SIERRA VISTA
Community Church

February 26, 2023

Our Core Values:

(Matthew 22:36-40 & Matthew 28:19-20)

WORSHIP:
"Love God with all your heart..."

MINISTRY:
"Love your neighbor as yourself."

EVANGELISM:
"Go...make disciples/followers…"

DISCIPLESHIP:
"...teach them...all things…"

COMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP:
"Baptize them…"

Our Mission Statement:

"Loving God, loving others and reaching the world for Christ!"

Our Vision Statement:

Sierra Vista Community Church exists to help people know, love, and serve God; bonding them into Christian community, equipping them to grow and to minister to those in need; all for the purpose of glorifying Him!

Financial:

WEEKLY BUDGET

Required …… $5,319.00
Received on 2/19/2023 ……. $3,507.00
Difference …… - $1,812.00

GIVING

In-person: Offering envelopes are in the seatbacks & collection baskets are as you exit

Online: give.svccfamily.org

Mail: 514 North Telshor Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Contact Info:

Phone number (575) 526-9535
Email: office@svccfamily.org

Streaming:

www.svccfamily.org **or**
youtube.com/@svccfamily

First Time Guests:

CONNECT & RESPONSE CARD - First time guest? Make a decision today? Need prayer or just want to connect with us? The CONNECT & RESPONSE Card (located in the seatback in front of you) is an effective and immediate way to communicate with us! Please take a moment to legibly complete one and then give it to an Usher or place it in the Offering Basket at the end of the service today.

CHILDCARE is provided and encouraged for all young children (birth - 3yrs). Because our Worship Services are recorded, it is requested you check-in and drop off your child in the Nursery or Toddler's classroom BEFORE the service begins. Please wait to pick up your child until AFTER the service has been dismissed to help minimize any distractions and avoid upsetting the other children thinking it's time to go.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND CLASSES - All children (5 yrs.- 5th grade) are to attend the worship / singing portion of our service with their parent(s), then be dismissed to their class with their teachers waiting in the hallway to walk with them to class. Parents are still required to pre-register their child(s) **before** the Worship Service begins whether or not they will be attending class or remaining in the service.

FAMILY ROOM - Located in the children's hall, just inside the Northwest entrance, this room is provided for parents of young children who may be ill, nursing, or new to SVCC who'd like to remain with their child and still be able to enjoy the service via live streaming in the room.

RESTROOMS are located just outside the Worship Center next to the drinking fountains. We also have a **Family Restroom** next to the bulletin board in the Children's Hall that has a changing table and is designated specifically for adults assisting their child or disabled family.

Sunday Activities:

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME – (9:00 am - 9:30 am) The Worship Center is open and available at 9:00-9:30 am for anyone wanting to have prayer before the service or join others in praying for today's service.

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION – (9:15 am) Stop by the kitchen counter and have a complimentary cup of coffee and donut to enjoy in the gathering area or out on the patio.

EQUIPPING TIME – (9:00 am) This Adult Bible Study meets in Classroom #5 and covers various topics designed to teach you God's Word and help you in your spiritual growth.

Announcements:

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – (8:00 AM) Could YOU use a little fun and encouragement in your life? Make plans to join us for our next monthly breakfast (on your own)
Saturday, March 11th at 8:00 AM at Rudy's BBQ Restaurant,1020 N. Telshor Blvd. where we'll share some laughs, hear a short biblical teaching and gain encouragement to help us succeed in life! (No childcare provided, but girls 10 yrs. & older are encouraged to attend!)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS -If you are interested in helping with various asylum seekers needs at Holy Cross Retreat Center (600 Holy Cross Rd. Mesilla Park, NM please call Dee at 575-496-3796 to volunteer.

SUFFERING and the CHRISTIAN
H.O.P.E.
(Hold On, the Pain Ends)
February 27, 2023

Notes

"I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering." (Isaiah 48:10) [NLT]

There are several possible reasons for Christian suffering that are distinct from the reasons for the general suffering experienced by everyone:

1. Suffering MAY result in a form of _____.

"[5] *And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.* [6] *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives."* [7] *It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?* [8] *If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.* [9] *Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?* [10] *For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.* [11]*For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."*
(Hebrews 12:5-11) [ESV]

2. Suffering enables Christians to _____ with and _____ other sufferers.

"[3] *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,* [4] *who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."* (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) [ESV]

3. Suffering helps us _____ _____ to the Lord.

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4. Suffering _____ us that this world ___ ___ our _____.

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."
(Hebrews 11:6) [ESV]

"[28] *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* [29] *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* [30] *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."* (Romans 8:28-30) [ESV]

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from the NIV ® Bible.

ANSWERS:

discipline, identify, encourage, draw closer, reminds, is not, home