

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, June 14, 2020

Weekly

A MUST SEE!

Next Tuesday, June 23, at 10 am Pastor Kevin's livestream Bible study will answer these two important questions:

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

Click the livestream icon on our website (vistoso.org) to access this study you are urged to see.

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 through the month of June.

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.

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10 am-2 pm;
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VCC'S PRAYER GARDEN IS ALWAYS OPEN

If you are looking for a lovely and peaceful place to pray, VCC's prayer garden is always open. You can access the garden through the gate that is beyond the Church's front entrance, across from the fountain.

Because the prayer garden is also the location of our Columbarium, it is landscaped and maintained by our Columbarium Committee: Bill Von Fabrice, Debra Westendorf (I), and Becky Sellers.

If you are interested in more information on our columbarium, you can see the committee members or ask at the Church office.



PATTI WAGNER REMEMBERS WITH FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday's service are given by Patti Wagner in memory of her husband Jerry Wagner and their son Scotty. Scotty was born on Father's Day, making Jerry a father for the first time in 1967. Scotty passed away at the age of six. Jerry went to be with the Lord a year ago on June 19, 2019.





THINGS ARE DIFFERENT, BUT ALSO THE SAME

It has been a blessing to be meeting in person again, but at the same time I am so thankful that we have the technology in place so that so many others can join us. I have two things on my mind this week.

Yoojin Is Still Music Director

First, I have heard a number of people in conversation simply assume that Yoojin Muhn is no longer our Director of Music. Thank goodness that is not the case. It is true that with our suspension of services, having to cancel our Easter Cantata, and the recommendations against air travel, it has been some time since she has been with us. But Yoojin is most definitely still associated with VCC as our Director of Music.



Yoojin's additional responsibilities at the university as a tenured professor may eventually require her to step down, but we are certainly not going to let a little pandemic sever our relationship. She is such a blessing to us, that we will continue to work with her as long as possible. And, I would be remiss if I didn't point out, that our ongoing relationship with Yoojin is only possible because Dan Detloff is so willing and able to step in as our conductor when Yoojin is not with us.

Having brought up the subject of our Director of Music, I will give you something to pray about. Yoojin has just begun working on a project with the choir that she will hopefully be ready to present as ministry to the congregation within the next month or so. It is new ground for all involved—and so it does need your prayer.

Our New Approach to Corporate Prayer

The second item I wanted to cover is corporate prayer. Let me start with a verse of Scripture:

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

So who do you suppose this verse is addressed to, and what is the context? You probably figured it out. It is addressed to the Church, and the context is that of spiritual warfare. That should make the matter of prayer very important to us as a body of believers.

As I mentioned this past Sunday, I have been concerned about the absence of our weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday nights, so I have decided to move some aspect of corporate prayer into every group gathering of our fellowship. God answers prayer (John 15:7), especially prayer that is in accordance with His will (1 John 5:14).

As one wise prayer-warrior once said, "God is waiting to move His hand until we pray!" So you can expect your pastors to lead in specific prayer as a regular habit. It is my desire that you would fervently pray along with us when we pray corporately and keep the *prayer points* we bring to your attention before the Lord during the week. The prayer points will be in the bulletin each week.

Each week Peter and I will seek to lead our fellowship in prayer regarding the things that are on God's mind, so that hundreds of our fellowship would be internally making their own supplication to the Lord. In doing so, we might fulfill the admonition to: "...*pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests*".

In His grace,

Kevin Redig

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME ON THE RESERVATION



For the past several years VCC has done a Back to School Drive to collect backpacks and school supplies for the children on the Tohono O'odham reservation. Missionary John Coleman and his wife, Mavis, would organize and deliver our donations to the kids. This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, John is asking us to 'Sponsor a Child' with a \$15 donation per child. John will order bookbags and supplies in bulk, minimizing anyone's exposure to the virus. There will be an insert in Sunday's bulletin which you can attach to your gift. If you wish to write a personal blessing to a child, it will be put in their backpack. The last Sunday for donations will be July 12.