

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, June 5, 2020

Weekly

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

WORSHIPPING WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

This Sunday, June 7, we re-open the doors of Vistoso Community Church for the first time since March 15. Those who feel ready and comfortable returning will be here in person, and I trust many more will join us via live-stream. Either way, I will be delighted to join with you for a time of worship.

When you return, whether it is this Sunday or some future date, what should you expect? There will certainly be some readily noticeable changes. I would like to run through them with you, and ask for your help with a number of the items on the list.

Arrival and Departure . Please keep the entry/exit points from becoming places where people *stack up* and perhaps get closer than they should. When you arrive, move smoothly into either the sanctuary or fellowship hall—we have seating in both and will eventually need to utilize both. Please keep from congregating in the doorways when leaving as well. There are places you can stay and chat if you desire, but let's see if we can keep those wishing to depart from being forced to walk through your conversation.

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INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST MISSIONARY

The missions committee welcomes Bill Penning to VCC's family of supported missionaries. We look forward to building a relationship with Bill before he returns to Brazil later this year. You can read his newsletters in one of the binders located in the missions corner. Bill will be with us for worship on June 7. This is how Bill introduces himself.

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My name is Bill Penning, and I am a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Originally from the Midwest, I moved to Tucson in 1980 to attend graduate school at U of A. After finishing, I sensed a call from God toward something other than full-time secular employment, and in 1988 I began the process of joining Wycliffe. After completing my training I was assigned to work in Brazil, and departed for the field for the first time in 1992.

My job is to provide computer technical support for both SIL and national Bible translators, as well as for a mother tongue translator course sponsored by an evangelical indigenous group.



I am currently on furlough in Tucson, and plan to return to the field at the end of this year. While in Brazil, I got to know Bob and Dottie Wright, and through Bob I became acquainted with Vistoso Community Church. Peace and blessing. Bill



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Hand sanitizer - will be available at each entrance.

Masks. We are not requiring face masks to be worn. However, if you would feel more comfortable doing so, please wear



one. Furthermore, disposable masks will be available at the entrances should you wish to put one on. We will have trash receptacles available on your way out so you can discard used masks.

Seating. You will notice we have spaced the seating, in singles and pairs, to be six feet apart. Our intent is that you be able to sit at a reasonable distance from everyone that you don't otherwise live with.

Singing. For the near term, I am going to miss the congregation standing and singing our favorite hymns with heartfelt enthusiasm. Instead, we are going to be blessed by remaining seated and gently singing songs that promote internal worship. I think you will be particularly moved by the hymn we have chosen to learn and regularly sing just before the teaching of the Word.



End of Service. At the end of the service, the ushers will dismiss both the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall from the rear of each room. The intent is to keep too many people from funneling into the exits at one time. As this is new for us, please be patient.

Fellowship. We will not have our customary time of fellowship or Q and A following the service until social distancing recommendations are relaxed. However, if you would like to remain following the service to "chat with the saints," feel free to use the seating in either the fellowship hall or sanctuary. Furthermore, the west patio will be open and the patio furniture spaced so you can stay and fellowship with the recommended separation.

Water. You are encouraged to bring a water bottle with you should the inevitable tickle prompt you to feel like coughing. We should also have a small supply of bottled water available should you need one. Our water fountains will not be available in the short term.

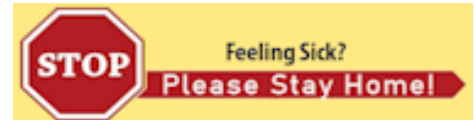


Traffic flow. In order to keep people from congregating in the space between the foyer and the Fellowship Hall, we ask that you would stay to the right as you move between those areas. You will see reminder signs above the doors. We have also moved the publication rack to the west end of the Fellowship Hall to minimize crowding in the space between the foyer and Fellowship Hall.

Bathrooms. Please try to avoid too many people in the bathrooms at any given time.

Kitchen. The kitchen will not be open and there will be no coffee or tea before or after the service.

And a reminder. I have been conditioned for most of my life to carry-on, even when not feeling the greatest. This is a different situation. Please, if you are not feeling well, or have even a hint something is not right, join us via live-stream on Sunday. After waiting this long, we certainly want to err on the side of caution with any health issue.



The same is true if you have out-of-state guests, or have been out and about and exposed to large groups of people. In such cases, it would be prudent to protect others by joining us via live-stream for a Sunday or two.

We are learning. The above paragraphs lay out some changes we have implemented in order to be wise with respect to your health. Within a month or so, we will have a much better picture of how things are going in Arizona, and we can make adjustments from there.

Let me suggest that every one of these changes is superficial when it comes to the spiritual reality we hold dear. For the most important things haven't changed at all. We will gather this Sunday to exalt the name of Jesus; encourage



the hearts of the saints through singing God's praises, joining in corporate prayer and Scripture

reading; and develop our faith through the preaching of God's Word. And I trust we will all begin the week "singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19) whether here in person or through the blessing of technology.

And all God's people said . . . !

Praying for you, Kevin