



The Vistoso Voice

THE NEW MISSIONS CORNER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

With the help of VCC's resident decorators Genenne Sexton and Peggy Thurmond, the Missions Committee has a new reading nook in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. All the Missions materials, including the newsletters from our various supported missionaries, are now placed in notebooks. And, those who are interested in reading that material have a comfortable place to sit while they do it. In the picture at right, Cecilia Hallier tries out the new space.

Other features of the new Missions nook include:

- An updated version of our Missionaries Map with pictures of the Missionaries along with the strings that show the mission location.
- A credenza that holds the notebooks and baskets for the various missions collections, such as the personalized toiletries that are regularly gathered and donated to the Rescue Mission.



VCC's BOOKLET LIBRARY EXPANDS

February and March have been good months for VCC publications resulting in the completion of three-book sermon series:

- In February, the two-book *Guarding the Gospel* series was released. A topic from within our study of Galatians, the *Guarding the Gospel* material was too long for a single book, so it was released as a two-book series. The two books were banded together and both released on Sunday, February 17.

In March we will complete the publication of another two sermon series:

- The three books in the *Spiritual Warfare* series have been released over a period of months, beginning with the Book 1 in October, 2018 and Book 2 in December. The final book in the series is due for release on Sunday, March 3.
- The first book in the three-book *Sanctification* series was published in November of 2018, Book 2 in January of this year. The third and final book in this series is due for release March 10.



Sanctification was VCC's theme for 2018:

It is God's will that you should be sanctified. . .
I Thessalonians 4:3

ANOTHER UPDATE

The popular literature table, that has been located between the doors leading to the Fellowship Hall, is being replaced with actual literature racks. The racks will be positioned back-to-back in the space with the same materials on each side.

It is the goal of the Communications Team to be able to display a broader range of our printed materials in a more accessible arrangement. Our library currently includes 35 booklets of sermons and Bible Studies, plus Devotionals, brochures, and tracts. The racks will be placed on a platform, constructed by Rick Sexton, to raise them to convenient height.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Matthew 28:19

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations. . .

THE LEGACY FUND WILL BENEFIT MISSIONS

Once a year we try to provide an update on our Legacy Fund for Missions, and this year we have some very good news!

Some Background

Several years ago, as the result of a generous gift, we began what we have titled the *Legacy Fund for Missions*. Typically, those who designate a financial gift to missions can expect it to go out in the month it is given. What makes the Legacy Fund different is that it will disburse the gift over time, with the hope of earning a return on investment in the meantime.

Current Status

The Legacy Fund is currently in an accumulation and investment phase. The Fund begins to make disbursements of both principle and any return on investment in support of missionaries and missions enterprises supported by VCC when the amount reaches \$100,000 or no later than 2022. The intent is to add an additional boost to our missions support that is also spread over time.

As of the close of January 2019, the Fund balance stood at just over \$92,000 which means we could begin disbursing before

the set end-date of the accumulation phase. When the criteria for accumulation have been met—either in time or in Fund total—the Fund will annually disperse any earned income plus 5% of the Fund total, not to be less than \$5,000.

As you can see, it is entirely possible that the Legacy Fund can begin to support our missions efforts significantly earlier than anticipated. The Legacy Fund has grown to this level through estate gifts, regular contributions, and investment income. As is so often the case, the generous support towards ministry of those who fellowship at Vistoso Community Church is remarkable.

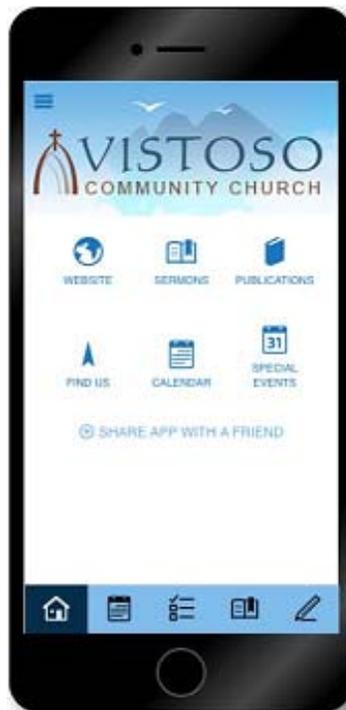
UPDATES TO OUR COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

For a number of years, we have had two methods of providing members and friends with audio files of our sermons and Wednesday evening Bible studies:

- The VCC website (www.vistoso.org)
- The cell phone MyChurchApp.

Recently, we have added another method of distributing audio/visual files that has proved quite popular. The Church office is now e-mailing files for our sermons that also contain the illustrating slides. Files for our Wednesday night Bible studies are also available to everyone who signs up on the e-mail distribution list.

In recent months, members and friends have more and more found that they can access our website on their cell phones and have enjoyed the ease of simply opening audio files from an e-mail. As a result, the use of the MyChurchApp has significantly decreased causing a decision to discontinue this for-fee service in favor of focusing on adding to our no-cost distribution through the website and e-mails. To be added to the e-mail list for audio files, all you have to do is register your name and preferred e-mail address with the Church office.



In Closing

Although the title *Legacy Fund* may be a bit mysterious, the fund is simply designed to provide a means by which donors can support missions in a way that extends beyond the year in which



Rick Sexton

John Sellers

the gift is given.

Should you have any questions regarding the Legacy Fund for Missions, please contact either the Legacy Fund Chairman Rick Sexton or John Sellers, VCC's Board Finance Officer and a member of the Legacy Fund Committee.

MISSIONS REPORT

FOUNDATIONS FOR OUTREACH AND GROWTH

In the small Mexican town where we once lived, we regularly passed by an empty lot that had a cement slab on it. The weeds had grown up around it and there was debris everywhere. Perhaps the ruins of a house, we surmised. Then one day we discovered the weeds had been pulled, the debris cleared, and a stack of rebar lay nearby. That's when we learned that houses were built in stages and could take ten to fifteen years to complete.

The people understood that as long as there was a foundation, there was hope that the walls would go up and, in time, a roof would be added. This is the situation many small churches experience in Mexico, even churches that are born as a result of Bible translation. The foundation is laid, but without spiritual leadership, it is compromised and there is often little spiritual growth.

New believers are truly babes in Christ who need to be nurtured. Without leadership to guide the fledgling church, new believers often follow false leaders, turn to legalism, add elements from the religion of their ancestors, fall prey to cults, struggle to survive, or simply give up.

If there is to be growth, the foundation cannot be compromised, which means there must be sound teaching, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

The Apostle Paul saw similar situations in the early Churches and traveled far and wide to teach, correct, and admonish the new believers. Many newly-established churches desperately need an Apostle Paul to guide

them. And that is exactly what Grace Bible Institute does through Bible training conferences in several parts of the world, including San Marcos, Mexico, where Sharon Stark translated the New Testament. Through this ministry, pastors and church leaders in San Marcos are receiving solid biblical training, resulting in a stable, vibrant church.

The second Bible training conference was recently completed in San Marcos and drew between 80 and 100 pastors, leaders, and lay people. Even though they were squeezed together in a small church in San Marcos, there was no lack of enthusiasm.

These are some of the responses from participants:

- "I've never had a clearer picture of eternal security than what I learned last week."

Written by Kathryn Farris, a retired missionary and member of the VCC Missions Committee



- "I loved the emphasis on the authority of Scripture."
- "Bible teaching and training is really needed here."
- "They (*the conference leaders*) preached the gospel effectively and had direct contact with the people."
- "Pastor Salvador taught many lessons from his heart and directly from the Bible."

In 2020 the conference will be held in the new church that VCC is assisting the people to build. It is considerably larger and will accommodate the greater attendance they anticipate.



Pastors that attended the Bible Conference in San Marcos.

WIDOW'S VALENTINE'S DINNER WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Friday, February 15, 30 Vistoso widows attended the cowboy themed Valentine's dinner. Escorted to Church by our Deacons, greeted by the crew dressed in Western gear (see Pastor Kevin, Cindy Tranvik, and Maureen Perkins in the picture), entertained by Joey Tranvik, the widows ended the evening with a Western sing-along led by Don Bong.

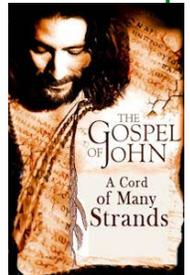


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Saturday Services. There will be a worship service at 5:00 pm, Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

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, March 16 at 9:00 and at 12:00 noon, There will be lunch between the practices. On March 30, there will be one practice at 1:00 pm.

Men's and Women's Bible Study. The third session of our study on the Book of John, Lessons 17-24, begins the first Tuesday in March and continues through the months of March and April. You can pick up materials for the John Bible Study at the Church office.



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

Other Bible Studies. Our Men's Friday morning Bible Study meets every Friday morning at 7:30 am. HeartCall Ladies Bible Study meets March 14th and 28th, at 9:30 am.

Communion. We will have communion during the worship service on Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3.



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BIRTHDAYS

Tom Panneck	03/05
Mike Prout	03/05
Sent Missionary	03/09
Glory Lamb	03/09
Jan Malkin	03/11
Shirley Brown	03/13
Edith Hocket	03/14
Bill Von Fabrice	03/17
Wanda Dobson	03/19
Linda Aufmuth	03/20
Susan Panneck	03/21
Jan Fuller	03/21
Colton Svedberg	03/25

BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Perski	03/26
Chuck Slade	03/28
Peggy LaBue	03/30
Carol Vandaveer	03/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Emmie Lou Brunson—5 years	03/01
Hal and Diane Campbell—43 years	03/19
Jim and Sue Bixler—61 years	03/20
Patrick and Barbara Stone—48 years	03/20