



# SIERRA VISTA Community Church

October 15, 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](http://give.svccfamily.org)

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

## Contact Information:

**Phone number (575) 526-9535**

**Email:** [office@svccfamily.org](mailto:office@svccfamily.org)

## Streaming:

[www.svccfamily.org](http://www.svccfamily.org) or  
[youtube.com/@svccfamily](https://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](mailto: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:

**"DISCOVERY CLASSES" – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am – 2:00pm)**  
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](mailto:office@svccfamily.org) to register. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 25**

**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"!

**CLASS 201: "Discovering Spiritual Maturity"** Do you desire to grow in your relationship with Christ? Come to discover the "Four Basic Habits" that every Christian needs to develop as we equip you with the skills and tools necessary for healthy spiritual growth! **(\*Prerequisite: Class 101)**

**GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY - Holiday Survival Seminar** - Holidays can be difficult enough as it is! But, when you compound it with dealing with the loss of a loved one, it feels as if it's impossible to cope with the festivities while also experiencing pain and loneliness! That's why we're offering this one day seminar: **Sat., Nov. 4 (9:30 am – noon)**. Space is limited and guidebooks must be ordered, so registration is required.

**Cost: \$10** (for guidebook and includes a continental breakfast.) **Registration and payment deadline: Sunday, October 22** either at the Resource Table or calling the office. For additional information call Robin at (301) 452-0942

# “THE THINGS THAT CAN RUIN YOUR FAITH”

(Faithful Hearts and Faithful Servants - Part 7)

October 15, 2023

Notes

**Text:** Colossians 2:16-23

## Themes Paul Has Been Confronting:

- Intellectualism: (2:1-10)
- Ritualism: (2:11-17)
- Spiritualism: (2:18 & 19)
- Legalism: (2:20-23)

## Some Things That Can Hurt Christ-followers:

- Empty \_\_\_\_\_.

*“<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in question to food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.” (v. 16-17)*

Aren't some of these observances given to us by God to remind us of truth? Isn't there some value to mental or physical health to be gained by doing them?

Paul's answer: *“These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.” (v. 17)*

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*“<sup>18</sup> Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, **puffed up** without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.” (vv. 18-19)*

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*“<sup>20</sup> If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— <sup>21</sup> “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” <sup>22</sup> (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup> These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.” (vv. 20-23)*

## What's wrong with asceticism/legalism?

1. It shows you don't \_\_\_\_\_ your death with Christ.
2. Whatever benefits these things may bring is only \_\_\_\_\_.
3. These things are of no value in \_\_\_\_\_ the indulgence of the flesh.
4. These four threats have one thing in common: they | \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

**These four threats would crush the life out of the Colossians' faith if they had continued in those practices, and they will do the same to you!**

1. understand, 2. temporary, 3. restraining, 4. lose Christ  
• ritualism • Mysticism/Spiritualism • Asceticism/Legalism

ANSWERS: