



The Vistoso Voice

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE



February 9 and 10 are the dates for VCC's first annual February Bible Conference and preparations are underway. It is important that you register if you plan to attend so that we get a count for seating and ordering food. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf just as you enter the fellowship hall where you can register or you can call the office during business hours. In addition to signing your name, indicate if you are bringing guests to the conference. Conference invitations are in the basket in the foyer of the Church.

The Conference will have four sessions on the topic "*If the Foundations Be Destroyed...*" taught by Pastor Dennis Rokser of Duluth Bible Church, pictured below with his wife Nancy.



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The four sessions of the Conference schedule are at the following times:

Saturday, February 9

Session 1: 9:00-10:00 am
Session 2: 10:30-11:30 am

Lunch

Session 3: 5:00-6:00 pm

Session 3 is during our regular Saturday service time and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

Sunday, February 10

Session 4: 9:30-10:40 am, during our Sunday worship service.

Fellowship

Conference Q&A: 11:15 am

For additional information on the conference, see Pastor Kevin's article on Page 2.

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

The music program at VCC is expanding and improving and there are several ways that members and friends can participate.



The first option is to sing in the choir. We have two options for choir participation. To sing for Sunday worship, attend the practices on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. To sing only or also in the *Messiah* at Easter, attend the Saturday practices.

If you would like to use your instrumental talent or contribute an occasional solo performance, especially for our Saturday services, see Director of Music Ministries Yoojin Muhn or Conductor Dan Detloff.



Saturday Services. There will be a worship service at 5:00 pm every Saturday in February. The service on February 9 will be part of our VCC Bible Conference, see the details at left.

Deacon Ordination. Sunday, February 3, during our worship service. See page 4 for pictures of all of our Deacons.

Choir Practices. The choir practices music for our Sunday services each Wednesday at 5:30 pm. In addition, Yoojin will be conducting *Messiah* practices for Easter on Saturday, February 9 at 1:00 pm and twice on Saturday, February 23 at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.



Men's and Women's Bible Study. The second session of our study on the Book of John continues through February, each Tuesday morning beginning at 9:30 am. If you would like to join the class, pick up the study materials from the Church office.

Wednesdays at 7 pm. We will have midweek prayer time and Bible Study in the Book of Titus on February 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Other Bible Studies. Our Men's Friday morning Bible Study meets at 7:30 am, February 1, 8, 15, and 22. HeartCall Ladies Bible Study meets the 14th and 28th, at 9:30 am.



From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 109:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

FIRST ANNUAL VCC WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

VCC has hosted a variety of conferences, one-day sessions, and guest speakers in the past, but we are going to start something different this year. In keeping with our vision to become a center of Bible-teaching excellence, we are going to hold a Bible conference in early February—this year on the 9th and 10th. A few things you should know about our conference plans.

- The Future.** We intend to hold this type of Bible conference every year at roughly this same time. The hope is that this will become a time on the church calendar that is eagerly anticipated both by our own VCC congregation as well as many guests. It is hard to improve upon the fellowship that can be had around the teaching of God's Word! And, we have one big thing in our favor, February is an excellent time to attract outside teachers for a visit to Tucson!
- 2019 Schedule.** This year's conference starts on Saturday morning the 9th, with the first session at 9:00 am. The second session is at 10:30 and is followed by lunch for those who wish to stay for the fellowship. The third conference session is at 5 pm on Saturday. Something to note: although this is at the typical Saturday evening service time, for this week only it is a stand-alone conference session. The fourth and final session is part of our normal Sunday morning time of worship at 9:30 am, February 10. There will be a conference Q & A at the customary time following our regular Sunday fellowship.
- Speaker.** This year's speaker will be Pastor Dennis Rokser from Duluth Bible Church. His wife Nancy will also accompany him. In addition to his pastoral ministry, Pastor Rokser founded the Grace Institutes, a missions enterprise to train pastors in the U.S. and in other countries—a ministry to which we currently provide support. The Grace Institute currently has training efforts underway in Kenya and Zambia in Africa, India and Myanmar, and El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Peru in Central and South America.



A new Grace Institute effort in Mexico is in the very same area in which one of our congregation, Sharon Stark, undertook and completed a translation of the New Testament as a Wycliffe Bible Translator.

- Theme.** The title of this year's conference is, *If the Foundations Be Destroyed*. . . , which falls right in line with our Theme for the Year.

So, in conclusion, take one of the invitations available in the foyer, and put it on your refrigerator, so you don't forget to

join us. Then, take a few more invitations as a way to invite others who might be blessed by the teaching of the Word. See you at VCC's first annual Bible conference.

In His grace,

Kevin Redig



JOE MARKWELL HONORED



For years, it was common to see Joe Markwell in the VCC prayer garden, on the patio, or in the area by the Fellowship Hall ramp tending to the roses, plants, and flower pots. He planted, pruned, and watered, and everything thrived. Now the upgrade and maintenance of the prayer garden has been taken over by the Columbarium Committee. But, in recognition of all that Joe has done over the years to beautify the Church grounds, he has been named an honorary member of the Columbarium Committee.

MISSIONS REPORT

UNLIKELY MISSIONARIES AMONG US

The morning Fred was invited to speak at a church, he confidently walked up to the podium and introduced himself: "My name is Fred, I'm a Wycliffe Bible Translator. I fix cars." A good-hearted chuckle rippled through the congregation. Then, in his droll way, Fred began his story of being a mechanic with Wycliffe in Southern Mexico. Since missionaries rarely have much money, he noted, they arrive in cars or vans that had already done their duty. They were always breaking down, always needing new parts. It wasn't unusual to hear that a translator was stranded somewhere on the road and needed to be rescued and the car towed. Needless to say, he was cherished.

Fred had never taken a course in linguistics or studied translation theory. Despite that, Fred was a Bible translator. He kept the vehicles of the translators in repair so they could travel to the language area and do the actual work of translation. He was indispensable. Fred is not alone. Our newest supported missionaries Paul and Hope Towne serve in finance and computer support in Mexico. In Catalina, we also provide support for James and Linda Nissley, Rick and Marilyn Fodey, Jerry and Patti Wagner serving in the areas of management, finance, member care, hospitality, and literacy. They do these jobs so others are free to do their translations.

In fact, most missionary organizations, including Ethnos 360, Gilgal Gospel Mission, and Child Evangelism Fellowship, find it essential to have a support system. Their needs cover a wide spectrum: government relations, teachers, house parents, builders, pilots, mechanics, computer technicians, finance personnel, and more. Many of you in our fellowship volunteer with Wycliffe or a number of other ministries. Some of you give very generously to meet missions

financial needs. Others help carry the workload by praying regularly for the missionaries VCC supports.

You are as indispensable as Fred the mechanic. You truly are *the unlikely missionaries among us*, and every career missionary thanks you!

COMMISSIONED AND IN THE FIELD

Paul and Hope Towne have been commissioned as support missionaries with Wycliffe by their sending church, Northwest Bible Church. At the reception following the brief commissioning ceremony, Hope shared how God had worked in their behalf to get visas in time to not only fly down to Mitla in time to leave their baggage but also to get to San Marcos for the Bible Conference by the 26th.

Paul and Hope departed to their mission field in Mitla, Oaxaca, Mexico on January 23. By now they have traveled to San Marcos to serve as conversational translators for a week-long Grace Bible Institute conference to train indigenous pastors in an area where VCC is already helping to build a church.

Paul and Hope believe that mingling with the indigenous pastors will give them a greater vision for Bible Translation and its results, as they move into their respective assignments in Mitla. Paul is providing computer support and Hope is managing the finance office. Paul shared their ministry vision to be:

- Teachable
- God honoring
- Bridges between older missionaries they have known since childhood, and younger workers like themselves
- Hosts, to other missionaries coming in from the indigenous areas for training, workshops, and rest

VCC will be providing monthly support for the Townes as they serve in Mexico. Pray for them as they pursue their God-given calling!



From top: Fred, Townes, Nissleys, Fodeys, and Wagners

VCC TO ORDAIN FIVE NEW DEACONS TO ENABLE INCREASED SERVICE

Deacons and their wives are the servants of the church. They are called to meet the day-to-day needs of members of our congregation and sometimes of our community. Our Deacon fellowship is seeking to expand their availability for service—to be more available for hospital visits, bringing Communion to shut-ins, and many other activities. In order to do this, on Sunday, February 3, VCC will ordain five new Deacons. The Ordination Service will include a testimony from the five new Deacons: Jerry Anderson, Dave Aufmuth, Dan Detloff, Al Jones, and Warren Witler.

The pictures on this page identify our entire Deacon fellowship, including the new Deacons. Be sure to contact one of them if you



Jerry and Linda Anderson



Dave and Linda Aufmuth



Don and Susan Bong



Bob and Emmie Lou Brunson



Bill and Carolyn Carson



Landon and Phyllis Coleman



Don and Joyce Collier



Tom and Sharon Crozier



Dan and LuAnn Detloff



Al and Carol Jones



Bill and Zamie Studt



Warren and Shiela Witler

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

John Bailey	02/02
Jeanne Mitchell	02/05
Lyle Fuller	02/09
Becky Fogg	02/10
Dorina Forssell	02/11
Darryl Sanders	02/11
Cliff Redig	02/13
Tom Crozier	02/15
Michaele Ann Melton	02/16
Ginger Embrey	02/17
Sharon Crozier	02/19
Gary Theobald	02/21
Lynnette Prout	02/23
Dorothy Smith	02/25

BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Perski	02/25
Chuck Slade	02/25
Peggy LaBue	02/26
Carol Vandaveer	02/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Sherry Ingino—48 years	02/14
Lee and Judy Jacobson—52 years	02/19
Jim and Avanelle Franke—64 years	02/20
Daven and Anne Hatfield	02/21
Carl and Dorina Forssell—16 years	02/22

VCC Annual Report

The reports prepared by the ministries of the Church for our VCC annual meeting, February 23, have been compiled in a booklet. You can pick up a copy in the Church office.