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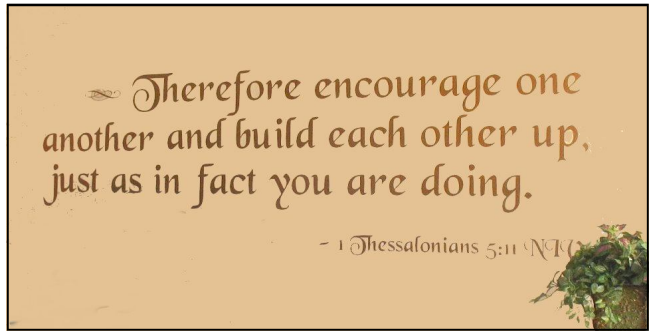
# The Vistoso Voice

## VISTOSO COMMUNITY CHURCH IS BLESSED WITH A GREAT STAFF FOR 2012

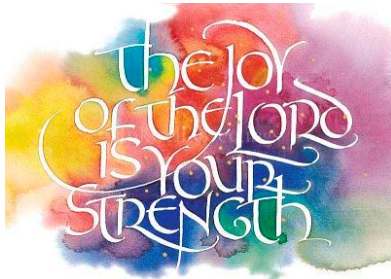
**CHURCH STAFF:** Pastor—Dale Adams; **Assoc. Pastor**—Kevin Redig; **Minister of Music**—Paul Matthews; **Pastor's Secretary**—Dolores Bone; **Ministry Coordinator**—Dee Bethke; **Special Services Coordinator**— Edith Bailey; **Special Activities Coordinator**—Peggy Thurmond.

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## From the Pastor's Pen

### The Joy of the Lord



*Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10*

As I sit down to write a message for the Church family for the New Year, I find that *Joy in This Place*, the theme of this year's choir Christmas cantata, continues to resound in my heart and mind. It is my wish for all of you and for every person who attends our services, our Bible studies, and our fellowship events, that each and every one will find **joy** in this place. Can we think of a better reason than the sure knowledge that we have God's free gift of salvation and eternal life that come through the life and redemptive work of Jesus Christ?

It is not always easy to be joyful, especially when life presents us with various difficulties. But Nehemiah 8:10 provides all of us with three important insights into how we can permeate our lives with the joy of the Lord—at all times.

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## New Year's Prayer

What could be more appropriate than to start the New Year by *lifting holy hands* in prayer? To that end, the church sanctuary will be open on Sunday, New Year's Day, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a time of prayer. Each of three half-hour segments will be hosted by one of our deacons and his wife. They will lead in a time of focused prayer for the lost people in our "circles of concern", VCC ministries for the upcoming year, family and other needs. Please consider dropping in during any of these half-hour segments in order to lay a foundation of prayer for the year ahead. Ps 127:1 tells us, *Unless the Lord builds the house, its laborers labor in vain.* Through prayer we bring everything we do at the church in line with the plans of our heavenly Father.

# JANUARY

**Emeritus at Tucson.** The ministry to the residents of Emeritus continues Thursday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m. See Page 3 for more information.

**Men of Honor.**

Gather with the men of VCC for prayer, Bible study and coffee, Friday, January 6, 7:00 a.m.



**Choir.** Choir practices this month are January 11, 18 and 23 at 5:30 p.m.

**Small Group.** Meets Sunday, January 8 and 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Karen Wilson.

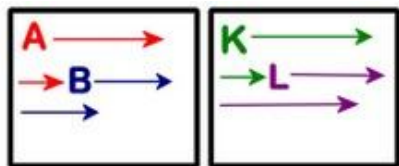


**HeartCall**  
Women's Bible Study on hiatus until February 9.

## Check Your Mailbox

As of Sunday, January 1, your church mailbox may be in a slightly different spot. Some boxes had to be reassigned so that new names could be added. The boxes are arranged alphabetically by last name from left to right, as illustrated by the graphic below.

If you have trouble finding your mailbox, or if the new location poses a physical challenge for you, please see Dee Bethke for assistance.



## From the Pastor's Pen The Joy of the Lord



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The first insight that we should observe is that our text tells us to celebrate the things that are holy to our Lord. The people of God are encouraged to *eat the fat, drink the sweet...for this day is holy to our Lord*. It is imperative that we embrace **celebration!** There is no other way to retain the joy of our salvation than to truly celebrate those things that are dear to Jesus Christ—corporate worship, prayer, ingesting God's Word, Christian fellowship, sharing Christ. These things that are holy to our Lord can and will bring joy to our spirits, our lives, and our relationships. We are not to worship, pray, study the Word, fellowship, share with a motive of duty, but we should look forward to meeting with God and celebrating in all venues of Christian discipline and ministry.

The second insight that I would share with you is this cogent counsel from our text: *do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength*. Note that the verse does not say that the joy of the Lord **gives** us strength. **No!** The passage says *the joy of the Lord is our strength*. To be sure, there are

so many things in this life that give us reason to sorrow. However, we must constantly learn to adjust our focus from our own strength and endurance in the face of our difficulties to the spiritual provisions and blessings of God. When we open our hearts and minds to Who He is and what Jesus Christ has accomplished for us in His grace, there is in Him that joy and poise and strength to face every adversity and vicissitude of this life.



Finally, there is nestled in this verse of Scripture a truth that could be overlooked. We should never forget this—*send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared*. One of the best ways for us to maintain and increase the **joy of the Lord** is to share that **joy of the Lord** with others. We can share materially with those in need. We can share our talents and spiritual gifts with others in the fellowship of the church body, as well as in our community. We can share our **joy in the Lord** with everyone we meet through our smiles, an encouraging word, a warm touch, and by our positive Christian witness. The amazing thing about this **joy**, is that it will expand itself the more it is shared with others.

So, the Word of God tells us to celebrate in all things that are *holy to our Lord* with the result that we will have the joy that He gives. We are to rely on **the Lord** for our strength that gives us assurance and joy. We are to share our spiritual bounty and joy with others.

Here is to a joyful and productive 2012.

*Dale E. Adams*



## MISSIONS JANUARY

**Mission Focus.** Our missionary prayer focus for January is Pastor Larry Munguia, who runs the S.O.B.E.R. (Service, Obedience, Bonding, Education, Relationships) Project, a local Tucson recovery program and church created by Pastor Munguia to help addicts and recovering addicts overcome their destructive habits through a combination of faith-based 12-step recovery meetings, church services and Bible studies. This is a diverse ministry, continually developing its role to respond to the needs of the community it serves. Locally, the church now offers two services on Sunday as well as 12-step meetings daily throughout the Tucson area.



As this church expands, they have added an Associate Pastor, Mark Vavra and also licensed a Youth Pastor. Their programs include a Jobs Ministry and a Women's Fellowship, and they offer Bible studies in multiple transitional living houses. They also provide household supplies for new residences, offer limited financial assistance and serve the wider community with education and awareness programs. Find more information about the S.O.B.E.R. Project at their website: [www.thesoberproject.com](http://www.thesoberproject.com).



*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*, **January 5, at 2:30 p.m.**

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.



Evelyn Daley	1/2
Monica Wood	1/7
Donna Prezelski	1/9
Patty Waldron	1/9
Roberta Cencini	1/12
Charles Bone	1/15
Rick Sexton	1/15
Carlyle Dean	1/16
Keith Nodolf	1/18
Marge Ghiglione	1/21
Sonya Utseth	1/30
Aiden Willoughby	1/31



Jim and Phyllis Ketring,	1/2
17 years	
Kenneth and Mickey	1/29
Oliver, 5 years	



## Updating the VCC Pictorial Directory

It's time to begin updating information for the VCC Directory. Look for the information review sheet that should be in your church mailbox soon. You will have three main options upon reviewing your information. If no corrections are necessary, please check the appropriate box and return the form. If you find errors or need to change any information, please make changes legibly on the form, crossing out any incorrect information. You may also opt to have a new picture taken. If you do NOT check the box indicating that you want an updated photo, the new directory will retain your current picture. In all cases, please return the form to the Bethke mailbox in the foyer.

If you have not previously been listed in the directory, you will find an information sheet in your mailbox, or at the Visitor Desk. Please fill out all information that you would like published in the directory and place the form in the Bethke mailbox. One of our photographers will catch up with you one Sunday before or after the service to take your photo.

Your participation in this process is essential to providing an accurate directory. Directories are distributed within the VCC church family and the information is not shared with any outside sources.

## Vistoso Community Church 2012 Staff

**WORSHIP: Facilitator/Head Usher**—Ken Hunt. **Ushers**—Charles Bone, Don Collier, Pep Draper, Sandy Gates, Mickie Harris, Robert Henry, Joe Markwell, Bill and Emily Ransom, Karen Redig, Bebe Riggins, Peggy Thurmond, Jim Wilson. **Greeters**—Charles Bone, Audra, Todd and Courtney Southall, Jim O'Brien, Warren and Peggy Thurmond. **Flowers**—Genenne Sexton, Peggy Thurmond. **Sunday Morning Prayer**—Cecil Daley, Fred Gustin. **Visitor Center**—Julia Salley; Audra Southall.



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**Wednesday Fellowship**—John and Sonya Utseth, (Coordinators), Peggy Thurmond.

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**Pianists**—Pat Gustin, Genenne Sexton, Loreen Young; **Organists**—Geneie Adams, Pat Gustin, Genenne Sexton; **Choir Members**—Geneie Adams, Nancye Allen, Bill and Dee Bethke, Sue Bixler, Merle Broadbent, Bill and Carolyn Carson, Don Collier, Pat Cutsinger, Evelyn Daley, Janette Dean, Patty Elliott, Pat Gustin, Joyce Henry, Karen Hunt, Joe Hutto, Joe Markwell, Art Riggins, Richard and Loretta Ross, Darryl Sanders, Genenne Sexton, Clint and Carol Smith, Ardith Snyder, Dan and Marian Stoleson, Linda Wilkes, Karen Wilson, Loreen Young.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**—Ed Kilby, (Chairman), Dee Bethke, Ken Hunt, Mason Neely.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday and Wednesday Bible Study**—Kevin Redig; **Heartcall Ladies Bible Study**—Evelyn Daley; **Men of Honor** (Prayer Breakfast)—Joe Hutto; **Historian**—Ann Kilby; **Librarian**—Art Riggins; **Small Group**—Jim and Karen Wilson; **Evangelism and Outreach**—Jim Ketring; **Children's Sunday School**—Dee Bethke.



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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Don Collier (Chairman), Joe Bailey (Chairman of the Deacons per bylaws), Carolyn Carson, Jinny Davis, Karen Hunt.