



The Vistoso Voice

Special Sunday Service Honoring Veterans



Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

—Ephesians 6:13

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. To commemorate this special day, we will have an extended worship service on Sunday, **November 7**, at 9:30 a.m., which will include Communion. The benevolent offering collected after Communion will be reserved to support a special Missions project that will commence as a part of our Veterans Day observance. We will begin sending boxes of supplies to our military personnel.

Please **see page 4** for more information on this project.

Time Capsule

On Sunday, October 31, as part of our service to dedicate our newly completed building a time capsule was placed in a vault on the patio east of the new Fellowship Hall. Pictured below are some of the items that Julia Salley gathered to place in the time capsule.



Pictorial Directory

Check your mailbox in the foyer for the new VCC directory. Note the efficient half-page format! This directory was compiled from information already on file and updates and corrections we received. Please submit any future corrections or changes to Dee Bethke or Dolores Bone. These will be posted in the newsletter and new pages will be printed as necessary to keep the directory current.



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Thanksgiving Service

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise. Be
thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

—Psalm 100:4

There will be no evening service on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Instead, there will be a special Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 21, at 5:00 p.m.



Emeritus at Tucson. Join those ministering to the residents of this assisted living facility on Thursday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m.

Men of Honor. Gather with the men of VCC for prayer, Bible study and coffee, Friday, November 5, at 7:00 a.m.



Heart Call. Ladies' Bible study meets just once this month due to Thanksgiving. Join the ladies at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 11.



Choir. The choir is continuing to prepare special Christmas music. Practices are Wednesday, November 3 and 10, and Monday, November 15 and 22, at 5:00 p.m. Come and sing with us!

Small Group. Still on hiatus until January 2011. Dates and times TBA next month.



A WORD FROM OUR MINISTRY LEADERS

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10



Being Good Stewards

Scripture tells us that God provides *everything we need for life and godliness* (2 Peter 1:3 NIV). What is our responsibility? It is to be good stewards—managers, administrators—of that which God has provided. This applies not only to what God provides for us personally, but also to what God provides for us as a church. We should always be good stewards of our time and resources, but the economic times in which we currently live cause us to consider this responsibility more urgently. It is in this frame of mind that I approach the purpose of *The Vistoso Voice* this month.



In order to promote good stewardship, it is necessary to take stock of the time and resources that are spent on creating and distributing the newsletter for Vistoso Community Church and ask the difficult question: is the newsletter serving its purpose for the church and is it doing that as efficiently as it can? The purpose of *The Vistoso Voice*, as I see it, is to provide information to the congregation and friends of VCC that allows readers to:

1) participate in the events of the church, 2) support the undertakings of the church and those of its members and 3) enjoy news of significant events that have been shared by the VCC congregation. Our goal is to provide this information in a format that is easy and pleasant to read. Currently, we print just over 100 copies of the newsletter and distribute them by placing them in the mailboxes in the church foyer, with a small number receiving copies by mail or e-mail. There are also a few copies available at the Visitors' desk for those who might attend a church service so that they can have an idea of what we do at VCC. The newsletter is also posted on the VCC website so that anyone may read it there, or print it for themselves.

Beginning with the December issue, the distribution process of the newsletter will change for two reasons: 1) To ensure that more members of our congregation get the news in a timely manner and 2) to reduce our printing costs—especially printing of copies that do not reach their intended audience. If we have an email address on file for you, you will receive the December newsletter as an attached PDF file from an email address that has been established for that purpose: VCCEditor@gmail.com. All email addresses will be kept in a blind carbon copy format to protect the privacy of the recipients. You may also use the newsletter email address to share

suggestions as to what kind of information you would like to see in the newsletter.

For those who do not have email or prefer a printed copy, we will place a limited number of printed copies of *The Vistoso Voice* in the foyer each month. If you are not a regular email user, you may jot your ideas and suggestions on paper and put them in the church mailbox of either Dee Bethke or Ellen Bond. Remember, the suggestions are to help us make the best use of our resources and continue to accomplish the goal of getting pertinent information to the people who attend the church, and to friends of the church.

Thank you for supporting me in this immediate effort to reduce printing costs and the ongoing effort of good stewardship.



Ellen Bond

MISSIONS NOVEMBER

Here is the latest report from our prayer focus for November, **Roberta Cencini**, and her ministry, *Truth and Hope International*:

With 2.2 million inmates, America has more prisoners behind bars than any other country on earth. Although our population comprises only 5% of the planet's people, we have 25% of the world's incarcerated. Among prisoners, 35% are drug addicts; 80% are drug users. One study found that 34% of drug users return to state prison within a year. And this is precisely the revolving-door population to which God is currently calling me. Many of the men and women who correspond with this ministry admit to being drug addicts, confessing their crimes to me, saying how sick they are of the lifestyle they've felt trapped in for years. This of course, is my opportunity to point them to the truth and hope of the saving power of Jesus Christ, and the strength, peace, and stability He gives to those who diligently seek and follow Him.



It has been exciting to watch God's hand at work. From February to October of this year, He more than doubled the number of prisons He has put in my path. I gained access to three women's prisons and five additional men's prisons, including Huntsville Prison in Texas. I've sent Bibles, Study Bibles, Bible Promise Books, and my Biblically-based booklets into fourteen different prisons. Accurate Christian literature is so

needed in these places, as the influx of tracts from the cults of this world are prevalent in prisons. I have people writing to me all the time asking what is really true. They want to know how Christianity is different from Catholicism, Jehovah's Witness, and Mormonism.

Most of these institutions I made no attempt whatsoever to contact or enter. Yet, God is actively spreading my booklets through America's state prisons and jails. I can't think of a better or more needful place for His Word, and many souls are coming to see their need for the Savior.

Let's support Roberta with prayers for her and her prison publication ministry.



Karen Wilson	11/1
Randy Bond	11/3
Jim Elliott	11/4
Shelba Noe	11/5
Maxine Hall	11/5
Genenne Sexton	11/5
Barbara Graham	11/9
Peggy Kilby	11/9
Jean (Mrs. Dick) Nelson	11/9
Arlene Berg	11/10
Phoebe Bax	11/11
Dale Adams	11/18
Peggy Thurmond	11/24
Bill Carson	11/25
Julia Salley	11/25
Ethel Beraquit	11/28



Gayle and Connie Weythman, 52 years	11/1
Jack and Shelba Noe, 48 years	11/2
Charles and Dolores Bone, 64 years	11/3
Bill and Emily Ransom, 48 years	11/20
Jim and Patty Elliott, 61 years	11/23



Emeritus at Tucson

Ministry to Emeritus. Our ministry to the residents who live at Emeritus senior living center, 2650 W. Ina Road, continues on the first Thursday of each month. Join the residents of Emeritus at Tucson in *The Gallery*, on November 4, at 2:00 p.m. There will be uplifting songs of praise, and the devotional message will be shared by Kevin Redig. Please support this ministry with your participation and your prayers. If you have any questions about how you can become a part of this vital outreach, call Art or Nancye Allen 825-9076.



Children's Sunday School

Our Sunday School students learned about God's creation in a *hands-on* lesson. Courtney and Alexander helped plant pansies in the prayer garden. Each of them also potted a flower to take home, where they can continue to observe the beauty of God's creation.



Support Our Military

As a special Christmas Missions project, we will begin sending out boxes of supplies to our military personnel. This undertaking will be slightly different from last year, so please take note. We are **not** soliciting donations of any of the items that go in the boxes. A military unit has been selected from the web site www.anysoldier.com.



This unit has requested specific things, and our endeavor is to collect money with which to purchase them. On Sunday, November 7, in conjunction with our Veterans Day service, the first five boxes will be on display. The benevolent offering collected at that service will be used to fund those initial boxes. Our collection campaign will continue the first three Sundays in November. Naturally, any money donated after that and designated for this purpose will be used accordingly. After the initial boxes are sent, we will send another five boxes in January, and continue to send five boxes each month until the funds are depleted. If you cannot support this project with monetary donations, you can still participate in a very significant way. With each set of boxes we will be including written correspondence for our soldiers in the field. Express your appreciation to these fine men and women by writing a personal note, or signing a card. Your greetings and words of encouragement are as valuable as the supplies we are sending. Your participation in this project is greatly appreciated!

