



The Vistoso Voice

RECOVERING YOUR JOY BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study entitled *Recovering Your Joy* begins Wednesday, November 6 at 9:30 am and runs for eight weeks. The study, led by LuAnn Detloff, will meet in the Conference Room.

There are many things that can take our joy: grief at the loss of a loved one, overwhelming circumstances, anger toward the actions of others. Whatever the reason, we can find comfort in God's Word as well as clear guidance on how to manage these things in such a way that we can recover our joy in the Lord.

Certainly, this study would be appropriate for the widows and widowers in our fellowship, but there are many others who could benefit as well.



So, if you are struggling with the loss of your joy for any reason, consider joining this new study and see how you can be encouraged in the Lord and His Word. And, of course, feel free to invite a friend. (See the calendar at right for the study dates.)



Upper Room Discourse Study continues through Tuesday, November 19. The study then takes a break over the holidays and resumes January 7, 2020.

Men's Bible Study meets for an hour each Friday at 7:30 am, with the exception of the Friday of Thanksgiving week. Studies will be held: November 1, 8, 15, and 22—NOT November 29.

HeartCall Ladies Bible Study meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30. Because of Thanksgiving, there will be only one study this month on November 14.

Recovering Your Joy Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30, November 6, 13, and 20, with the remaining sessions December 4, 11, 8 and January 8 and 15.

VCC's Midweek prayer service and Bible study meets at 5:00 pm November 6, 13, and 20. There will be no midweek service on November 27.

Choir Practices. The choir practices Wednesday, November 6, 13, and 20 at 3:00 pm. In addition, there will be cantata practices on Saturday, November 16 at 3:00 pm and Saturday, November 23 at 1:00 pm.

VCC Missions Conference. November 16 and 17. See Page 3 for details.

Seminar, *Finding My Sanctuary of Joy*, Saturday, November 23 beginning at 10:00.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AND SEMINAR

We are privileged to have Dr. Bill Ammon back with us on Saturday November 23 for a seminar entitled: *Finding My Sanctuary of Joy*. The seminar will begin at 10:00 and run for approximately two hours. Some of you may remember that Bill has taught a number of sessions with us in the past, and they were very well received. Bill has been in ministry for many, many years as a pastor, author, and teacher. In fact, he wrote the book we will be using in our new Bible study: *Recovering Your Joy*. (See the article above.)

This Saturday seminar is perfect for those who are dealing with any kind of loss, in the broadest sense of that term, which includes pretty much all of us. If you will set aside the time to join us Saturday morning November 23 at 10:00 am, I believe you will come away very encouraged, no matter what types of problems or worries you face. And, you are urged to invite any friends or family who might benefit from this seminar.



Dr. Ammon will also be the guest speaker for our Sunday, Thanksgiving service, November 24.

NOTE: There will be no midweek service or Bible studies Thanksgiving week

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A FOUR-SEASONS ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

November, because of the impending holiday, always seems an appropriate time to turn our thoughts to thankfulness. But, is it appropriate for Christians to limit our focus on thanksgiving to one month, or worse one day, out of the year when we are urged by the Scriptures to give thanks always and in everything?

...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...
Ephesians 5:20

It is clear by the number of Scriptures that speak of giving thanks that God wants us to have a four-seasons attitude of gratitude.

because He has:

...blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
Ephesians 1:3

Wouldn't it be a shame if the lost world did a better job of being thankful than do Christians? A quick Google search on Thankfulness provided this statement:

... People who regularly practice gratitude...experience more positive emotions, feel more alive, sleep better, express more compassion and kindness, and even have stronger immune systems.

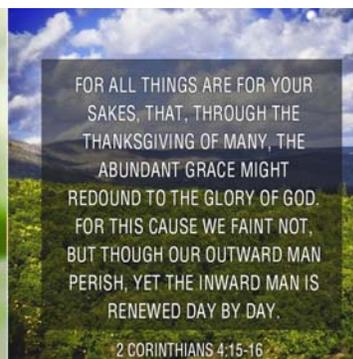
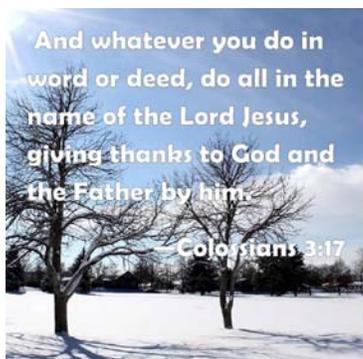
But to whom (or what) do we

express our gratitude? A Christian with a gratitude attitude is one giving thanks to God in every circumstance, even the unhappy, hurtful, heart-breaking ones.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.
James 1:2-3

If you need a model for a thankful heart, consider Paul who wrote the following from prison:

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:19-20



The Gratitude Attitude

Christians have so many reasons to be thankful beginning with our so-great salvation and all that it entails:

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7

How might our attitudes change if, upon waking each day, we pause to thank God



Robert and Patty Lott—47 years	11/12	Larry and Mona Lightfoot—34 years	11/22
Thomas and Diane Perski—32 years	11/14	Jim and Patty Elliott—61 years	11/23
Tom and Sharon Crozier—56 years	11/15	Richard and Linda Hehir—33 years	11/24
David and Jeanne Montgomery—27 years	11/21	Rags and Millie Ragland—17 years	11/30

MISSIONS REPORT

VCC's FIRST ANNUAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

November 16 and 17. Saturday session starts at 9:30 am.

The keynote speaker for VCC's Missions Conference this month is Nard Pugyao, who hails from the Philippines. More on Nard's amazing background in the article below.

In addition to Nard, you will hear about the joys, struggles, blessings, and foibles that Judi Lynn Anderson and Sharon Stark experienced as Bible translators in isolated areas of Mexico. Ralph Nitcher and Wade Remer will discuss the modern era of technology and give a glimpse of the unbelievable possibilities for reaching the world today. What would the Apostle Paul think if he were alive!

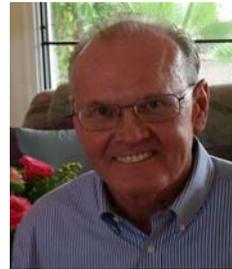
The Saturday session begins with fellowship and coffee at 9:30 and concludes with lunch at 12:20. Nard will also speak at the Sunday worship service and participate in the Q&A following the service.



Anderson



Stark



Nitcher



Remer

MISSION CONFERENCE SPEAKER NARD PUGYAO: FROM JUNGLE HUT TO JUNGLE PILOT



Nard Pugyao traces the hand of God on his life through the work of Bible translation, even before his birth. Nard was a feisty seven-year-old in 1956 when Wycliffe Bible translator Dick Roe arrived in his mountain village of Dibagat in the Philippines. Nard watched Dick learn his Isnag language and begin to translate the Gospel of Mark. Curious about a God with power over the spirit world, Nard read the booklet.

One day, alone on a rock by the Apayas River, he was shocked to read about an all-powerful God who allowed His Son to be killed. Nard shook his fist at God and demanded to know why He hadn't protected His Son. God answered him, "Nard, I did that for you."

COMING TO FAITH

Reading the rest of the booklet, Nard encountered a risen Christ who had victory over sin and death. Finally understanding God's sacrificial love, Nard dropped to his knees and gave his heart to Jesus.

As Nard grew in his faith, Dick encouraged him to study hard. Before long, Nard felt God's call to Bible translation and aviation. He was a first-generation Christian from a remote village and an unlikely candidate for a missionary pilot/mechanic. But in a dramatic story of God's grace and provision, Nard came to the States and studied the Bible and aviation at LeTourneau College and Moody Bible Institute.

FINDING A MISSION

In 1976 Nard married Sandy, a Wycliffe missionary kid, and the newlyweds joined Wycliffe. Two more years of aviation training qualified Nard to be a JAARS pilot/mechanic. Finally returning to Nard's homeland in 1979, they

served eight years, Nard as a JAARS airplane and helicopter pilot/mechanic and Sandy as a teacher.

Meanwhile, the Isnag translation work continued. Rudy Barlaan, a Filipino linguist, joined Dick in 1971, and together they finished the New Testament in 1980.

FULFILLING A DREAM

Nard's dream was fulfilled on June 24, 1982, when he landed in Dibagat with the first 500 copies of the Isnag New Testament and placed them in the hands of his people.



YOUR VCC LIBRARY

Do you know that VCC has a lending library with a wide variety of books and DVDs for your reading/listening pleasure? It is located just across from the side door to the sanctuary. The materials are organized by the Dewey numbers, based upon the division of all knowledge into ten groups, with each group assigned 100 numbers. The ten groups are:

000–099, general works

100–199, philosophy and psychology

200–299, religion

300–399, social sciences

400–499, language

500–599, natural sciences and mathematics

600–699, technology

700–799, the arts

800–899, literature and rhetoric

900–999, history, biography, and geography

These ten main groups are in turn subdivided again and again to provide more specific subject groups. The Dewey number for prayer, for example, is 248.3 in the general category of *religion*. There is a chart on the wall in the library that explains the organization.

Stop in to our library and just review all the resources available to you. And, if you would like to borrow some materials, simply check them out by signing the book on the top of the shelf just as you come into the library door. When you return materials, place them in the return basket. Our library volunteers Judi Lynn Anderson and Rich Hehir regularly re-shelve returned materials.

YOU CAN SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FELLOWSHIP!

Wondering about the Fellowship sign-up sheet on the wall by the coffee line? Here's how it works:

- Each Sunday morning an assigned host is responsible for overseeing the availability and serving of snacks for our Sunday morning fellowship.
- Hosts are assigned to a Sunday every other month and the host name for each Sunday is posted on the sign-up sheet.
- The sheet also provides a space for two or three people to sign up to assist the host in setting up the snacks before the church service and with the clean up afterwards.
- The host makes sure that all new volunteers are given a kitchen orientation and instruction on the preparation of the snack(s) for the day.

Volunteering to help on Sunday is a great opportunity for fellowship with other ladies (and men are welcome to help too) in the kitchen. Having enough help makes this service enjoyable.

If you are interested in putting your gift for hospitality to work,

select a Sunday or two and sign up.

The host will call you a few days before your scheduled Sunday to coordinate times and duties.

If you have questions about volunteering for fellowship, call Ermina Tomrell at 818-7953





Justin Svedberg	11/01	Charlene Van Pelt	11/17
Nancy Vander Ark	11/02	Sherry Linker	11/23
Pat Fisher	11/03	Peggy Thurmond	11/24
Emmie Lou Brunson	11/04	John Bechard	11/25
Jim Elliott	11/04	Bill Carson	11/25
Marsha Slade	11/04	Victor Wetmore	11/25
Genenne Sexton	11/05	Glenann Hanson	11/26
Gail Markwell	11/06	Martin Svedberg	11/26
David Glaser	11/11	Lee Jacobson	11/27
Ken Fahl	11/14	Lisa Schulz	11/27
Robin Faulkner	11/14	Colleen Kriz	11/28
George Tanner	11/15	Joy Knepper	11/29
Landon Coleman	11/16		