



(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 Email: <u>office@svccfamily.org</u>

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 or if watching online, please email the office@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:

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY OUTREACH (Dec. 3- 17) Help decorate our Christmas Tree with bright, colorful **NEW** socks and gloves for men, women & children in our community as we help to warm their hearts, hands, and feet! Just hang them on the tree as you come in. (Hooks available at Resource Table, if needed.)

FREE DIGITAL 2023 ADVENT GUIDE! - A copy of the Advent Devotional Guide is available online at <u>https://pages.buckner.org/2023-buckner-advent-guide?</u> and some copies on the Resource Table in the foyer to help you and your family prepare your hearts for this season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and await His second coming!

HELP US HELP EVERYONE STAY HEALTHY! Thank you for helping us help everyone stay healthy during the cold and flu season by utilizing the **masks** at the **hand sanitizing** stations and the **sanitizing gel** provided at the exits, kitchen counters and at each of the usher's tables as you exit the Worship Center. (Please DO NOT block the doorway when applying the hand sanitizer.)

"HOPE: THE GREATEST NEWS EVER!"

(The Wonder of Christmas - Advent, Part 1) December 3, 2023

" And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:8-20)

The GREATEST news ever is ...

... _____ news!

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (v. 10^b)

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (v. 11)

• ... _____ news!

⁴¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (vv. 13 & 14)

... news that should be _____ with everyone!

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Personal Application:

Do you ______ the Christ of Christmas?

Are you ______ that brings glory to God this Christmas?

*All Bible references are from the ESV

unless otherwise noted.

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