



SIERRA VISTA *Community Church*

August 13, 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:

GIVING

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

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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 or if watching online, please email theoffice@svccfamily.org with your information or decision.

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 the multipurpose room and covers various topics designed to teach you God's Word and help you in your spiritual growth.

Announcements:

NATIONAL "BACK-TO-CHURCH" SUNDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Make plans to join us on Sunday, September 17 as we celebrate the end of Summer and the blessing of worshipping TOGETHER as the Lord commanded us to do!

- We'll start the morning eating **breakfast burritos** together at **9:15 am**, followed by a celebratory service including partaking of the Lord's Supper and more.
- Then, we'll end the day reconnecting with our SVCC "family" after a long summer at our **Family Reunion at 6:00 pm at Young Park** (corner of Walnut & Nevada) Bring your own picnic lunch, lawn chairs or blanket and your unchurched friends and family for an old-fashioned, fun-filled evening featuring LIVE music, games, ice cream and more!

* Flyers will be available at the Resource Table to invite your "unchurched" family and friends

PAID CHILDCARE WORKER - We have an additional part-time paid childcare worker position available for some weekend work here at SVCC. For more information, contact Blanca Merewether at (575) 526-9535 or email the church office at office@svccfamily.org

“RETHINKING THE CONUNDRUM OF SIN”

(Rethinking Your Life – Part 7b)

August 13, 2023

Notes

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” (James 4:17) [ESV]

What’s The Problem With Sin?

➤ You were born with a _____ to sin.

“... I feel I am a slave to my sinful desires. Sin masters me. I don’t even understand the things I do. I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it! Instead, I do the wrong things that I don’t want to do! ... I can’t help myself because of my sinful nature inside me ... It’s a law at work in me that is at war with my mind!” (Romans 7:14-15, 17, 23) [NCV]

➤ Sin breaks your _____ with God.

“Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That’s why he doesn’t answer your prayers or let you see his face.” (Isaiah 59:2) [CEV]

➤ Every time you sin, something _____ inside of you.

“Our evil desires make us sin, and when sin is finished with us, it leaves us dead.” (James 1:15) [CEV]

➤ Your sin may be a secret, but it’s never _____!

“... behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.” (Numbers 32:23) [ESV]

➤ Sin does long-term _____!

“⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:7-8) [ESV]

➤ Disobeying God is neither _____ nor _____!

“Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding.” (Proverbs 10:23) [ESV]

How Do You Break Free From Sin?

☐ _____ what Jesus did for you.

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Peter 2:24) [ESV]

☐ Let God _____ you a _____.

“No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.” (1 John 3:9) [ESV]

“If you have the Spirit of God living in you, you are controlled by your new nature!” (Romans 8:9) [LB]

☐ _____ the way you _____ about sin.

“¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:10-11) [ESV]

☐ _____ the lie behind every temptation.

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44) [ESV]

☐ Understand ☐ give, new nature ☐ Change, think ☐ Challenge ☐ fellowship ☐ dies ☐ private ☐ damage ☐ fun, funny

ANSWERS: