



The Vistoso Voice

Missions Committee Guest Speaker



The Missions Committee is hosting a Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, 2/23, at 11:00 a.m. right after HeartCall.

The highlight will be guest speaker Julie Evans.

Julie has served as a campus missionary on the University of Arizona campus since 1997 and is now in her third year as Director of Christian Challenge there.

Julie loves college students and reaches out to U of A and Pima Community College students with the good news of the

gospel. This collegiate ministry engages students with the message of Christ so they can learn to live His challenge on campus and in the world.



All ladies of the church are welcome to invite friends and requested to bring a dish to share for lunch.

Julie works with Missions Service Corps, the statewide Baptist organization where VCC members, Clint and Carol Smith, serve as Directors.

Plan to attend this special luncheon on 2/23 at 11:00 a.m. after HeartCall.

“Students are learning to live the challenge of Christ on campus and in the world.”

Singles Valentine’s Banquet—Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.

All the singles in the church are invited for a lovely dinner and program in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, 2/14, at 5:30 p.m. Singles are welcome to invite a special friend to the dinner or attend without a guest and enjoy fellowship with other single members.

A sign up sheet is available in the foyer. If you would appreciate transportation that evening, please indicate so on the sign up sheet. If you are available to drive a passenger, please add that information as well.

Church members who are not single are invited to an opportunity of service. We need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up afterward. Volunteers will be rewarded with a free meal. Please see Peggy Thurmond to discuss volunteer activities.



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February Sunday Bible Study.



CJ Hindman continues a study on the Seven Deadly Sins. CJ began this interesting study last year and will lead the topic on Sunday mornings throughout the entire month of February.

After a brief review of last spring’s information, CJ will continue with the four sins that were not covered last year. They are greed, sloth, gluttony, and lust.

FEBRUARY



A WORD FROM OUR MINISTRY LEADERS Come Let Us Worship



And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

Emeritus at Tucson. The ministry to the residents of Emeritus continues Thursday, 2/2, at 2:30 p.m.

Men of Honor.

Gather with the men of VCC for prayer, Bible study and coffee, Friday, 2/3, 7:00 a.m.



Choir. Choir practices this month are Wednesdays at 5:30.



Small Group. Sunday, 2/12 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Karen Wilson.

HeartCall. Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Thursdays, 2/9 and 2/23.



Pie Fellowship. Wednesday, 2/15, 6:30 p.m. followed by quarterly business meeting and mid-week service at 7:00 p.m.



Ladies Fellowship.

Ladies Fellowship will be the first and third Tuesdays of February.



2/7: Pat Cutsinger, 546-2293
2/21: Joyce Henry, 877-8489

March Alert. Life Line will provide five preventive health screenings for stroke/carotid artery, heart rhythm, aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis at VCC on Monday, 3/12. Call 800-679-5192 to register.

Throughout the week, many people work diligently to prepare for our Sunday worship service—a time when we can come together to honor, praise, and give thanks to God. Our pastors study and pray and spend hours preparing a message that will illuminate God's truth for the assembled congregation. Our minister of music prepares an order of service that includes worship in music, scripture, and prayer. Musicians practice and pray their music will be worthy of and pleasing to the object of our worship. Each Sunday before the service, a loyal group gathers in the classroom near the sanctuary to pray that our service will be acceptable to God and meaningful for all who attend.

Much activity surrounds the worship service itself to ensure that all who attend can fully participate—bulletins are created to provide information on the order of service; a visual presentation is designed to provide words for the hymns and scriptures; volunteers in the sound room work to ensure that each member of the congregation can hear all the elements of the service; greeters welcome worshippers as they gather; ushers help find seats and assist during the stewardship portion of the service.

All of this activity emanates from the sure conviction that God wants us to gather together for worship and praise. Certainly, we can worship separately and individually through study and private devotions. But we are also called to worship as a congregation. In Acts 2:46-47, we see the importance that the early Christians placed on worshipping together. *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

The verse from Hebrews at the top of this article gives us another reason to worship as a congregation—to exhort, to support, to minister to one another. Our worship service should not only be a time when we seek instruction or comfort or inspiration, but also a time when we gather together to worship and praise God and to strengthen and comfort and inspire one another. We are strengthened as a congregation and a church family when we regularly, prayerfully, joyfully worship together. Furthermore, the relationship we have with our Lord and Savior in turn makes a beautiful witness to any lost individual who might be visiting.



Dee Bettker

Ministry Coordinator

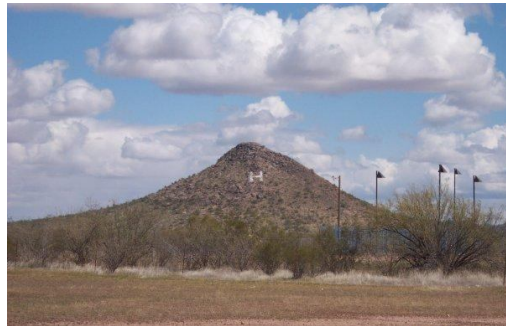
MISSIONS FEBRUARY

Mission Focus. Our missionaries for the month of February are Mission Service Corps volunteers, Ken and Thurleen Bain, who serve Native Americans—primarily Tohono O’odham— in Hikiwan, Arizona. They are called to assist and support Indian churches and their leader/pastors as they reach out to their villages with the Gospel. Recognizing that effective ministry to Native Americans is best done by Native Americans, their goal is to teach, mentor and train the Indian believers who will in turn teach,



mentor and train other Indian believers who will do likewise. They ask the intercession of prayer warriors to support their efforts. You can learn more about their work at their website: www.ktbministries.org.

Transportation costs on the vast and remote reservation are enormous. \$40 will buy one tank of gasoline. The utility rates on the reservation are extremely high and the team faithfully relies on the Lord to provide the utility and transportation expenses of this vital ministry.



Nothing is too hard for our God, Jehovah Jireh, who is our Provider of multiplying supply.



Colleen Hartman	2/2
Mickie Harris	2/4
Marge Weston	2/7
Barbara Moll	2/8
Bill Bethke	2/10
Dorina Forssell	2/11
Darryl Sanders	2/11
Ruth Williams	2/12
Cliff Redig	2/13
J.D. Hughes	2/15
Ginger Embrey	2/17
Christopher Lovatt	2/21
Peggy Bucholz	2/26



Otto & Bea Putz	2/1
37 years	
Bill & Dee Bethke	2/3
44 years	
Bill & Dot Hutchison	2/9
61 Years	
Bob & Patty Waldron	2/9
20 years	
Harold & Donna McGhee,	2/14
24 years	
Bob & Betty Roosma	2/14
10 Years	
Carl & Dorina Forssell	2/22
9 years	
Dick & Ruth Hitzemann,	2/25
28 years	
Earl & Joan Terp	2/27
2 years	



Welcome Home, Katherine. Sonya Utseth hosted a lovely tea for Katherine Oden who visited us in January. After an announcement at a Wednesday evening service, several ladies were able to visit with this lovely, gracious woman. Her warm presence in our church has certainly been missed since she

moved to Texas. Katherine is a powerful example of faith in action as she expresses the indwelling spirit of the love of Christ to all who know her.

We thank Pastor Adams and Geneie for sharing their mother with us over the holidays.



Baptisms and Child Dedication



Pastor Dale Adams baptized church member Bob Gislason on 1/8/12. Bob said that he had attended church all his life, and received the touch of the Holy Spirit at age 43. Now, 43 years later, he has chosen to be baptized at the age of 86.

Associate Pastor Kevin Redig taught that baptism is the outward sign of an inner reality and spiritual truth.



Joan (Jodi) Gislason, Bob's daughter, expressed gratitude to Jesus after experiencing believer's baptism. Jodi faithfully brings Alexander to Sunday School and became a church member. Associate Pastor Kevin Redig taught us that the original understanding of the word, baptism, in the Greek, meant to identify with. The believer identifies with the sacrifice of Jesus.



The congregation promised love and prayerful support of Alexander Gislason at this third child dedication in the history of the church.

New Members, Familiar Faces



Earl Terp has many relationships within Vistoso Community Church. He is married to

Joan Terp and is the father of Karen Redig making him the father-in-law of Associate Pastor Kevin Redig. After accepting Christ last fall, Earl added another relationship when he officially became a member of the church in January. VCC is pleased to welcome Earl.



Hope Dey and her husband moved to Sun City from Manville, NJ, three years ago. She started attending VCC because she

lived right around the corner. Hope says, *When I walked in, I saw Edith Bailey who gave me the warmest welcome, and I knew this was my church.* Hope is another new member who is familiar to our church family. She says that she enjoys the church and loves the people.



Laurie Chickusa and her husband moved to Sun City 4 months ago from Casa Grande.

Prior to that, they had lived in Seattle. Laurie knew that she wanted to attend a neighborhood church, and she chose VCC the first week she was in Sun City. Laurie said that she instantly felt comfortable in the church and has found the church and its people wonderful.