

# The Vistoso Voice

Friday, June 26, 2020

# Weekly

## IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS TURMOIL, WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?

The drama being played out regarding the coronavirus, natural disasters, racism, and political partisanship is mind-numbing, and, if the truth be told, quite depressing for most of us. So what do we do?

Well first off, we can remember David's calm and wise answer in Psalm 11 when his counselor began wringing his hands and declaring: the sky is falling, the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?

David's guidance was: Take refuge in the Lord: He is still on His throne, His purposes will stand, and He loves the righteous. In our day as well, the Lord is the one sure foundation for our times!

You may find it encouraging to read the sermon book, *When the Shaking is Close to Home* based upon Psalm 11, or listen to the audio sermons from January of 2019. The book and the audio sermons are on our website.

So what can the righteous do? By that I mean what can we do who are declared righteous—justified—before God as the

### A Reminder from Our Pastor



result of having trusted in Christ for eternal life? I trust you agree that our nation has moved far from the principles upon which it was founded, and the predominantly Christian world-view it held for much of its history. Those chickens are coming home to roost, or in more Biblical terms—we are beginning to "reap what we have sown" for decades.

We'll talk about this topic further during our service for the Fourth of July, Sunday, July 5. But, as dearly as we may love our nation, it is not equivalent to the Church, and the Church's one foundation has not changed a bit. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow! (Hebrews 13:8)

As His people, our singular mission is to be used of God to reach

the lost with the message of eternal life and, for those who respond, to come alongside and help them grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We dare not let anything distract us from this heavenly mandate—nothing!

Further, we cannot let anything cause division within our fellowship or keep us from our devotion to that which has eternal significance. Now is a really good time, since it would seem the Lord's return is drawing ever closer, to be found with "our hand to the plow" doing His will in reaching the lost and growing spiritually! (Luke 9:62)

## 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.

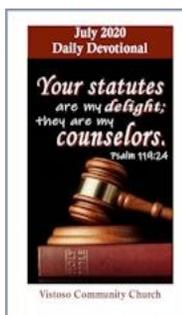
**Wednesday:** No mid-week prayer and Bible study until further notice.

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

### Vistoso Community Church

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10 am-2 pm;  
Friday: 8 am-12 noon

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### DEVOTIONAL

The July Devotional is available on the Visitor Information table in the foyer or in the literature racks in the fellowship hall.



## AND WHAT ABOUT COVID AND MASKS?

And what about masks and the increase in COVID-19 cases in Arizona? First, the recent County Board decisions on face masks do not change anything for us. We have been ahead of governmental mandates all along, and our VCC Board will continue to monitor developments closely. Pray for the Board to have discernment and act wisely with respect to our particular congregation. In the meantime, let me continue to reinforce several things that will be helpful for us.

**Group Safety.** Our congregation is currently a group without infection. Our best defense is to do everything possible to keep it that way. Some of you have chosen to try and remain without infection by simply joining us electronically, rather than in person. I support your decision completely, but I do encourage you to remain current with the teaching. This is no time to skip on that which promotes spiritual growth and we will be continuing our daily livestream Bible studies through Friday, July 17.

For those who are gathering in person, it does mean we may have to make some adjustments in order to continue to keep our group infection free. If you have out-of-town visitors or travel, skip a Sunday or two to make sure you don't inadvertently bring the infection into our group gatherings. Avail yourself of the blessing of our livestream offering.

Further, if you are not feeling well, avoid gathering with others

until you know whether or not you are sick. One helpful suggestion from the medical community is to monitor your temperature at the same time each day. If you notice a slightly elevated temperature, or loss of smell and taste, those are possible indicators of a coronavirus infection. At that point, it is better to be safe than sorry and you should avoid gathering with others or attending our church services in person.

As supplies allow, we will continue to provide masks for those who wish to wear them. Note that we also have hand sanitizers at each entrance.

In closing, I am trusting the Lord to be gracious to us by allowing us to meet weekly and in protecting our fellowship. I also trust that we would keep the contentious spirit of the world at arm's length, while manifesting a love for one another that bears witness to all watching that we are disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Praying for you,

Kevin

## What are the symptoms?



Fever



Cough



Fatigue



Sore throat



Shortness of breath

### Our Gathering Precautions.

When we do gather, we have arranged the church so that we can comply with social distancing guidelines. We have also modified our worship to minimize the spread from an infected person. Your responsibility is to maintain the distancing.

It is certainly true that choosing to wear a mask would further limit the spread of the virus if a person were infected. The primary benefit of wearing a mask is not to protect you, but to protect others. So, by all means wear a mask if you feel led to do so and can medically tolerate it. Masks are an important tool in looking out for the best interests of others.



### THANKS!

It is with our deepest gratitude that we remember your

love, care and prayers for Linda and me over the past eight months. Our great thanks for the visits, meals, prayers and thoughts for Linda, as she went through this difficult period. May the Lord bless each one of you for your kindness shown to us, as we thank God for every remembrance of you.

We covet you're continuous prayers as Linda deals with related issues.

Jerry and Linda Anderson