



JANUARY 7, 2024

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!

DONATIONS:

GIVING

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

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SIERRA VISTA Community Church



First Time Guest

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.

ESPAÑOL - Tenemos disponible interpretación en español durante el servicio. Favor de notificar a un ujier para asistirle con un audifono. *(Spanish Translation is available during our Worship Service. Please ask an Usher for a Spanish Bulletin and a compact receiver to use.)*

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. Today we start a **NEW STUDY** on various biblical prophecies beginning in the book of Genesis.

Announcements:

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP – (Resumes on January 13 at 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) **Saturday, January 13th 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!)*

GREETERS & USHERS MEETING - There will be a brief refresher/training meeting for all PAST and CURRENT Greeters and Ushers or for those who'd like to serve as one. Please plan to attend on **Sunday, January 14** immediately following the worship service. For more info., contact Gayla at 575-635-5420.

GRIEF SHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY - Grieving is an individual process, and often the griever needs ongoing support and encouragement, lasting months, or even longer. Grief Share is intended to care for the needs of those suffering the loss of a spouse, parent, child, or good friend. If you are interested in attending a group setting, contact Ted Stagner (253) 882-8299. Meeting dates & time TBD.

“THE GOD OF HEAVEN AND HARDSHIP”
(How To Live Obediently No Matter What - Part 1)
January 7, 2024

Notes

“¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.” (1 Peter 1:1-2)

Introduction To 1 Peter:

- The author: _____

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to ...” (v. 1^a)

- The audience: The _____

“... to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia ...” (v. 1^b)

Two Words Worth Noting:

1. _____: *“... to those who are elect ...” (v1^b)*

Elected: Drafted, chosen, you were predestined.

2. _____: *“... exiles of the Dispersion ...” (v. 1^b)*

Exile: One who has been forced out of their homeland against their own will due to some outside force like war, disaster or persecution.

How Has This “New” Citizenship Been Made Possible?

_____ : **3 Steps of Salvation**

1st step: _____ has God done?

2nd step: _____ and _____ has this act taken place?

3rd step: _____ has God done this?

ANSWERS:
• Peter • Church (1. Elect, 2. Exiles)
Salvation: What, Where, How, Why

*All Bible references are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.