowship Hall. Our plan is to begin Saturday services at 5:00 pm January 5, unless attendance mandates beginning in December.

For each service we need volunteers to open the building, to set up and clean up after fellowship, to provide special music, and to join the Saturday Singers to lead the hymn singing for the service.

If you can help, fill in the blanks on the sign-up sheets.

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Fisher	11/03	Landon Coleman	11/16
Emmie Lou Brunson	11/04	Charlene VanPelt	11/17
Marsha Slade	11/04	Jan Persons	11/22
Jim Elliott	11/04	Sherry Linker	11/23
Genenne Sexton	11/05	Peggy Thurmond	11/24
Gail Markwell	11/06	Bill Carson	11/25
Ingolf Wallow	11/06	Vic Wetmore	11/25
Paul Matthews	11/07	Glenann Hanson	11/26
Dave Glaser	11/11	Lisa Schulz	11/27
Phoebe Bax	11/11	Lee Jacobson	11/27
Ken Fahl	11/14	Coleen Kriz	11/28
Maureen Tobin	11/14	Joy Knepper	11/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Ardith Matthews—4 years	11/07
Robert and Patty Lott—36 years	11/12
Tom and Diane Perski—31 years	11/14
Tom and Sharon Crozier—55 years	11/15
Jerry and Patti Wagner—53 years	11/18
Dave and Jeanne Montgomery—26 years	11/21
Jim and Patty Elliott—60 years	11/23
Rags and Millie Raglans—16 years	11/30