



SIERRA VISTA *Community Church*

September 24, 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

Online: give.svccfamily.org

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

Contact Information:

Phone number (575) 526-9535

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Streaming:

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:

COMING SOON!! "DISCOVERY CLASSES": Join us for this informal time of dialogue and refreshments. Breakfast, lunch and childcare (birth-10 yrs.) are provided, so **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** Please complete a Connect Card stating your interest, call the office at 575-526-9535 or email to office@svccfamily.org to register.

CLASS 101: "Discovering Sierra Vista" (Prerequisite for membership and ministry!) Come and discover what Sierra Vista is all about, including: our purpose and vision; our beliefs and structure; as well as ministry opportunities and how YOU can become a part of our "family"! **DATE: TBD**

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

IS IT WORTH IT?"

(Faithful Hearts and Faithful Servants - Part 4)

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Notes

Paul's _____ Calling and Suffering:

"²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."
(Colossians 1:24-28) [ESV]

HIS CALLING: "¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." (Acts 9:15-16) [ESV]

HIS SUFFERING: "... ^{24a} and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions ..." (Colossians 1:24^a) [ESV]

HIS PURPOSE: "... ^{24b} for the sake of his body, that is, the church ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you." (Colossians 1:24^b - 25) [ESV]

THE REASON: "²⁶ ...the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:26-27) [ESV]

THE RESULT: "... that we may present everyone mature in Christ." (Colossians 1:28) [ESV]

Paul's _____ Calling To The Colossians:

"²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ." (Colossians 1:29-2:5) [ESV]

- _____ and do **SOMETHING** for the **cause** of Christ!

"For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works in me." (vr.29)

- **Don't** _____ on the struggle, focus on the _____ behind it!

"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face ..." (vr.1)

- _____, it'll _____ you as you _____ others!

"... ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (vrs.2-3)

- **Be** _____ in the gospel.

"... ^{2b} being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full understanding and the knowledge of God's mercy, which is Christ ..." (vr.2^b)

THE _____ RESULT: "I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments." (Colossians 2:4) [ESV]

Get, up, cause, • Think, big, encourage, encourage, • united, • Expected

ANSWERS: