



# The Vistoso Voice



## EASTER at VCC

### Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 9, 9:30 am

### Good Friday Service

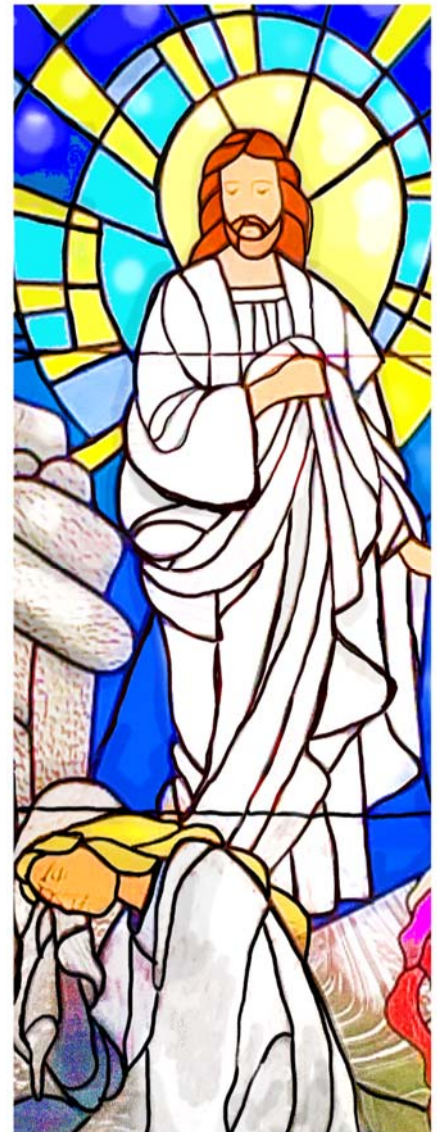
Friday, April 14, 11:00 am

### Easter Cantata

Saturday, April 15, 4:00 pm

### Easter Sunday Service and Cantata

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 am



Alone on Easter afternoon?  
Singles and couples are invited  
to a potluck dinner at  
Dar and Caryl Thornton's  
at 3 pm. Please RSVP

Our Mission at Vistoso  
Community Church  
is to be used by God to  
help the lost receive  
eternal life,  
and those with eternal  
life to grow in grace  
and knowledge.

*Luke 24* On the first day of the week,  
very early in the morning, the women  
took the spices they had prepared and  
went to the tomb. They found the stone  
rolled away from the tomb...

**He is not here; He has risen!**

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Tuesday - Thursday 10 am to 2 pm  
Friday 8 am to noon  
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# Ministries

## VCC's Proposed Columbarium Project



In my father's and grandfather's day, families buried their dead in their Church cemetery. Families could gather on special occasions and place wreaths and flowers on the headstones. Today most Churches do not have their own cemeteries. And, as the cost of burial has soared, more people are now turning to cremation—nearly 50% in recent statistics. Recognizing that trend, many Churches are electing to erect columbariums, that allow Christians a place at their Church for the interment of ashes.

When Gain and I decided upon cremation, we became intrigued with the idea of a columbarium at our Church. So I proposed the idea to the Strategic Planning Committee. With the committee's agreement, I began the research necessary to propose such a project at VCC. The research involved the following tasks:

- Selecting a location**  
 Our choice is the VCC prayer garden which has always been open for people to come and pray at any time of the day or night. The beauty and accessibility of the garden makes it the perfect location.
- Finding a vendor**  
 The Committee considered three vendors and selected Eickhof Columbarium Inc., a highly regarded company headquartered in Crookston, Minnesota.

- Assuring approvals**  
 Contacts were made with both Oro Valley and Sun City to ensure appropriate approvals.



- Visiting installations**  
 In addition to a trip to the Veteran's columbarium in Marana, tours were made to area churches with installed columbaria.

With the research completed, the Strategic Planning Committee presented the proposal to the Church Board. Because the columbarium itself is narrow and would be secured to the garden wall, it has a small footprint. But, it was decided that it would be necessary to upgrade the paving in the garden to allow for room and safe footing for small services to be held in the area. The Board authorized funds to commission landscape drawings to show how the garden would look following upgrade and installation. Now the project is ready for presentation to the congregation.

There will be a display of the drawings and columbarium materials in the Church foyer beginning Sunday, April 2, with a presentation during the Q and A period that morning.

Because the intent is that the project be self-sustaining, the Board has set a six-month education and sign-up period to determine if there is sufficient interest to proceed with the project. Beginning Tuesday, April 4 during regular Church office hours, members and regular attenders can sign reservation forms and select their columbarium niche(s).



If you have questions, please call the church office.  
 Bill Von Fabrice  
 Planning Officer

**Men's and Women's Bible Study  
the book of**



**Tuesdays, 9:30 am**

**Study continues through April**

**Debt Retirement Update**

At the close of 2016 we were thankful to have our fellowship hall mortgage loan balance under \$200,000.

By way of an update, at the close of the first quarter of 2017, the debt on this loan is now under \$150,000.

Thank you for the grace of your weekly giving, which not only met our budgeted needs, but also allowed us to make an extra payment against the debt. And of course, thank you to those who were also able to designate something extra towards debt retirement.

Ultimately, we give the Lord thanks for His material provision to us.



**Good Friday Service**  
4/14, 11:00 am

**Easter Cantata**  
April 15, 4:00 pm  
April 16, 9:30 am

**Men's and Women's Bible Study**  
Book of Philippians  
Tuesdays, 9:30 am  
4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

**Men's Friday Bible Study**  
Fridays at 7:30 am  
4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

**Men of Honor Prayer Breakfast**  
Friday at 8:00 am 4/7

**Choir Practice**  
Saturday 4/1  
9:00-11:30 am  
Wednesdays at 5:15 pm  
4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

**HeartCall Women's Bible Study**  
second and fourth Thursdays  
4/13 and 4/27, 9:30 am

**Evangelism Workshop**  
Friday at 9:30 am 4/21

**Ladies Fun Day**  
First and third Tuesdays  
4/4, 4/18, 1:00 pm

**Sunday Pre-service Prayer**  
Every Sunday at 9:10am  
in the church library

**Scriptural Theme**

"And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left..."  
Jonah 4: 11

**WIGGLES**

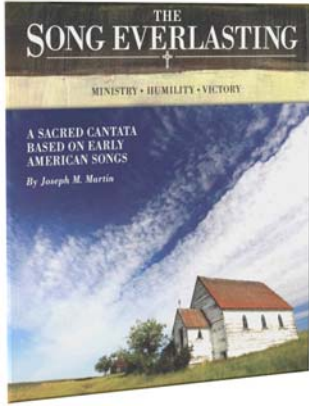
(Yawn) Oh, pardon me. I didn't see you. This spring fever has me sleepy all the time--alright, most of the time. I have, of course, a driving--(yawn) oops, there I go again--need to taste, that is investigate all the books that have yet to feel (heh,heh) my touch.



Many of you seem to have no idea how delicious--er, ah, the significance of the wisdom contained within the books in the library. You really should come on in and check it out. In fact, check out several of them. You will have to look very hard to find any evidence of my having been there before you. Why I was in the Reference section just today, and after a profound search I found evidence of my Uncle Bookworm having been there before me.

So please come down the hallway beside the main sanctuary--where the library is, and rescue these, ah, sample these books before the summer heat comes. I know it is coming. April Fools Day isn't called that for nothing. Your little friend (yawn--again!), *Wiggles*





**EASTER CANTATA**

The Song Everlasting

Saturday, April 15, 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 am

The cantata tells the gospel story using American folk songs and hymns.

A chamber orchestra will play with the VCC Choir.



Small fold over invitations are available in front of the literature table in the church foyer.



*From the*  
**PASTOR'S DESK**

**Kevin A. Redig**

**New Life is Fundamental**

For us, Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead! And when we think of the resurrection, we naturally see it in light of God's approval of Christ's work on the cross

Romans 1:4  
and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ Our Lord.

as well as the basis of our hope for our own future resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:22  
For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

As we approach Easter this year, I would like you to connect the resurrection with our study in the book of Ephesians. For we have learned that upon placing our faith in the person and work of Christ, God made us alive with Christ, raised us up with Christ, and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms. I have asked you to consider deeply and rest by faith in this union that is ours in Christ. Now what does this have to do with Easter?

Romans 6:4 says, **"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."**

Do you see it? Christ raised from the dead by the glory of the Father is the resurrection. And it immediately follows that every Christian should therefore walk in newness of life! Why? Because of the intimacy of the union we have with the Lord Jesus Christ. We died with Him, we are buried with Him and have been raised with Him! Do you think this refers solely to a future event? I would suggest to you that is not the intent of Romans 6 or the book of Ephesians. For we are to "walk worthy" of who we are in Christ, and that includes to **walk in newness of life** right now! And we do so by **"Presenting ourselves to God, as being alive** (that's resurrection life) **from the dead..."**

Romans 6:13  
Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

So Christ's resurrection from the dead is fundamental to our faith—both in time and for all eternity! Have a blessed Easter.

In His grace,

Kevin Redig

Missions Update

**Kris Klebs** of **New Tribes Mission** started 2017 by spending six weeks in the African country of Chad, working among refugees from Darfur, Sudan. Her goal was more understanding of the realities of daily life for NTM's potential future teams. She lived and worked with a woman who has for over ten years been working with refugees (it's often an unstable work, requiring relocation as political and safety factors change).



Currently, Kris is in Indonesia collaborating with church planting teams to help them increase their effectiveness, but will be heading back to Africa soon. Please keep Kris in prayer.

**Grace Bible Training Institute (GTI)** in Zambia graduated 60 students with degrees in Biblical Studies last year, from a four and a half year program. Twelve of these men have gone on to further their training in teaching and sharing the Gospel of Grace. The GTI in Kenya is currently in their third year with 90 students. It is a blessing to see the momentum of God's work in these African nations. Pray for ongoing discernment and protection as they preach God's word.

GTI in South America began ministry in El Salvador in 2000, it now has eight locations with over 140 students. Over 100 graduates have completed Bible classes and now teach and minister. Two pastors are teaching on local TV, and two have traveled to Grand Junction, CO, to teach at a Hispanic conference. Pray for the safety of these godly people who minister in what is considered the most dangerous (non war-zone) country in the world. There are three GTI locations in Nicaragua, with a total of 78 students attending classes. There are plans to open more GTI locations in Nicaragua—pray for this. Join Duluth Bible Church and our own Sharon Stark in prayer that God will open doors and opportunities for a possible GTI ministry in Mexico.

Two GTI missionaries, Jeff and Lisa Crosby from Duluth Bible Church, will be going to San Marcos Tlacoyalco to meet with the translation team and discuss plans for a possible conference on Romans 1-5 to be held in Oaxaca next January. Jeanne Austin (a Wycliffe translator who visits VCC) and her main translator will also attend.

**John Coleman** faithfully continues his lengthy multiple trips each week to the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation to deliver God's word along with food and clothing. John leads church services, ministers and encourages the believers, and leads Bible studies in the village of Komelik. He is thankful for both our prayer and financial support. John is praying for more volunteers to hear God's call to assist him in doing the Lord's work on the reservation bringing the Gospel to the lost.



Happy Birthday!

- Conda Dyche** 04/02
- Marian Stoleson** 04/06
- Michael Galyen** 04/09
- Don Hess** 04/10
- Kenneth Oliver** 04/14
- Ardith Matthews** 04/25
- Wayne Bruning** 04/27
- Judy Hindman** 04/29
- Gwen Ogard** 04/29
- Jim Townsend** 04/29
- Karen Redig** 04/30

Happy Anniversary!

- Dennis & Glennan Hanson**  
56 years April 2
- Alan & Rita Bolty**  
21 years April 6
- John & Sue Koch**  
37 years April 11
- Warren & Peggy Thurmond**  
54 years April 24

Ephesians 5:25

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church.

## VCC Legacy Fund for Missions

Every year we provide special offerings for missions at Easter and Christmas. These offerings provide additional support for our Missions Committee as they meet the needs of the many missionaries with whom we have a personal and supportive relationship.

There is also another way to support missions at VCC, especially over time. It is our **Legacy Fund for Missions**. Currently in the accumulation phase, the Legacy Fund is designed to provide ongoing missions support once it reaches a specified amount, or no later than the year 2021. At that time the fund will begin disbursing a combination of earnings and principle in support of missions.

The fund was established thanks to the generosity and love for missions of a member as part of his estate planning. But, it is also possible for anyone to make a contribution to the Legacy Fund for Missions at any time by simply designating the gift, **Legacy Fund**. If you would like additional information, the Church Office has a brochure describing the Legacy Fund, or you can talk with any Board member, Pastor Kevin, or the Chair of the Missions Committee Mike Galyen.

### Missions Update \*\*\* Point of Need

**Teo Tobar** is the head of the Grace Bible Training Institute in El Salvador, South America, and has been suffering with debilitating migraines for years. The migraines have been increasing in severity and frequency to the point he can no longer complete all his daily functions. There is a possibility that Teo could come to the States for further diagnosis and treatment of his condition. The Missions Committee has approved funds to assist Teo with travel and medical expenses should the opportunity arise.



Pray for the Lord to open the door for Teo to come to the USA for pain relief, and that his work for the Lord can continue unhindered.

**Adolfo Mejia**, the Mixtec translator who visited us last year, has an urgent financial need for a medical expense. His youngest son, Benjamin, is experiencing kidney problems, and medical attention has been delayed due to lack of funds and insurance. The approval of the Missions Committee to assist Adolfo with this expense from Point of Need will enable Adolfo to have his son seen by a local American doctor. Please keep Adolfo and Benjamin in prayer!

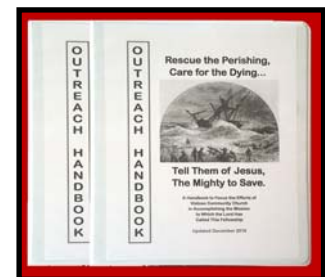
## Evangelism Workshops

**Friday, April 21**  
**9:30 am–10:30 am**

Friday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall, Pastor Kevin continues to teach an ongoing Evangelism Workshop. Everyone is welcome to join at any time.

Each one hour session is focused on teaching outreach and how to share the gospel message with the lost. This is important because it needs to become a greater priority for our fellowship.

The Outreach Handbook is available at the church for you whether or not you are able to attend the sessions.



**Matthew 28:19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

