



The Vistoso Voice

THE HYMN FESTIVAL, AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our Director of Music Ministries, Yoojin Muhn, is arranging a Saturday evening program of music and fellowship for Saturday, October 26 at 5:00. The program will include solos, testimonies, a choir ministry, and plenty of time for congregational hymn singing. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce someone to our Church. Invite them for an evening of spiritual music and fellowship. Refreshments will be served following the Hymn Festival.



Upper Room Discourse Study begins Tuesday, October 1 and continues for eight weeks. Gather at 9:30 am for stimulating teaching and discussion until 11:15. The Study Guide is available from the Church office.

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BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study meets for an hour

each Friday at 7:30 am—October 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Heartcall Ladies Bible Study meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30. All women are invited to join the study on October 10 and 24.

VCC's Midweek prayer and Bible study service meets at 5:00 pm October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Invite a friend.

Choir Practices. Anyone who would like to sing with our choir for services and/or for the Christmas cantata is welcome to come to any of the choir practices: Wednesdays at 3:00 pm and Saturdays at 1:00 pm on October 12 and 26.

Hymn Festival and Fellowship, Saturday, October 26 beginning at 5:00. For more details see the article on this page.



MISSIONARY VISITOR—CHRISTOBEL RUSSELLIAH



While visiting VCC, Christobel will spend three nights with Chuck and Marsha Slade. Christobel is available to dine with you at your home or favorite Tucson restaurant on the evenings of October 6, 7, or 8. Please contact Michael Galyen or Kathryn Farris if you wish to reserve one of these nights.

SING WITH THE CHOIR

Although the choir is always open to new voices for our Sunday worship, the opportunity is also available to sing with the choir just for the Christmas cantata, December 7 and 8. This year's cantata, a delightful collection of familiar carols and joyful songs, is entitled *And There Was Light*.



The choir practices cantata numbers for the last part of each Wednesday's rehearsal and every other Saturday at 1:00 pm. Practices in October are on Saturday, October 12 and 26.

Christobel Russelliah, president of Gilgal Gospel Mission in India, will be speaking to the VCC fellowship during Q&A on Sunday, October 6. She will also be joining the participants of the Tuesday Bible study for a limited time of fellowship on October 8.

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From the Pastor's Desk

THE NEW UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE BIBLE STUDY

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. . .

II Timothy 3:16

Not long ago I made the case on a Sunday morning from the Word of God that: *The unfolding of the Word of God brings illumination to the soul and gives discernment and insight to those who, in humility, are open-minded to what the Word has to say!*

Unfolding the Word

And so, as a follow-up, here is one way we promote the unfolding of the Word. Most of the year on Tuesday mornings we meet for Bible study—men and women meeting with their respective groups. This is what is noteworthy about these studies: We use a study guide, produced right here at the church, to get each participant into the Word throughout the week. In this way, those involved learn the wonderful truth that they can grow spiritually with no other assistance than the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

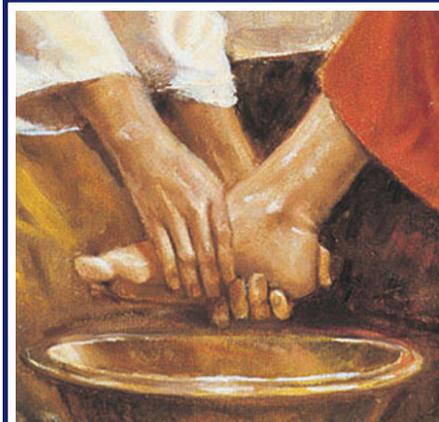
From that beginning, we gather together in small groups to discuss and refine what we have learned. Finally, we take the time to clear up any areas of confusion with one of our study leaders. I trust on any given Tuesday morning—there is a lot of illumination going on!

New Fall Study

The study beginning this fall and continuing through the winter will be in John's Gospel, Chapters 13-17. This section of Scripture is often referred to as the Upper Room Discourse. It is a marvelous teaching time between Jesus and His disciples during which Jesus lays the foundation for much New Testament truth that will follow after the day of Pentecost. In fact, we will spend time making the connections between what Jesus taught in these last *teaching moments* with His disciples, and the way in which later writers of New Testament epistles expanded upon the foundation laid by Jesus. You might say that Jesus planted the *acorns* of truth from which the mighty oaks of New Testament doctrine later developed. What a great opportunity we have to study together.

Everyone is Invited

So with that background, you are most welcome to join us. In fact, this study is open to the community, and we would be happy for you to invite others. The Study Guide is available from the office for \$5. Prepare the first lesson for the opening session.



THE UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE BIBLE STUDY

Fall Schedule:

Tuesday, October 1
through November 19
9:30 to 11:15 am

Winter Schedule:

Tuesday January 11
through February 11

Winter intermission

Tuesday, March 3
through April 7

INVITE A FRIEND

HELP WANTED!



VCC has the following ministries that could use your help.

Calling a Rose Lover: Darwin Thornton, our property chair, is looking for someone to take over the care and feeding of the rose bushes that grace the entryway to the fellowship hall and the patio just off the foyer. This work can be done in your own time and at your own convenience. If you are interested, give Darwin a call at (206) 919-1829. He will meet you and give you a tour.

Use your Hospitality Gift. If you are willing to occasionally bring a dish or other food item in support of planned fellowship events, please either let the office know, or contact Lynette Prout (520 419-7770 or Linda Aufmuth (520 907-5517) directly.



MISSIONS REPORT

BRANDO'S STORY FROM FLYING H RANCH

"I once was lost, but now I'm found!"

Eighteen months ago, Brando's mom and stepfather made perhaps the most difficult decision of their entire lives--sending their son over 1,000 miles away from home to join our family here at the Flying H Ranch. Why? Because that's how much they loved him. He was failing school, hooked on drugs, had absolutely zero respect for authority figures, was full of rage, and ran at the first hint of accountability. Brando's view of God and his own self image were broken the day his biological father passed away. The undercurrent of his grief manifested itself in many destructive behaviors that were literally ripping his family apart.

As Brando progressed through our program, we watched him develop deep and rich friendships centered around a search, first for God's presence and then for God's purpose in his life. The struggle was real and slowly over time we witnessed roots begin to take hold as he was surrounded by the Word of God, men of God, the grace of God, and the consistent love of God in action. (That's the nice way to say a FIRM hand of discipline!)

Fueled by Anger

We used to have to tackle Brando at the edge of the property to keep him safe from the consequences he was sure to bring upon himself if left to his own devices. He used to turn one discipline hour into 50 or more during a tailspin of rage and rebellion. He and some of the other students even figured out a

way to isolate the alcohol in hand sanitizer and get sick enjoying that revelation. He used to scream at the staff and declare he was worthless and always would be. His highest aspiration was simply to be high enough to forget how much he hated everything—including himself.

Healed Through Faith

As the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Jesus Christ found a way into Brando's heart, a new person began to emerge. With a hunger and passion for God's Word fueling a new perspective in his life, we watched the old Brando die and a new powerful spirit-led young man of God emerge from the ashes.

Today, instead of chasing Brando to the edge of the property, I often hear his voice leading prayer before we eat, or I find him outside, sitting on a picnic bench reading his Bible as the sun rises, before anybody else is even awake.



Richard and Tricia Wagner, along with their four children, live and minister at Flying H Youth Ranch in Naches, Washington. The Flying H Ranch is a Christian residential program for troubled boys. VCC provides monthly support for this ministry.

The work God needed to complete in Brando's heart while he was here at the ranch is now complete and he is heading home! Brando (pictured below) was saved by God's amazing Grace.

THANK YOU for encouraging, supporting, and praying for our ministry here at the ranch. IT IS WORKING!

Richard and Tricia Wagner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NANCY



Pastor Peter and Cindy stopped to wish Nancy Lanier a very special happy 94th birthday, Tuesday, September 24. Nancy, a long-time Wycliffe translator, is now living at Casa de Buena Vida, 1010 W. Orange Grove.

The Bouquet

This flow'r bouquet - is meant for me?
 Fragrance sweet, petals free,
 Color-pallet, soft hues and bright,
 A blended mix of glowing light.

All my life's works, so frail, so few -
 I asked you make all anew.
 Then Spirit led, a new life's story,
 His indwelt presence reveals *your* glory.

I smell the flow'rs, so sweet a prize.
 But it's *your face* that fills my eyes.
 Because you give your grace each day,
 To You I pass the Praise Bouquet.

Bonita Johnson Nitcher
 April 24, 1995



Stephen and Virginia Kacprzak	10/04	Jim and Nancy Klawitter—44 years	10/10
Ralph and Bonita Nitcher—4 years	10/06	John and Elaine Farmer—33 years	10/11
Michael and Jan Galyen—36 years	10/07		



Gary Wilson	10/03	Barbara Glaser	10/17
Sheila Witle	10/03	James Pruett	10/18
Tish Payne	10/04	Lurna Seeger	10/18
Caryl Thornton	10/04	Lisa Haldane	10/19
Warren Witle	10/06	Cecelia Hallier	10/19
Maureen Perkins	10/07	Jim Bixler	10/21
Jeanne Theobald	10/07	James Klawitter	10/21
Mary Ann Underwood	10/07	Becky Sellers	10/21
Judith Wilson	10/07	Helen Bruning	10/22
Richard Hudgins	10/09	Bee Taylor	10/22
Larry Jennings	10/09	Richard Thomas	10/23
Jim Ketring	10/09	Anne Hatfield	10/24
Darwin Thornton	10/09	Virginia Kacprzak	10/28
Harvey Holleman	10/10	Judith Anderson	10/29
Jan Thomas	10/12	Jim Gardner	10/30
Sharon Hufford	10/14	Pat South-Werth	10/30
Janet Driscoll	10/16		

Note Members and Friends: If your anniversary/birthday is not on our monthly newsletter lists, see the office to get entered into our database.