

**“BE ENCOURAGED AND KEEP ON!”**  
(How To Live Obediently No Matter What - Part 12)  
April 28, 2024

Text: 1 Peter 3:8-17

- **We all need \_\_\_\_\_.** - “Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” (v. 8)
- **We are all \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_.** - “Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.” (v. 9)

- You are to bless \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:3)
- You are to bless those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- You are to bless your \_\_\_\_\_.

Bless means to \_\_\_\_\_, to give \_\_\_\_\_ for, to be \_\_\_\_\_ for.

- You are to bless your \_\_\_\_\_. “... showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel ...” (1 Peter 3:7)
- You are to bless your \_\_\_\_\_. The patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all gave formal blessings to their children—and, in Jacob’s case, to some grandchildren.
- You are to bless your \_\_\_\_\_. “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.” (Genesis 20:12)

- **We are all called to live a \_\_\_\_\_.** - “<sup>10</sup> For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good, let him seek peace and pursue it.” (vv. 10 & 11)

(Psalm 34): David’s \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Two Words Worth Looking Into Again:**

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Fear God! (1:17 & 2:17)  
Don’t fear men. (3:6 & 14)

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!” (1 Peter 1:3)

“But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” (v.15)

**And when they ask “... you for a reason for the hope that is in you ...” (v.15)**

“... so that ... those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” (v.16)

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*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 28, 2024

# Welcome



## WE ARE THE CHURCH

**“Where neighbors become friends  
and friends become family!”**

*Stay Connected:*

In-person/ Connect Cards YouTube: @svccfamily

Like Us on Facebook: /svccfamily/

~ Answers ~  
• encouragement • called, blessing  
• God • persecuted • church, honor,  
thanks, grateful • wife • children  
• parents • godly life, submission,  
suffering, blessing, Fear, Blessing

~ *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](mailto: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](https://give.svccfamily.org)



**In-person:** 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](mailto: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.

**Tomorrow, Monday, April 29**

**is the last day to drop off your hygiene products donations**

that will be given to the homeless & others in need.

**\*\*Examples of items are in the basket located in the foyer area\*\***

### ATTENTION: 2024 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We will be honoring all 2024 High School & College graduates **who attend SVCC** with a special gift and prayer during the Worship Service on **Sunday, May 5**. 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](mailto:office@svccfamily.org) to furnish that same information by **TODAY Sunday, April 28**.

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

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, May 11th at 8:00 a.m. 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!)**