



The Vistoso Voice

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH WORSHIP



Our service on Sunday, July 3, will be extended to commemorate the 235th anniversary of the birth of our nation. We will worship with patriotic singing and enjoy special music and an inspirational message. Communion will also be observed. Fellowship will follow the service, but there will be no Bible Study or children's Sunday school classes.

Sizzling Summer Socials

Three ~~Four~~ great Fellowship Activities

There is one special Friday evening activity planned for each month this summer. Plus a final bonus Friday Fellowship in September. Come one, come all—and bring a friend! Invitations to share with your friends and neighbors will be available in the foyer. Don't miss these fun festive Friday fellowship fêtes! There are just three left.



Friday, July 29, 5:30 p.m.—Chili and chill-out games of all kinds



Friday, August 26, 5:30 p.m.—Subs, sing-along, and sundaes.



Friday, September 23 5:30 p.m.—Our final Fiesta Fling dinner theatre



IT'S YOUR CHURCH...ALL WEEK LONG

As a member of Vistoso Community Church, the fellowship hall, library, and meeting rooms are available all week for your use. If you would like to study in the library, have coffee or play a game of dominos with friends in the hall, or just come and pray in the sanctuary, you are welcome. All we ask is that you call the office to be sure that the space is not being used for another function. If there is no staff available when you want to come, you can arrange to borrow a key from the church office. For social gatherings in the hall, we also ask that a church member be present for the entire event and be sure that the space is returned to its original condition.

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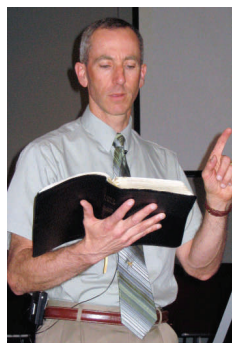
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PASTOR KEVIN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



This summer's Bible study series, entitled *Becoming a Christ-Follower*, examines what it means to be a disciple of Christ—how one becomes a disciple and the *tools* God has provided to enable us to follow after Him. This practical discipleship series is not just for new Christians! The topics explored are absolutely essential for all of us—as reminders, and as things we need to regularly consider from fresh perspectives if we are going to "run with perseverance the race set before us." Join this study, already in progress, 11:10 a.m. each Sunday.

JULY

Men of Honor. Gather with the men of VCC for prayer, Bible study and coffee, Friday, July 1, 7:00 a.m.



Fellowship Social. Friday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m. Gather for an evening of playing your favorite games and enjoying a Chili supper.



On Summer Hiatus. Outreach to the residents of Emeritus, HeartCall Women's Bible Study, Choir and Small Group are all on Summer Hiatus. Updates will be posted in the newsletter when these ministries resume.



Happy Independence Day



A WORD FROM OUR MINISTRY LEADERS

Developing True Christian Fellowship



And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42 (KJV)

The Bible does not give much detail about the early church—just hints such as the verse above from the Book of Acts. This verse points to a deeper, richer concept of fellowship than is typically practiced today. Those in the early church did not just have coffee after the service, *they continued steadfastly in...fellowship.* So, what is the nature of their fellowship that those early Christians would *continue steadfastly*? Consider just three passages that offer a glimpse of the richness of Biblical fellowship:

- We are called to fellowship with Jesus Christ. I Cor. 9 says: *God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.* It is our deepening relationship with Jesus that adds depth and meaning to our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and compassion to our contacts with non-believers. The closer we are to Christ through worship, prayer, and study, the greater is our capacity for sharing with our fellow Christians and the world.
- We are exhorted to seek a spiritual fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters. Many people today try to go it alone, believing, "I don't need to go to church to be a Christian." Yet we are instructed against *forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.* (Heb. 10:25). We are to worship, sing, pray, and praise God together because these activities are the very foundation of true Christian fellowship.
- We are urged to *comfort each other and edify one another* (I Thess. 5:11). The Bible reminds us that we as Christians are to have the frequency and depth of contact that enables us to share our burdens and joys. We need to go beyond casual contacts to the kind of relationships that permit us to edify and advise one another.



Praise the Lord

How, then, do we move from today's superficial concept of fellowship toward this deeper fellowship alluded to in the Bible?

We must be there! We must be there in our study and prayer life in order to nurture our relationship with Jesus. We must be there in our attendance at church services, Bible studies, social activities in order to strengthen our ties to our church family. We are to be there in our personal contacts with and concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ so that we can comfort and edify one another. And what is the ultimate reward? I John 1:7 tells us: *"if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,*



Dee Bethke,
Ministry Coordinator

MISSIONS JULY

Mission Focus. Our special missionary focus for July is Virginia (Ginger) Embrey, one of three Wycliffe translators attending Vistoso Community Church. In 1949, Ginger traveled to Mexico to learn the Zapotec of the Isthmus language. When she became versed enough in the language, she began working with a team writing materials and translating the Bible into the native language of the people. Ginger and her team worked for years before computers when all the work was done on typewriters; she estimates that she typed the Zapotec New Testament about 25 times. Virginia, although officially retired, keeps very active and in touch with the Mexican ministry. Here is what she writes about her recent activities:



I appreciate so much the family that we Wycliffe members have found in Vistoso Community Church. I was especially blessed by your caring for Ruth Mary Alexander, and the beautiful memorial service for her friends and family. Now that Katie Voigtlander has had to go to assisted living and is experiencing much pain, thank you for your prayers for her. I appreciate the friendship of each of you.

I keep up on things in the village by talking to my friend and language associate, Maria. This also helps me keep up a bit on my Zapotec and on prayer requests for the churches there. This past week we lost Minerva, the youngest member of the Zapotec team that translated the New Testament. She proofread everything I typed, and re-typed when the text got revised. (Those were pre-computer days.) She had a beautiful calm disposition though her life was not easy. Her death has hit Maria hard as Minerva was Maria's younger cousin.

I had a nostalgic time over Decoration (Memorial) Day. I went back to Wichita, Kansas and visited relatives there. Together we went to graves in three different cemeteries and that brought back memories of my happy childhood and of those who helped make it so. God is good!

BIRTHDAYS

Sheldon Adams	7/1
Donna Clifton	7/1
Larry Youse	7/4
Gloria Willoughby	7/5
Ann Henley	7/7
Florence Norris	7/7
Katherine Oden	7/8
Bebe Riggins	7/8
Dee Bethke	7/9
Penny Lovatt	7/9
C. J. Hindman	7/10
Emily Ransom	7/10
Joyce Henry	7/12
Juliet Williams	7/14
Richard Williams	7/14
LeRoy Dey	7/16
Bob Waldron	7/16
Otto Putz	7/18
Loreen Young	7/18
Jim Wilson	7/21
Ken Hunt	7/22
Jim O'Brien	7/22
Earl Terp	7/22
Dick Hitzemann	7/27
Patty Elliott	7/29
Eva Froehner	7/31
Lloyd Hartman	7/31

A Special Birthday

On July 8, Katherine Oden will celebrate her 90th birthday in Texas, surrounded by family. All her children will be in attendance for this milestone event.

Let's make it even more special for Katherine by showering her with cards. It's a great way to let her know we still think of her as part of the VCC family. Katherine's address is as follows:

Katherine Oden

Camelot

Address Removed for Privacy



Anniversaries

Ed and Peggy Kilby, 62 years	7/16
James "Woody" and Monica Wood, 46 years	7/17
Art and Nancye Allen, 51 years	7/23
Robert and Joyce Henry, 54 years	7/28
Janette and Carlyle Dean, 35 years	7/29
Rick and Genenne Sexton, 45 years	7/29
Lloyd and Colleen Hartman, 9 years	7/31

VCC MEMBERSHIP—IMPORTANT AND REWARDING

So far in 2011, VCC has welcomed seven new members—each a wonderful addition to our church fellowship. They come from different areas and backgrounds, but they are all united in their commitment to the mission and ministry of Vistoso Community Church. Although many today do not feel that church membership is an important part of their Christian walk, VCC members disagree. Pastor Adams put it this way:

Church membership is important to the extreme because, more than anything else, that is what maintains and perpetuates the doctrinal integrity of the church. A strong and committed membership is what separates a church from false teachers and false teaching. This congregation is well aware that over the past several years, this pulpit has pursued expository studies from the latter part of God’s word. It is very apparent that these epistles were written to combat false teachers and heresies in the church—both then and now.

Below are profiles of five of our seven newest members (Paul Matthews and Ardith Snyder were previously profiled in *The Voice*).

If you would like more information on VCC membership, see one of our pastors

Jerry and Anne Solomon

Jerry and Anne found the Sun City Vistoso community and VCC on the internet before they even moved to the area. They moved from Colorado after Jerry retired from his career in aerospace. They have two sons, one in Florida and one in Virginia. Jerry and Anne visited the church shortly after moving to Arizona in May, and joined the church after attending Sunday and Wednesday services for just five weeks. Anne reported that after they visited, they didn’t feel the need to look at any other churches.



Ann Henley

Ann has lived in Tucson since 1970 and in her Oro Valley home since 2000. She originally found the church when she was driving around with a friend one day. She stopped to visit the church and liked Dale. After visiting for a time, she found that she really liked Dale’s preaching and loved the membership so she joined. When she remarried, she left for a time to attend her husband’s church but missed the folks at VCC. So she is now very happy to be back. Ann has a daughter and five grandchildren who all live in Phoenix. She is spending some time this summer at her place in Pinetop.



Richard and Juliet Williams

Richard, a doctor, and Juliet, a nurse, met and married in London, England, when they were students. They first came to Arizona when Richard was transferred to Phoenix by the U.S. Air Force, which he served for 20 years. When they retired they found Sun City Vistoso on the internet and moved to Oro Valley. They have four children, a daughter in Florence, Italy, a son in Dublin, Ireland, and two sons in Portland, Oregon. They first visited VCC based upon the recommendation from a clerk in the Sun City gift shop who said she heard it was a nice church.



Program

The Sun City Vistoso Fourth of July program, held in our sanctuary last year, will be presented in the Sun City Auditorium this year. For those who would like to make a musical tribute part of their Fourth of July celebration, the program is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

You are invited to our

FREE Flag-waving
Fourth of July

Independence Day Celebration sponsored by Sun City Homeowners Association and the Sun City Singers!

Mon. July 4, 2:00 p.m.
Sun City Auditorium

Open Seating
No Tickets Required!