



The Vistoso Voice

BIBLE BASED CHRIST CENTERED

Sunday Worship	9:30 am
Sunday Fellowship	10:30 am
Sunday Bible Study	11:10 am
Wednesday Service	7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

October 2

Men of Honor Prayer/Study
7:00 a.m.



October 4

Marge Ringer Celebration



October 8 and 22

Ladies Heart Call
9:30 a.m.



October 10

Sun City Visitation
9:30 a.m.

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From the Pastor's Pen



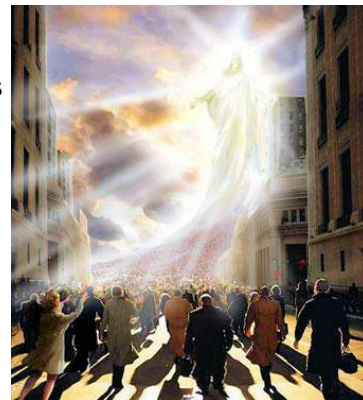
The Importance of a Literal Interpretation of the Bible

When most readers open a newspaper or a book, they assume the author intends for them to understand what he is saying. Furthermore, to understand what the author is saying, they assume a literal, or normal, interpretation. In other words, readers interpret the text literally or naturally unless the context indicates otherwise.

Interpreting the Bible is no different. Hermeneutics is the art and science of Biblical interpretation. The goal is to understand what the human author, as moved by the Holy Spirit, intended to say. We do so by using a literal hermeneutic (even with passages dealing with end-times prophesies), unless the context indicates otherwise.

Replacement theologians have used what is known as the allegorical (human invention) method to interpret much of scripture, particularly the Old Testament. This method assumes there is a deeper, more spiritual or mystical understanding of Scripture beyond the mere literal understanding and that this hidden understanding is found only by those who are able to search out its secrets. Unfortunately, this allegorical method leads to several major errors:

- **Jesus' Comings.** Replacement theologians interpret prophecies related to Jesus' First Coming literally, but prophecies related to His Second Coming they interpret figuratively. This is hermeneutically inconsistent human manipulation.
- **Israel.** The allegorical method fails to make clear Biblical distinctions between Israel and the church. Even though there are scores of Biblical passages declaring that God has a distinct future for Israel, replacement theologians ignore those passages, explain them away, or apply them figuratively to the church.
- **God's Character.** The allegorical method also raises serious questions about God's veracity and integrity. For example: If, in the Old Testament, God promised Israel a literal, earthly kingdom, but He really meant a figurative, immaterial kingdom, what does that say about God's character? Does God deceive His people with literal promises and then hold them accountable for not recognizing that they are figurative?



In contrast to these errors, when a literal hermeneutic is used consistently, there results a reliable understanding of Scriptures as a whole. Separate administrations of God's rule on earth come to light, revealing a distinct program for both Israel and the church. (Not two ways of salvation, but a distinct plan and program that includes both.) New Testament revelation does not redefine Old Testament concepts. Also, a massive amount of unfulfilled, prophetic

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Men of Honor. Coffee, Bible study and prayer.

All men are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship, Friday, October 2, beginning at 7 a.m.



Ladies Fellowship Game Day.

This month's game days are October 6 and 20 at 12:30 p.m. Call Jinny Davis for locations 825-6956.

Heart Call. Ladies Bible Study meets this month on October 8 and 22, 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Small Group. Meeting at the home of Jim and Karen Wilson. October 11 and 25 at 6:30 p.m.



Sun City Visitation. Monthly visits resume. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., Saturday October 10 to be partnered up for visiting our neighbors in Sun City. Contact Jim Ketring with questions: 818-3554.

LIBRARY NEWS

Get Wisdom, Get Understanding

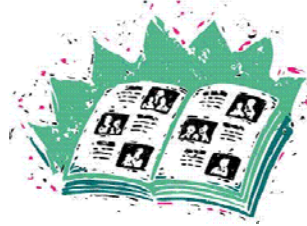
Until further notice the library will not be accepting new donations. The remaining books, tapes and others from the last donation will be boxed, stored and shelved at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation.

My thanks to everyone that participated in making the library up dates and keeping the library orderly.

Norma Collier, Librarian



DIRECTORY UPDATE



New address for
Nance Richards:
10701 N. La Reserve Drive
Apartment 175
Oro Valley, Arizona 85737-9101

Volunteers needed. A new VCC Directory Committee is forming. We need individuals to help with the task of keeping our congregation's vital information up-to-date. Many hands make light work! Please consider this opportunity to serve in a vital ministry of VCC. Call Dee Bethke with questions, or to express your interest 825-9881.

CALL TO PRAYER

Heart Call Conference and Luncheon



All ladies of the church are invited to this luncheon conference as the culmination of the Heart Call Bible study on prayer. The Navajo Room at the Sun City Vistoso Social Hall has been reserved for this special event, which takes place Thursday, October 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is a salad/dessert potluck. Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share; everything else will be provided. Prayer time will be open for many subjects: missions, family, the church at large, VCC, our building project, our country. Prayers may be offered silently or audibly, so do not hesitate to participate. The goal is to join your fellow sisters for this precious time of prayer. Call Evelyn with any questions or concerns 825-4736.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN—CONTINUED

Scriptures, (especially in the Old Testament) left unexplained by an allegorical hermeneutic, are faced and addressed with a literal one. End-time events begin to take shape and fall into proper chronological order. Through a literal interpretation, God's character is not impugned, but vindicated. His glory is seen as the goal of all of history. A literal hermeneutic does not *make* these things so. Rather, it *reveals* them to be so.

When a literal hermeneutic is used consistently to understand Scripture, the end result is Dispensationalism (oikonomia), which is a stewardship, a period of time during which people are tested in respect to their obedience to a specific revelation of God's will. When a literal hermeneutic is **not** used consistently, the end result is Replacement Theology which human viewpoint is the height of arrogance, assigning to the church the works that Christ will do when he returns!

Pastor Dale Adams

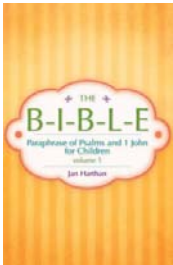
MISSIONS FOR OCTOBER



Mission Focus. Our missionary prayer focus for October is Amy Elliott. Amy has been assigned to a post in Afghanistan, where she continues practicing Midwifery as a ministry to the local women there. Despite the contentious circumstances inherent to the area in which she lives, Amy is holding up very well. One specific prayer request is for housing. Amy and her roommate are seeking an apartment that is better suited to their needs.

The Place. Our monthly visit to *The Place* is coming up on Thursday, October 1 at 2pm. Special music will be provided by Jerry and Loreen Young and Dan Stoleson. This is a great time of fellowship with and ministry to the residents of *The Place*. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Mission for Children. In September we had the privilege of meeting Dave and Jan Harthan. They are long time friends of the Stolesons and are Wycliffe missionaries. They shared about a new ministry that has captured their hearts—making the scriptures available in a paraphrase for young readers age 7 and up. Currently, Amazon.com shows three volumes of *The B-I-B-L-E*, by Jan Harthan. The church has copies of the paraphrase of Romans and Proverbs available for \$13. The books would be a great Christmas gift for grandchildren.



Ray Nelson	10/4
Marge Ringer	10/4
Gary Townsend	10/4
Gayle Weythman	10/5
Ray Williard	10/8
Mona Dickson	10/9
Larry Jennings	10/9
Jim Ketring	10/9
Pep Draper	10/19
Ed Kilby	10/20
Jim Bixler	10/21
Harold McGhee	10/27
Ruth Mary Alexander	10/29
Art Allen	10/30



Katherine, Steve, Geneie, and Edmon Oden

DR. ODEN

Sunday, September 27, Pastor Dale had the honor of presenting his mother-in-law, Katherine Oden, with her Honorary Doctorate degree from Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary. Katherine was honored for her life-long commitment to her Lord as a pastor's wife, missionary to Jamaica, and life-long student of theology. Katherine served as the theological reviewer for Pastor's doctoral thesis.



Ray and Donna Williard, 59 years	10/8
Joe and Tamara Hutto, 22 years	10/17
Jim and Lavern Townsend, 58 years	10/21

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life. (Proverbs 16:31)

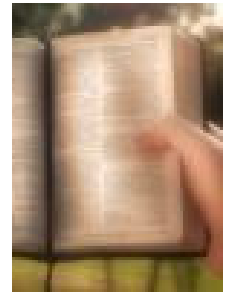
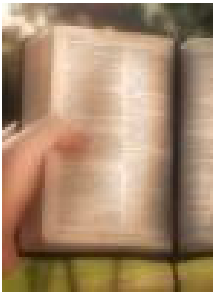


It just so happens that Marge Ringer's 98th birthday falls on a Sunday. We will be taking advantage of this fortuitous coincidence with an official celebration. Immediately following the worship service on October 4th, the birthday party begins. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship honoring a special occasion for a distinguished member of our VCC church family.



A WORD FROM OUR MINISTRY LEADERS

Welcome Back Six



This fall we would like to welcome back our winter visitors, and encourage the hearts of all, through a series of messages which will begin on October 25th and run for six consecutive weeks. The format for this series will be a little bit different. Our pastors will preach and teach to the same topic during both the worship service and our Sunday Bible study time—and as appropriate, will continue during our Wednesday evening service. This will allow both greater depth of study, as well as a chance to ask questions during the more informal setting of the Bible study time and Wednesday evening service. We are looking forward to a great series, and drawing our entire fellowship closer through the concentrated study of the Word of God. Following is a brief description of the series topics.



Sunday, October 25: Having This Treasure! We will begin with a topic that should be the treasure of every born-again believer, i.e. the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our role as ambassadors for Christ needs on-going emphasis, and will be done within the practical constraints of how we might share the “good news” during our every-day activities.

Sunday, November 1: Vision or Perish! Our vision is a “picture” of what VCC can become. These messages will reinforce the strong nature of the calling God has laid upon his “body”, i.e. the church, as well as highlight the threats presented by the day in which we live.



Sunday, November 8: Worth Remembering! The sacrifice of our veterans is indeed worth remembering, and on the Sunday before Veteran’s Day, we will have a time of remembrance of their sacrifices. In addition, it is appropriate to celebrate communion as part of our remembrance, since communion is a focused time of remembrance on the greatest sacrifice every made, i.e. that of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of lost mankind.



Sunday, November 15: Do God and Country Mix? By age and culture, the fellowship at VCC tends to be patriotic. The lessening of this, even within the Christian community, is evident within our country. In fact, there are those who advocate the complete separation of patriotism and one’s faith. Of course what matters is, “What does the Bible have to say about this issue?” These messages will investigate the Biblical role of Christians within the context of nationalism, and how we might respond to events associated with the “ebb and flow” of nations.



November 22: Passing the Test! Thanksgiving—the practice (or absence) of giving thanks to God is one way the Christian can “test” whether or not he is depending upon God and in His will. We will investigate these concepts in an effort to build personal and corporate understanding of this important truth in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 29: To the Ends of the Earth! The final message in the series will serve to connect us to the foreign missions emphasis we typically enjoy during the month of December.

Brochures highlighting the *Welcome Back Six* series topics will be available soon. Use these brochures to invite friends and neighbors to visit Vistoso Community Church during this exciting time of learning and renewal.

