



The Vistoso Voice



Friendship Dinner and Eternal-Life Conference

We have two big events coming up on our calendar soon, and I would like to make sure you are aware of them both, as well as invite your involvement. We are calling them our **Friendship Dinner**, which is scheduled for Friday evening the **11th of March**, and our **Eternal-Life Conference**, which is scheduled for April 10th-12th. Let me describe them each for you one at a time.

The Friendship Dinner is an opportunity for you to invite someone to a low-key evening of dinner, music and fellowship here at the church. The idea is to invite someone who is unsaved or unchurched—it might be someone who just moved in on your block whom the Lord has laid on your heart, or someone you have known for quite a while and with whom you have been trying to discuss spiritual things. The goal for this event is simply to introduce people to our great fellowship, the facility God has given us, and to show Christians can have an enjoyable time fellowshiping together. What can you do to help? Good question! First—pray! Ask that God would give the members of our congregation boldness to invite their friends, and that those friends would have receptive hearts. Pray for the many details associated with an event of this type, and that He would bring them all together.

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Emeritus at Tucson

Emeritus at Tucson is the place to be on the first Thursday of every month! Join the residents of this assisted living community for their monthly worship service, led by a group of dedicated folks from VCC. Pastor Kevin shares a Bible message and everyone enjoys some lively singing. Offer a friendly handshake or an encouraging pat on the back. You will be sharing God's love with others and be blessed yourself in the process. Just ask someone who has been there! Pep Draper, pictured at left, admires an afghan that one happy resident won in a drawing. Below, you can see Patty Elliott, Nancye Allen and Joyce Henry leading the music while Art Allen accompanies on guitar. Call

Nancye Allen with any questions about how to become part of this outreach, 825-9076. Head out to Emeritus at Tucson, 2650 W. Ina Road, at **2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3.**



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Emeritus at Tucson. Thursday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m. See more details about this ministry opportunity on page 3.

Men of Honor. Gather with the men of VCC for prayer, Bible study and coffee, Friday, March 4, 7:00 a.m.



HeartCall
Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays, March 10 and 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the church.



Choir practice Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, and 30 and Monday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m

Fellowship dinner Wednesday, March 23, 5:30 p.m.

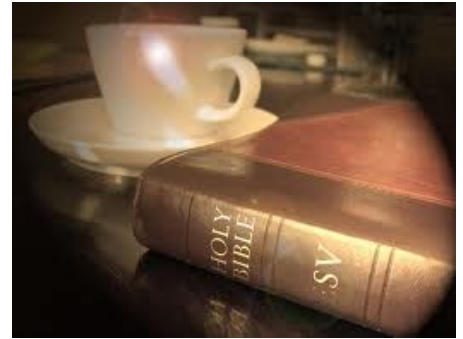


Church Supper prior to the 7:00 p.m. service. Bring a dish to share. This is our first fellowship dinner of the new year. Don't miss it!

Small Group meets on Sunday, March 13 and 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Karen Wilson in SaddleBrooke.

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Pray that this might be one thing the Lord could use in the process of drawing lost people to Himself. What else can you do? Invite someone to the dinner. There is a sign-up list at church and an invitation you can use. As an alternative, we are going to need people to help put on and serve the dinner, as well as cleanup afterwards. There is a sign-up list for this as well. Please consider working at whatever role the Lord lays on your heart, and most of all pray.



The Eternal-Life Conference is still in the planning stages, but will tentatively consist of four sessions: Sunday morning during our worship service; Sunday evening; Monday evening; and a closing session Tuesday evening. We have a teacher and evangelist (and actually quite a few other professions—he was part of the crew that fought the fire on Mt. Lemmon a few years ago) named Rick Barton who will be bringing a series of messages with an evangelistic thrust. He is from Colorado, and a number of people in our congregation know him. I had the privilege of hearing him speak last summer, and spending about three hours with him talking about evangelism—I

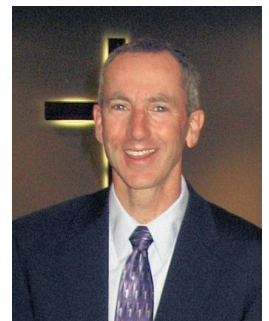
think you will really enjoy him. This is a great opportunity for you to follow up on the dinner, and invite these same people to hear a message given by a very engaging evangelist. In fact, it is a great opportunity for you to invite any and all whom the Lord lays on your heart. Hopefully, you have been trying to put into practice some of the things we have been learning in our series *Rescuing the Lost*, and as the

Our Mission

Our mission is to be used by God to help the lost receive eternal life and those with eternal life to grow in grace and knowledge.

result of conversations you have had, can now invite people to an event of this type. There will be more information about this event forthcoming in the future. For now: pray for the planning and the many details that have to come together. Start talking with the Lord about who He might have you bring, and pray for Rick that the Lord will give him the messages that the people in our area most need to hear.

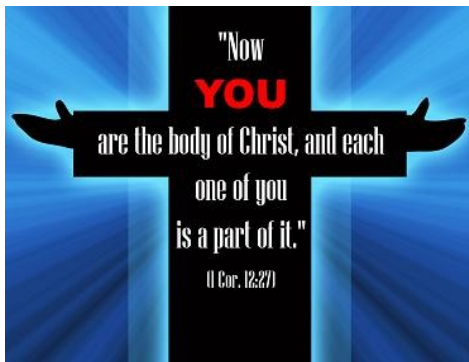
I hope you can see how these two events might be used by the Lord to help our church fulfill its Mission—and at the same time point to our Lord and Savior. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or suggestions.



In His Grace,
Kevin

MISSIONS MARCH

Mission Focus. *Home Missions* is our focus this month. The first component of *Home Missions* is the evangelistic opportunity offered by our own VCC **Friendship Dinner** on March 11 (see details in Pastor Kevin's article on pages 1 and 2.) The second component is the promotion of three of our local mission partners: Child Evangelism Fellowship, The S.O.B.E.R. Project, and kTb Ministries. A representative from each of these ministries will be visiting us at VCC during the month of March. If you would like to support these missionaries with a donation, just note *Home Missions* in the memo portion of your check and the funds collected this month will be divided equally among these three mission partners.



Child Evangelism Fellowship. The Pima County chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is run by Jon Habegger and his wife Barb. CEF brings the gospel to hundreds of children through *Good News Clubs* held in homes and schools all over Pima County. These non-denominational after school clubs are offered by volunteers who have been trained by CEF to share scripture with children in a way that makes it fun. CEF also



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shares the gospel with children at a booth at the Pima County Fair each year and sponsors a summer camp. Jon and Barb are always enthusiastic about sharing the many ways God works through CEF to not only bring children to the Lord, but to bless the adults who work with them, too!

Ruth Hitzemann	3/4
Darold Cutsinger	3/5
Bill Hutchison	3/8
Merle Broadbent	3/10
Mary Sanders	3/21
Frank Mastin	3/22
Marilyn Peterson	3/25
Nancye Allen	3/28
Don Collier	3/30

Jim and Sue Bixler, 56 years	3/20
Jim and Karen Wilson, 42 years	3/29

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Art Riggins

The Bookworm

It occurred to me while I was enjoying our latest additions to the library (and delicious they were!), that *Bookworm* alone is not a name to inspire confidence. So, I would like you to help me add a dignified first name that would give that *panache* to a long-established and ancient last name. Just jot your suggestion(s) down on a slip of paper, put it in my friend Art Riggins' mailbox, and I will consider it carefully—and delightfully! Oh, and while I have your attention, you might drop by the library this morning

and check out the new DVDs that have been added to the collection thanks to Katie Voigtlander. There are lots of them, and they can provide many an hour of thoughtful Christian information and entertainment.

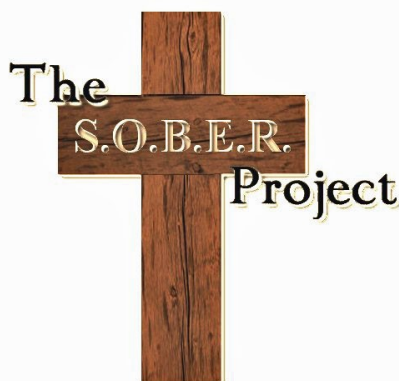
Well, if you will excuse me, I just caught sight of another book I haven't sampled. Ah, so many books, so little time!



Signed, The Bookworm

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The S.O.B.E.R. Project. This faith-based project began as a twelve-step Bible study program led by Larry Munguia and offered in halfway houses where people struggled to overcome addiction. The S.O.B.E.R. Project has become a church with a congregation made up largely of people who are turning away from destructive lifestyles by turning to Jesus Christ. In addition to worship services, The S.O.B.E.R. Project has expanded to provide twelve-step programs, Bible studies, men's and women's ministries, a job ministry, and other services in several locations in Tucson, with plans to expand to Nogales. Pastor Larry has seen God restore broken lives, reunite families and create a culture of community and support where people can overcome, through Christ, those things which had kept them alone, hurting and empty. Larry shares his own powerful testimony about restoration on The S.O.B.E.R. Project website:

www.thesoberproject.com.

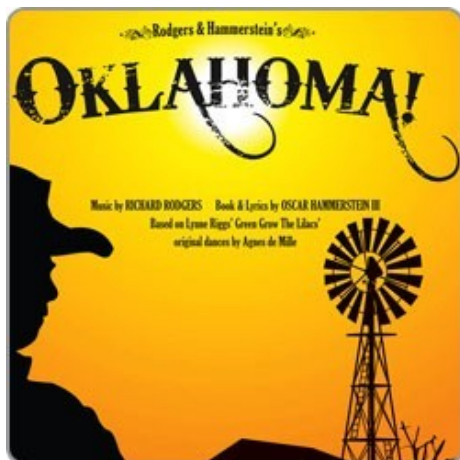
kTb Ministries. Ken and Thurleen Bain's ministry to the Tohono O'odham people in Hikiwan, Arizona was detailed in February's Missions column. Here is what they had to say about their partnership with VCC in their January 2011 newsletter: *Last year Ken and Thurleen had the privilege of getting acquainted with the dear people of Vistoso Community Church in Oro Valley, Arizona. In one of the most beautiful places on earth, this relatively young church is vibrant and alive in Christ . . . As much as any church we are familiar with. In that light, it might be a surprise to know that a large percentage of her membership is comprised of young at heart couples, many of whom are well into their retirement years.*

Her caring pastor, Dale Adams, is a gifted leader. Both he and Associate Pastor, Kevin Redig, are outstanding Bible teachers. We are blessed that Vistoso Community Church is now "missionary by partnership" with us to bring the Gospel to Native America.

Ken and Thurleen are assisted in their ministry by Pastor Pete Reede and his wife, Lenora. We look forward to updates from them whenever they are able to visit VCC.



Christian Youth Theater Presents *Oklahoma!*



Micah Bond has been cast as Curly in his final performance with Christian Youth Theater (CYT.) The show will be presented at the Proscenium Theatre, at Pima Community College, west campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Show times are: Friday, Mar 18th – 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, Mar 19th – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, Mar 20th – 2:00 p.m. You may buy tickets directly from the CYT website: www.cyttucson.org. A seating chart is available from which you may choose your own seats. If you prefer not to buy tickets on line, Ellen Bond will get them for you. Just call with the date and time of the performance you wish to attend, and how many seats you will need: 219-3025. Ticket prices are \$15 regular admission, \$10 for children age 18 and under, and \$12 for seniors age 60 and over. CYT performers always put on a great show. Don't miss Micah's farewell performance!