



# The Vistoso Voice

## End of Summer



You might not be able to tell by the temperature, but summer is coming to an end. This means that some vital ministries of VCC that were on hiatus, are back in session. See page 2 for key dates in September, and to read Evelyn Daley's exhortation for all VCC women to join the HeartCall Women's Bible Study. Our missionary focus for September, and details for the monthly visit to Emeritus of Tucson, are on page 3. Information about choir rehearsals, and an update from Bill and Dot Hutchison can be found on page 4.

Keep watch in Sunday bulletins and future newsletters for the start-up of Small Group with Jim Wilson and the VCC Outreach Ministry with Jim Ketring.

## Recorded Bible Study

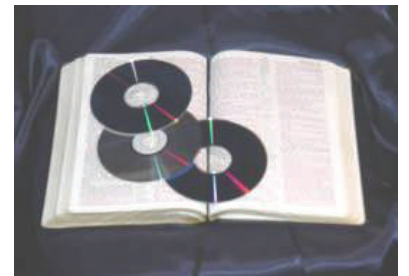
Here at VCC, we are blessed with some of the best Bible teaching available. Our two pastors are so obviously gifted with passion and aptitude to teach God's Word. Recently, we have been treated to several discourses focused on *The Essentials of the Faith*. Perhaps you are a winter resident and you have missed this entire summer series. When you miss a church service now and again, or you just want to review a study you have already heard, there is an easy way to catch up on teaching you have missed.

Our new sound system allows us to provide quality recordings of most of the messages that are shared on Sundays or Wednesdays. The easiest way to find out what is available and listen to it is by visiting the VCC website:

**www.vistoso.org**. Scroll to the bottom

of the main page, under the heading "Ministry" and click your mouse pointer on either "Sermons" or "Bible Study".

This will bring you to a list of dates and titles of talks that have been presented on Sundays or Wednesdays. You will find a few months' worth of titles available and the list is kept up to date regularly, with each message being posted to



the website within a few days of its presentation. Click on any of these underlined titles, and your computer will automatically open a media player that will begin playing the message.

There is also a non-internet method of obtaining messages you have missed. You need only seek out Rick Sexton. He will gladly copy as many messages as will fit onto a CD for you at no cost, so that you can play them at your leisure on any CD player.



Rick Sexton

We read in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: *All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* Take advantage of VCC teaching—on the website or on CD—so that you can be "thoroughly furnished" through the Biblical discourse of our pastors.

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## New Children's Sunday School Class

Children ages three to seven are welcome to attend this class, which meets each Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in the room off the rear of the Sanctuary. The first unit of study, *The Creation*, began August 22, with our first student (pictured at left.) For further information, contact Dee Bethke.



# SEPTEMBER

**Ministry to Emeritus.** Join in the group ministering to the residents of Emeritus, Tucson. Thursday, September 2 at 2:00 p.m. Call Nancye Allen for details 825-9076.

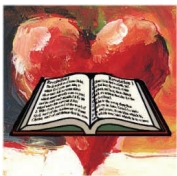


**Men of Honor.** Friday, September 3, at 7:00 a.m. join the men of the church for Bible study, fellowship and coffee.



**Ladies Fellowship Game Day.** Tuesday, September 7 and 21, at 12:30 p.m.

**HeartCall.** Women's Bible Study is back in session. Meetings the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the church at 9:30 a.m. This month, meetings are September 9 and 23.



**Fellowship Dinner.** Bring a dish to share at 5:30 p.m., September 22 before the weekly Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.

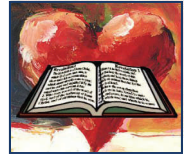


**Choir.** Practice resumes Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. and continues at the same time September 15, 20 and 29. See page 4 for further information.



## HEART CALL-W.B.S.

HEART TALK TO GOD'S CHURCH  
Fruit Most Precious!



*Now as for you, dear brothers who are waiting for the Lord's return, be patient, like a farmer who waits until the autumn for his precious harvest to ripen. — James 5:7*

In light of the world turmoil, and the *spiritual battle* we find ourselves in today, are you still waiting for Jesus? Are you still waiting for Him to appear at any time? Are you still expecting Him to come today? It is one of the great failures within the Church at large that this attitude of expectancy has disappeared, and therefore she is operating lukewarm where other Biblical truths and sanctification are concerned. (But we, the members of God's Church, VCC, are truly blessed to have not one, but two men of God leading and teaching us the true Word of God every Sunday and Wednesday.)

Now, with that in mind, give this some serious thought as we get back to my *precious fruit* application. What does the farmer do as far as his work is concerned? Answer: He waits patiently for the *precious fruit* and does not let himself be discouraged. He works for his fruit, he lives for it, and he invests in it! In others words, he waits—knowledgeable, prepared, alert, and in anticipation—for the *precious* return from his labor. To await a promised event means that you have a fixation on it, that you are awaiting this event and not something else. That is why I'm leading the ladies of Heart Call through a diligent study of *Spiritual Warfare*. We want to be prepared for battle, armed with the knowledge of the enemy, properly dressed for *war* as we await the blessed appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



*Evelyn Daley*

**We know this for sure:** We are not waiting for the signs of the return of Jesus in glory—not for the great tribulation, not for the antichrist, nor the wrath of God, which will be poured out in judgments—but for the Lord's coming for the church, the rapture! It is a *precious fruit* we await. So, preparation and alertness are essential so as not to miss His glorious appearing.

**Be present on Thursday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. and learn with your fellow sisters in Christ all the basic fundamentals of this serious "warfare" and be**

**prepared for battle, "and even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!"**

## MISSIONS SEPTEMBER



**Mission Focus.** Our missionary prayer focus for September is Ruth Mary Alexander. Ruth Mary first went to the State of Oaxaca in Mexico in November of 1949 and retired in December of 1999. Oaxaca is on the west coast of Mexico, south of Acapulco. She reports that the people she met—especially the team she worked with—were one of the great joys of her work. So much so that she still enjoys visiting all her friends in Mexico each year.

Ruth Mary served for 50 years as a Wycliffe Translator in two dialects of the Mixtec language—Ocoatepec Mixtec and Atatlahuca Mixtec. Although Ruth Mary is *officially* retired, she still works as a volunteer doing some of the same work she has done all of her life. She continues to do proofreading of Mixtec translations so they can be made available online. Please pray that these translations will be widely used in print and online.

In addition to her proofreading work, Ruth Mary teaches classes through Wycliffe’s Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL.) During the summer, SIL offers classes at universities throughout the United States that students can take for credit. These classes are often of interest to students with plans to enter the missions field, as well as those generally interested in linguistics. This summer, Ruth Mary once again taught Phonetics at the University of North Dakota, in Grand Forks. She continues to find great joy in meeting people. She describes the atmosphere in her summer classes as being like a big family—so much so, that a student who came from Turkey for the class this year assured her worried parents back home that, despite traveling alone, she felt very comfortable and well looked-after.

**Ministry at Emeritus.** Our ministry to the residents who live at Emeritus senior living center, 2650 W. Ina Road, resumes this month after the summer hiatus. We will meet in a room they call “The Gallery.” On Thursday, September 2, at 2:00 p.m. join the residents of Emeritus at Tucson, in singing songs of praise and enjoying a devotional message shared by Kevin Redig. The theme for this visit is “Heaven.” Art and Nancye Allen lead this ministry. Contact either of them if you would like more information 825-9076. This is a wonderful outreach to people who otherwise might not hear the gospel message.

**Mission Committee.** The Missions Committee, led by Patty Elliott, meets at the church on Tuesday, September 28, at 10:00

a.m. All women are welcome to attend. Call Patty with any questions 825-1783.



*This quilt (above) was presented to residents of Emeritus by VCC in May. A close-up of one of the quilt panels is shown below.*



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| Barbara Nossaman | 9/1  |
| Joe Hutto        | 9/6  |
| Jinny Davis      | 9/8  |
| Tamara Hutto     | 9/11 |
| Dick Nelson      | 9/13 |
| Treva Jorend     | 9/17 |
| Sue Bixler       | 9/18 |
| Pat Cutsinger    | 9/21 |
| Ernie Schlatter  | 9/23 |
| Nancy Lanier     | 9/24 |
| Ruby Brogan      | 9/26 |



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| John and Sonya Utseth, 37 years    | 9/1  |
| Jim and Pep Draper, 44 years       | 9/3  |
| Larry and Lindy Youse, 48 years    | 9/7  |
| Fred and Pat Gustin, 61 years      | 9/10 |
| Dale and Geneie Adams, 43 years    | 9/10 |
| Todd and Audra Southall, 7 years   | 9/18 |
| Wallace and Barbara Moll, 65 years | 9/19 |
| Timm and Phoebe Bax, 29 years      | 9/19 |
| Al and Marilyn Hartley, 59 years   | 9/21 |
| Bill and Carolyn Carson, 1 year    | 9/25 |

### News from our Friends in Show Low



Bill and Dot Hutchison accepted a new mission assignment this summer. Following is Dot's report on their activities:

We are busy with the ministry assignment this year. We have our trailer parked in the Waltner's RV Park in Show Low so we go over most Saturdays and participate in whatever activities they have going on and visit our people there: some sick, some in the hospital, some just to get better acquainted. Then we have worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.. We have a good group of worshippers; they are very helpful in music, setting up the room, and etc. Bill's main responsibility is preaching the Sunday services and mine are: creating the bulletins, and maintaining the prayer list and

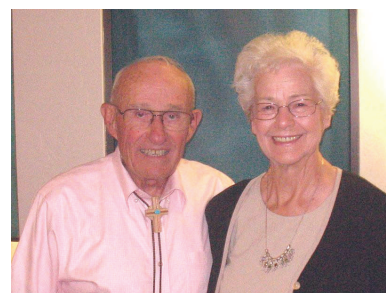
mailing list. The copy machine VCC provided about five years ago is still used and appreciated very much.

Our average attendance so far is thirty-five, and our Thursday Morning Bible Study is sixteen. One of our couples is leading "The Truth Project" for our Bible Study and we attend that. So, we make two trips each week and each trip there is someone who needs a visit. This RV Park is for age 55+ so, like our VCC friends, the residents are going and coming (from mainly the Tucson and Phoenix areas) for doctors appointments. Consequently, we never have all of them at one time! We are having a pot-luck at our home tomorrow and thirty-one are planning to come—should be fun.

We were blessed to have Larry and Karen Wolfe visit with us. Karen sang our special music for our first service in June. We look forward to Nancye and Art Allen doing the same for our service on September 5. Our last service will be September 26, so we can still use some music help between now and then.

Our plan is to be back in Tucson by the first of November.

Thanks so much for your support of the resort ministries in which we are involved.



*Bill and Dot Hutchison*

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### Choir is Back in Session

Joyce Henry has agreed to act as choir director while the search for a VCC Music Minister continues. Choir practices generally begin at 5:30 p.m. and are held every Wednesday evening—with exceptions! When we have our monthly suppers on Wednesday evenings, the choir meets on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Choir has been on hiatus for the summer, and practice will reconvene on Wednesday, September 8. Subsequent dates for practice are September 15, 20 and 29. If you are interested in joining the choir, you may address your questions to Joyce, or simply arrive at practice ready to sing!

### Church Directory

If you have not done so yet, please check your mailbox in the foyer for an important Church Directory update page. Make any corrections, or note that there are no corrections, and return the page to Dee Bethke's mailbox. You may also choose to have a new directory photo taken. **Many thanks to those who have already returned their forms!** Dee will be glad to provide a new update form if yours has been misplaced. The goal is to have a completely updated directory available in the fall. Your cooperation and participation are much appreciated! If you can't catch up with Dee at church, give her a call 825-9881, or, better yet, send an email with questions and/or information: [ddbethke@msn.com](mailto:ddbethke@msn.com)

