

# The Vistoso Voice

## Weekly

Friday, July 3, 2020

### RECENT ARIZONA EXECUTIVE ORDERS

You may be wondering how we as a congregation are impacted by Governor's Ducey's recent executive orders. The short answer is that we have been ahead of government requirements all along the way, and we already meet the new requirements for social distancing. It is for that reason that his recent orders restricting larger gatherings have no impact on our current practices or our coming together each Sunday morning.

As you have read for many weeks now, our approach can be simply stated as follows:

- **Decide.** You know the state of your health. Do what you think best to safeguard yourself, even if that means refraining from joining us for now.

- **Protect.** You know your condition and contacts. Protect our fellowship by staying home if you are unwell, or if you have been significantly exposed to those outside of our group.
- **Practice.** When gathering, practice social distancing and other safeguards such as masks and hand sanitizing.

My one plea in all of this: Stay in the Word! Avail yourself of our daily livestreams, our devotional, your devotional, just be sure to spend time fellowshiping with the Lord in His Word. When your intake of the Word dries up, your spiritual life dries up and that can evoke many negative emotions.

So I encourage you to join us one way or the other for a regular time in God's Word and to pray for God's protection upon our fellowship.

### DON'T MISS THESE!

On Tuesday and Thursday of last week, Pastor Kevin presented a special, two-part, Bible study on the topic of theology. In this study he asked two questions:

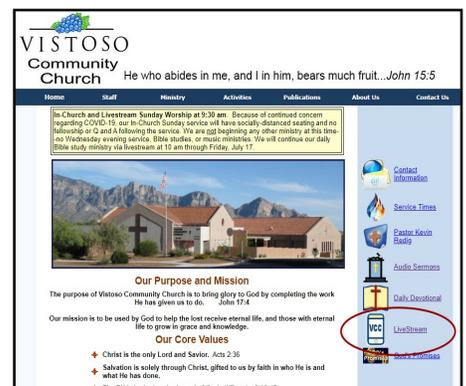
- Can you articulate your personal theology of salvation?
- Is it Biblical?

To illustrate why each one of us needs to answer these questions, Pastor Kevin gave a detailed account of his own personal theology using Bible texts to demonstrate that it is Biblical. These studies have been permanently archived on our livestream site under the title Theology 1 and 2.

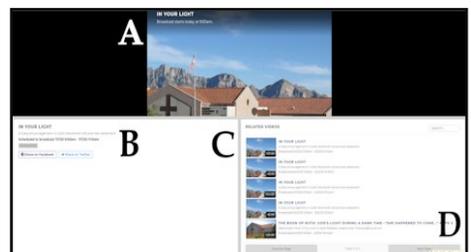
### LIVESTREAM ACCESS

A range of Bible teaching is available to you on our livestream site any time you want to access it. Simply follow these steps:

1. Type [vistoso.org](http://vistoso.org) in the address line at the top of your computer screen to access the VCC web site home page.



2. Click on the LiveStream icon (circled in red) to display our livestream screen.



3. Make your selection. These are the screen display areas.
  - A. Video area. You can expand this to a full screen when a program starts or you select a program.
  - B. Next Program. The text identifies the date and time of the next scheduled broadcast.
  - C. Program List. The five most recent broadcasts.
  - D. Other Pages. Click Next Page to see additional program listings.

## Weekly ACTIVITIES

**Sunday 9:30 am:** Worship in church and via livestream. No Q&A or fellowship following service. Social distancing practiced.

**Monday-Friday 10: am:** Daily livestream Bible study **until Friday, July 17.**

**Tuesday:** No Men's and Women's Bible Study until further notice.

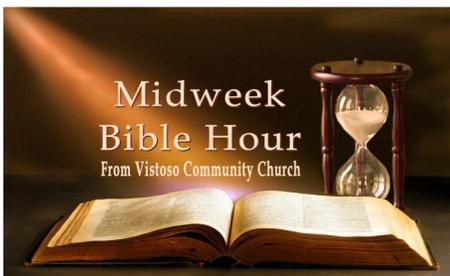
**Wednesday:** No mid-week prayer and Bible study until further notice.

**Friday:** No Men's Bible Study until further notice.



## NEW PLANS FOR ONLINE PROGRAMMING

We are going to continue our daily livestream Bible Study through Friday July 17th. I have heard from so many that this daily time in the Word has been of great encouragement. So what about after the 17th? We are going to transition to something new. I trust we will not be taking away this time of encouragement, but will be replacing it with something that will not only feed your soul, but also allow you to engage in ministry. Let me introduce you to two new livestream programs today: Midweek Bible Hour and Online Topical Studies.



### Midweek Bible Hour

On Wednesday, July 22, we will begin our *Midweek Bible Hour*. This will not be a physical gathering, but available via livestream. It will go on the air at 10:00 am each Wednesday and continue to be available for the upcoming week. You can expect this to be expository preaching, working through one of the books of the Bible. I encourage you to make this a regular part of your routine.

### Topical Series

The second thing we are going to do is to teach through a number of topical series that will be permanently archived on our livestream sight. We will cover such topics as the Gospel, the basics

of the faith, apologetics, and so on. The intent with these series is to not only provide teaching to those associated with VCC, but also to provide teaching that members of our fellowship can use in ministry. So when you watch a particularly helpful explanation of the Gospel, the Lord might bring a lost neighbor or long-time acquaintance to mind with whom you can share it. Perhaps an apologetic series might strike you as particularly suitable for a college-age grandchild—what a great discussion the two of you might be able to have over such a series. In time we hope to build an archive of message series that can be used in much the same way our current publications are used.

You can join us for the first series starting at 10:00 am, Friday July 25. More on the subject matter in the weeks ahead.

So as you can see, we are not even going to take a week off when we end our daily livestream Bible study series! Instead, we will simply be shifting gears and seeking to engage you in ministry as well. Of one thing you can be certain--you can expect our ministry efforts to continue to center in the light of God's Word, as it is the one sure foundation for our times! Send me any questions or suggestions you might have on this new approach, and I'll respond during the daily livestreams.

I'm praying for you.

## GILGAL GOSPEL MISSION MANAGEMENT CHANGE

In early July Christobel will be retiring as president of Gilgal Gospel Mission (GGM). Her daughter and son-in-law, Thehil and Sunil Singh, will be taking over operations. It is a given that Christobel will be keeping a watchful eye on how the kids do.



The Missions committee and pastor Kevin had a very fruitful ZOOM meeting with Thehil and Sunil in early June. All questions and concerns were completely addressed.

Sunil will be returning to India to complete his PhD while overseeing GGM. Thehil will remain in the US with the children while completing her PhD.

We look forward to bringing the Singh family to VCC to meet the fellowship sometime next year.

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