

“Character by Fire”

(The Nuts and Bolts of Christian Living, James Series)
Intentional Interim Pastor, Rev. Larry Floyd
Sunday, April 27, 2025

James 1:1-18 [NIV]

- 1. Character development begins with testing (vs. 2-4)
- 2. Character development takes time to process (vs. 5-8)
- 3. Character development depends on the Lord (vs. 12-18)

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

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Welcome 



**“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 for all young children (birth - 2 years). 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 Ministry - All children (3 years - 5th grade) are to attend the worship/singing portion of our service with their parent(s), then be dismissed to the Children's Ministry for teaching our children. Their teachers will be waiting in the hallway to walk with them. Parents are still required to pre-register their child(ren) before the Worship Service begins, whether or not they will be attending the Children's Ministry 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 audifono. (Spanish Translation is available during our Worship Service. Please ask an Usher for a Spanish Bulletin and a compact receiver to use.)

Worship Through Growing:


PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME (9:00-9:30am)
The Worship Center is open and available at 9:00 am for anyone wanting to pray individually before the service for today's service.


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


TUESDAY MORNING COED BIBLE STUDY
Start the day together over breakfast and a time of studying and discussing the Bible, one verse at a time. Open to women and men, 6:30am, every Tuesday, IHOP Restaurant, 2900 N Telshor. For more info, call Evan (575) 640-5582.

"DEVELOPING AND DEFENDING YOUR FAITH"
This interactive class is for all youth--adults who desire to grow in your faith, as well as learn to wisely and lovingly defend it. Bring your Bible, and join us, **6:30pm, Wednesdays, Classroom #5.**

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. Place them 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 Serving:

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 SVCC.**

Announcements:

~ MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CLASS ~

God's design for marriage was not just for endurance, but for enjoyment! However, we live in a performance-based world! But happy, hope-filled marriages thrive on grace! Whether you are nearly-married (*engaged*); newly-weds, seasoned veterans or somewhere in-between, you are encouraged to embark on this journey to have a wonderful, healthy, enjoyable marriage as God designed it to be! **Yes, even a good marriage can be better!** Classes will be held **9-9:45am, Sunday mornings**
Class begins TODAY!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Please feel free to come and pray at the church by yourself or join with others, as we lift up our city, state, and nation before God on **Thursday, May 1st**. The church will be open for you to come and go from **8am - 5pm**.

Attention: 2025 High School and College Graduates

We will be honoring all 2025 High School & College graduates who attend SVCC with a special gift and prayer during the Worship Service on **Sunday, May 4th**. Participation deadline: **Wednesday, April 30th**.

Please complete a Connect Card to include the following information: your name, your school/college and degree, and turn the card into the office, or you may call the office at (575) 526-9535.

Women's Breakfast Fellowship

Looking for a little fun and encouragement? Then make plans to join us for our next monthly breakfast (on your own) **Saturday, May 10th at 8am** at Rudy's BBQ Restaurant 1020 N. Telshor Blvd. where we'll share some laughs, hear a short biblical teaching and gain encouragement to help us succeed!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COACHING (BHC)

SVCC is offering free Behavioral Health Coaching, by Appointment only. This service, provided by *Marissa Adam* (BHSII) will be limited to helping individuals develop healthy strategies, behaviors and coping mechanisms to improve their overall health and will be available for our church family only.

Individuals must be 18 yrs or older, an "active member" or "regular-attender," and agree not to discuss your case or concerns with your coach during non-office hours, at Worship Services, or at other outside settings.

Available appointment hours:

12pm - 4pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Call the Church Office (575) 526-9535

during regular office hours, or complete a Connect Card, write **BHC** under Prayer Requests. You will be contacted.

*If you have an [announcement](#), [prayer request](#), or [praise](#) to submit, please email them to: office@svccfamily.org by Tuesday at noon.