



SIERRA VISTA Community Church

September 03, 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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www.svccfamily.org or
[youtube.com/@svccfamily](https://www.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 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 commands us to do!

- **AM** - We'll start the morning eating **breakfast burritos** together at **9:15 AM** followed by a celebratory service including Baptism. **Bring a towel & change of clothes if participating.**
- **PM** - 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 lawn chairs or blanket and your unchurched friends and family for an old-fashioned, fun-filled evening featuring LIVE music, games, hot dogs, ice cream and more!

*** Everyone attending the service will receive a special gift!!**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 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) **NEXT Saturday, September 9th at 8:00 AM at Rudy's BBQ Restaurant**, located at 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!)

**“HOW TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION”
(Faithful Hearts and Faithful Servants - Part 1)**

September 3, 2023

Notes

Text: Colossians 1:1–14 [ESV]

Four Ways Paul Expresses His Appreciation:

• **An _____ greeting.**

“¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers [and sisters] in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.” (Colossians 1:1-2) [ESV]

Important points in Paul’s opening greeting:

1. Paul and Timothy are _____ this letter.
2. This letter was written to _____.
3. This letter was written to believers in _____.

• **A sincere _____.**

*“³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ **since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,** ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing— as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.” (Colossians 1:3-8) [ESV]*

Paul has heard two things about the believers in Colossae:

1. Their _____ in Jesus Christ is _____ and _____.
2. Their _____ for the saints in the church is _____.

One point we are going to see again and again in Colossians is

this _____ of _____ with our _____ in Jesus Christ.

• **An _____ prayer.**

“⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.” (Colossians 1:9-12) [ESV]

1. As our knowledge of God increases, so too will our _____ . (vv. 9 & 10)
2. Being filled with this knowledge is to be _____ . (v. 11)
3. The wisdom and knowledge of God should produce _____ to God. (v. 12)

• **An _____ promise.**

“¹³ He had delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14) [ESV]

• affectionate 1. writing 2. fellow, believers 3. Colossae • appreciation 1. faith, noticeable, noteworthy 2. love, known, - pairing, actions, faith • affirming 1. good, works 2. strengthened 3. joyful, thanksgiving • assured

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