"A WORD TO ELDERS AND THE FLOCK THEY SHEPHERD"

(How To Live Obediently No Matter What - Part 16) May 26, 2024

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The Flock's

Our Core Values:
(Matthew 22:36-40 & 28:19-20)

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responsibility

☐ domineering ☐ examples • reward □ willingly □ gain □ eagerly

☐ reflect • readiness ☐ compulsion

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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 - May 26. 2024







"Where neighbors become friends and friends become family!"

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~ 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



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:

OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the church office will be closed **Monday**, **May 27** and reopen at 9am on Tuesday for normal business hours.



~ WELCOME STEPHANIE ~

Please welcome our new Secretary, **Stephanie Liu**, who'll be working in our office Monday-Thursday (9am-12pm and 1-3pm). (Raquel Adams will continue part-time as our Office Manager.) Stephanie, who is from Illinois originally, has 2 school-aged children, Isabella & Landon, is a musician, and enjoys performing with her folk band, The Old Time Pharmaceuticals.

DRAMA & PUPPET MINISTRY AT SVCC

Beginning June 2nd, we will be instituting a <u>drama and puppet</u> ministry for teaching our children ages 3 years old-5th grade. If you have questions, please call Reen at (253)-468-8746

"DISCOVERY CLASSES" - 9:00 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 1

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 or email the church office to register.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 29

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)