



The Vistoso Voice

INTRODUCTION TO A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE VOICE

You will find this month's *Vistoso Voice* to be a bit unusual. Half of the content is taken up by an open letter from one member of our local fellowship to all of us. This is not our normal practice, but, in this case, I believe it is both a blessing and very appropriate. As a local church fellowship—the body of Christ in our small geographic locale—we aspire to be many things. Let me suggest the following to be a few of them:

- A light bearing witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- A group of believers seeking to grow in grace and knowledge who are redeeming the time we have on earth
- A witness to the community in which we are *planted* as the result of our love for one another.

Every now and then, I think it is good for us to pause for just a moment, and say, "I think we got it right! I think our faith has made

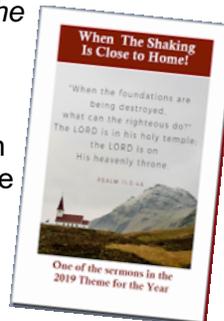
a difference in our lives." Then we can immediately follow up with: "May all the glory belong to the Lord for what He can do through those committed to Him!" I think this is one of those times.

Read the letter on Pages 2 and 3 and see if you agree with me. If you do, give thanks that what God is doing in our midst is visible to others, and trust He has been honored by our corporate witness to Him.

In His Grace, Kevin Redig

A NEW PUBLICATION

VCC's theme for this year is taken from Psalm 11, particularly from Verse 3: "*If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?*" Pastor Kevin has so far used the theme for several sermons, but one of them struck a chord with many in our congregation because it focused on what we, as Christians, are to do when our personal foundations are shaken.



That sermon provided ten unshakable foundations—promises of God—that we can rely on in times of trouble. And, those promises are now available in a booklet entitled *When the Shaking Is Close to Home*. The booklet is available on the literature racks in the church foyer and on our website: vistoso.org. Click Publications, then Sermons.

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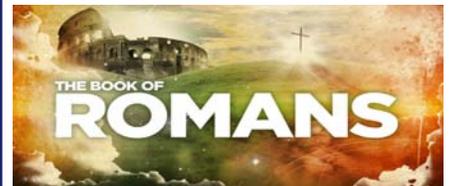
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On Hiatus.

- **VCC choir** has no practices until September. We will have special music for our Sunday services until then.
- **Book of John Bible study** resumes Tuesday, October 1.



Romans Bible Study begins Tuesday, June 4 at 9:30 am. The study, taught by our Pastors, meets Tuesdays during June and July. If you plan to attend, PLEASE sign up (even regular attenders) on the shelf as you enter the fellowship hall or call the office. We need an accurate count for setup.

HeartCall meets on Thursday, June 13 and 27 at 9:30 am.

Men's Bible Study meets Fridays at 7:30 am—June 7, 14, 21, and 28.

VCC's Midweek prayer time and Bible study service meets at the **new time of 5:00 pm** on June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Sunday Livestream

To easily access the livestream of the VCC Sunday service, go to our website: vistoso.org. On the right side of the home page, select the livestream icon.





A LETTER TO THE VCC CHURCH FAMILY FROM JACKIE BUDD

As Kenneth and I have reflected over the past few days, we were filled with such a heart full of gratitude for all the love and blessings God has showered on us at the hands of you, our loving church family. Your love, concern, and prayers are too numerous to count, and to personally mention all of those who touched our lives during these months of distress would be impossible. Some would surely be omitted (but not omitted in love).

Our hearts overflow with love for all of your tenderness. I'm sure prayers for us that we will never be aware of were lifted to our Heavenly Father. We are happy to mention the names of those who are fresh in our memories, and we apologize that our memories may not be acute enough to remember you all. Please know that at the time of your expression of love, we were truly thankful.

Beginning of the Thank You's



Warren and Peggy Thurmond

At the outset of our knowledge of Kenneth's illness, Warren Thurmond, who had a similar illness, brought such a tone of good cheer and hope that we must mention his name and Peggy's at the beginning of our thank you's. (Warren has since passed away.)

Phil Perkins also offered strong words of hope to Bud as he gave advice about some medical issues. John Sellers visited us with a loving gift of homemade food. John's wife Becky and Karen Hunt, who herself was battling her own dire health issues, so kindly delivered a beautiful quilt handmade by the VCC ladies, who had prayed for Ken as they sewed it.

Patty Lott, another beautiful child of God, has so generously hovered over us with many showers of homemade meals. These meals were lovingly prepared and were deliciously designed with a gourmet flair. Patty certainly put a part of herself into each of the dishes. Thanks Patty.

Pastor Peter just recently delivered homemade food prepared by our wonderful selfless VCC ladies. We don't even know who to thank, but those of you who are participating in this ministry know who you are. We thank you so much for the delicious ham and cheese chowder. We gulped it all ravenously.

Help with Transportation

When both Ken and I developed eye problems, so many congregants lovingly assisted us with transportation. Thanks to so many who have unselfishly rearranged their schedules to serve us, including Tom and Sharon Crozier, Tim and Lisa Haldane, Virginia Kacprzak, and Karen Redig.

Pastor Peter has so lovingly taken us under his wing and been like a

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Kenneth and Jackie Budd



Phil, Maureen Perkins Ken, Karen Hunt



Robert, Patty Lott John, Becky Sellers



Tom, Sharon Crozier Tim, Lisa Haldane



Steve, Virginia Kacprzak James, Shirley Pruett



Bill, Cecelia Hallier Marilyn Alletzhauer



Bill, Gain Von Fabrice Don, Susan Bong



Pastor Kevin and Karen Redig



Pastor Peter and Cindy Tranvik



Helen Gittel Marilyn Hartley Nancy Appell



Joe, Gail Markwell Don, Joyce Collier



Peggy La Bue Ermina Tomrell



Bob, Emmie Brunson David, Barbara Glaser

son to drive us to services, and just lovingly look in on us to lift the monotony of being housebound. During the cold spell when our heater went on the blink, Peter got help for us and took us over to Shirley and James Pruett's house to obtain a space heater. Boy, what a warm, fuzzy gift. Thank you.

Appreciation for Cards

I don't want to forget to express appreciation for all the cards and phone calls that were so lovingly showered on us through this difficult ordeal. Thanks to Cecelia and Bill Hallier, Bill and Gain Von Fabrice, Don and Susan Bong, Helen Gittel, Gail and Joe Markwell, Don and Joyce Collier, Peggy LaBue, Marilyn Hartley, Kim and Bob Kitt (not pictured), Barbara Glaser, Bob and Emmie Lou Brunson, Ermina Tomrell, and Nancy Appell for the wonderful reading material. The beautiful hand-crafted cards, from the VCC card-making group, led by Marilyn Alletzhauer, that are so lovingly created and sent out to the sick from the congregation have so touched us.

It goes without saying that Pastor Kevin's numerous series of devotional materials kept us praying, reading the Word, and trusting God's gracious blessings. They kept us focused on our healer and our master, the Lord Jesus.

Often we have to miss services because of unforeseen incidents, and we're always so disappointed that we have to miss the uplifting music program—special piano and organ offerings, the choir, and gifted soloists who call us to a glorious lifting of our hearts in praise to God. To those who give so unselfishly of their time to lead us in glorifying God, we thank you so much. May God richly reward you with His blessings.

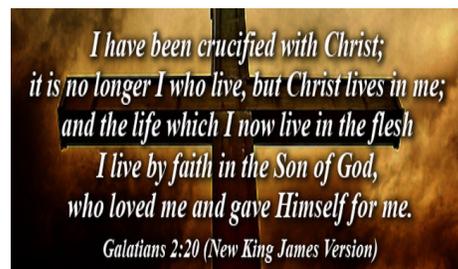
A Special Debt of Gratitude

Lastly, but first of all really, we want to pay a huge debt of gratitude to our pastors who so diligently and lovingly work behind the scenes to guide us in a closer walk with the Lord as they stress the importance of rightly dividing the Word of Truth. It would be so easy to let the Word of God slide, and take care of less important activities. How I thank you both—Kevin and Peter—for emphasizing the most important messages of salvation and sanctification to the glory of God. Nothing is more important to help us, the body of Christ, to grow in the knowledge of our Lord than your Scriptural emphasis.

My and Ken's personal growth in our Christian faith has so noticeably progressed that we even stop in the middle of everyday activities and give God thanks for all the learning He blessed us with at Vistoso Community Church. We feel so blessed that we were led here by the loving hand of our God, and we have never, ever had one single moment of a need to ever go anywhere else.

We ask you to continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin a new plan from the medical community for Kenneth's health. Believe with us that our lives will be used by our Lord for His glory, and if possible, in some service for Him at VCC.

In Him,
Jackie and Ken Budd
Galatians 2:20



MISSIONS REPORT

AT THE FAIR WITH CEF!

Each year, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) has an outreach booth at the Pima County Fair. This year the highlight for the children was a story castle! They especially loved being able to go inside where the walls appeared to be made of stones. Castle-like posters with Bible verses displayed on the walls made it even more like a real castle. The children truly loved going inside.

The location for the CEF booth this year was ideal since there were no distractions from competing venues. The children were better able to hear when we were teaching them, and we were better able to hear their responses. (The Photo on the far right shows John Habegger, CEF Executive Director, in a teaching session at the fair.)



Take-Home Materials

This year each child who visited the CEF booth was given a packet to take home. It included a wordless book, a wordless bracelet, a wordless book tract, and a postcard to register for the mail box club. Every family also received the booklet entitled *Meet the King*, published by CEF press. The booklet has beautiful artwork, large print for kids, and the story of Jesus, all the way from His birth to His return to heaven. In addition, the Gideons provided New Testaments for us to give to the children. What a blessing!

During the 11 days of the CEF fair ministry, more than 35 workers shared the gospel with 1,232 children and parents. The result of these outreach contacts was that 197 professed faith in Christ.



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| Rags Ragland | 06/02 |
| Linda Hehir | 06/02 |
| Bonita Nitcher | 06/03 |
| Steve Kacprzak | 06/04 |
| Dottie Wright | 06/05 |
| Dan Stoleson | 06/10 |
| Lee Brandsma | 06/10 |
| Dan Detloff | 06/13 |
| Bill Ingino | 06/16 |
| Jim Franke | 06/16 |
| Bob Workman | 06/17 |
| Millie Ragland | 06/18 |
| Gary Driscoll | 06/22 |
| Marvin Rozenboom | 06/24 |
| John Utseth | 06/24 |
| Carl Forssell | 06/25 |
| Avanelle Franke | 06/25 |
| John Farmer | 06/26 |
| Kathy Farris | 06/27 |
| Bettie Roosma | 06/28 |



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| Hal and Sharon Hufford—57 years | 06/04 |
| Mike and Lynnette Prout— | 06/04 |
| Jerry and Linda Anderson—42 years | 06/04 |
| Tim and Lisa Haldane—42 years | 06/08 |
| Harvey and Annette Holleman—32 years | 06/09 |
| Ernie and Pat Fisher—46 years | 06/09 |
| Gary and Suanne Townsend—59 years | 06/10 |
| Joe and Gail Markwell—20 years | 06/12 |
| Tom and Ann Garlinghouse—43 years | 06/12 |
| Ken and Marietta Fahl—46 years | 06/13 |
| John and Becky Sellers—61 years | 06/14 |
| Bob and Dottie Wright—63 years | 06/16 |
| Don and Donna Hess—55 years | 06/20 |
| Warren and Sheila Witler—38 | 06/27 |
| Kevin and Karen Redig—38 years | 06/28 |
| Doug and Tish Payne—23 years | 06/29 |