"LIVE WITH ETERNITY IN MIND" (Pastor Christian Gurrola)

April 21, 2024

Text: (2 Peter 3:1-18) [NIV]	
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"Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking." (2 Peter 3:1) [NIV]	
"These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So, when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world." (1 Peter 1:7) [NLT]	
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"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives." (2 Peter 3:11) [NIV]	
"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory." (2 Corinthians 1:20) [NLT]	
B rd : Be a person of!	
"So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him." (2 Peter 3:14) [NIV]	
"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10) [NIV]	
I ^{trh} : Be in the things of God.	
"Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position." (2 Peter 3:17) [NIV]	
"I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." (1 Corinthians 9:27) [NLT]	
" except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come." (Revelation 2:25) [NLT]	
"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown." (Revelation 3:11) [NLT]	
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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3:18) [NIV]	

"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which

God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." (Philippians 3:14) [NLT]

~ Answers ~ Purpose, promise, purity, persistent, progress.

Notes

Our Core Values:

(Matthew 22:36-40 & 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!

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SIERRA VISTA Community Church

Sunday - April 21, 2024









"Where neighbors become friends and friends become family!"

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In-person/ Connect Cards YouTube: @svccfamily

Like Us \(\frac{1}{2} \) on Facebook: /svccfamily/

~ First-time Guests ~

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

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 us: office@svccfamily.org with your information or decision.

RESERVED PARKING - Designated parking is available for all **First-time Guests** and **Senior Adults** next to the southside of the building. (See signs.)

RESTROOMS are located just outside the Worship Center *next to the water fountains*. We also have a Family Restroom next to the bulletin board in the Children's Wing that has a changing table and is designated specifically for adults assisting their child or disabled family member.

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 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 Wing, 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.

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

Weekly activities:

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME (9:00-9:30 am)

The Worship Center is open and available at 9:00 am for anyone wanting to individually before the service for today's service.

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION (9:15-9:55 am)

Stop by the kitchen counter and pick up a complimentary cup of coffee and donut to enjoy either in the bistro seating area OR outside on the patio.

EQUIPPING TIME (9:00-9:45 am)

These Sunday Classes designed for adults & older youth are offered on a rotating basis covering various topics to help you learn God's word and develop spiritual growth.

(Located in the Children's Educational Wing.)

Current Classes:

- Understanding Biblical Prophecies, led by Henry Young (Multipurpose Room)
- Deadly Emotions, led by Gayla Ortega (Room 5)

** TUESDAY MORNING COED BIBLE STUDY **

Join us as we start the day together over breakfast and a time of studying and discussing the Bible, one verse at a time. For more info., call Evan 575-640-5582.

Who: Open to women and men **When**: 6:30 AM every Tuesday

Where: IHOP Restaurant, 2900 N Telshor

Worship Through Giving:



Online: We have a secure online giving app. Go to: give.svccfamily.org



<u>In-person</u>: Offering envelopes are in the seatbacks in front of you & then place in the collection baskets as you exit OR place in the wall drop box next to the bulletin board by the kitchen.



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

Worship Through Service:

There are several ministry opportunities for you to use your time, talent, and skills to serve your church family. Please take a Ministry **T.E.A.M. Card** located at the Resource Table in the main gathering area and register for our next membership class, Class 101: Discovering Class 101. (TBA in church bulletin and online.)

Announcements:

CHURCH SECRETARY NEEDED

This part-time position requires someone who is friendly with a heart for people, excellent communication, and organizational skills; a multi-tasker and has solid computer experience, who can see this job as a ministry opportunity! Please bring an updated resume to the church office during our current office hours. (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8 am – 5 pm) or email it to office @svccfamily.org

"FRESH & CLEAN" HYGIENE PRODUCTS DRIVE

Here's an opportunity for you and your family to participate in a ministry outreach without ever leaving town! We are collecting NEW full size and personal trial-size hygiene products throughout the month of April that will be given to the homeless & others in need.

**Examples of items that are needed will be located in the basket in the foyer area. **

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Join us for this month's meeting on **NEXT Sat; April 27 at 7 a.m. at Rudy's BBQ Restaurant**, located at 1020 N. Telshor Blvd. Bring a friend, enjoy a burrito, good fellowship and God's Word.

ATTENTION: 2024 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We will be honoring all 2024 High School & College graduates who
attend Sycc with a special gift and prayer during the Worship
Service on Sunday, May 4. Please complete a Connect/Response
Card to include the following information: your name, your
school/college and degree and turn card into the office or you may
email the office at office@svccfamily.org to furnish that same
information by NEXT Sunday, April 28.