

Have you ever had an adventure?

They seem to be easier when you are younger. I remember when Shelley and I lived in Johnson City, TN on our way home late one night we hit black ice and slid across the freeway, through a median, up the other side of the freeway, back to the median and stopped. Having done a 360 on the ice we were scared but gave thanks to God that there were no other cars on the road. I will always remember driving that freeway later and realizing, there was only one place we could have gone across the median and back on without hitting something and that is where we stopped. There was no damage to the car, or to us or our daughters.

During the last deluge in California, my parents had an adventure as well. On their way to the doctor the road flooded behind them, around them and ahead of them. The highway patrol directed them to exit and to a shelter nearby, where they rode out the storm. A while later they were able to leave and take the long way home where the roads were not washed out.

Reflecting on my parents' adventure, I remembered the words of Isaiah (chapter 43).

*But now, this is what the Lord says —
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you. NIV*

These familiar words inspired several great hymns of faith including the NAVY HYMN "ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE" and one of my favorite hymns, "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION."

Verse three is a paraphrase of Isaiah 43:2:

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

There will always be adventures in life. Storms will come and go, but one thing is certain. God who created us, who formed us, has called us and redeemed us. As the Heidelberg Catechism reminds us, "in life and in death we belong to God." Know this and be assured, we will pass THROUGH the waters that assail us for we stand on the Firm Foundation of God's love given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Like you, in faith, I'm enjoying the adventures life brings.
Dr. D

Coming soon:

February 12, 2023:

- Scout Sunday
- Super Bowl of Caring Chili Cook-off,
- Picture Day for the new church directory.

February 22, 2023:

- Lent Begins
- Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.



Lenore Maxwell; Crystal Echols; Mary Ellen Cultip;
Mary and Bob Schaal; Missionaries around the World,
Leonard Troxel; Betty Hammann; Makyla Ruttle; Lynn Bell;
Cindy Michels; Kylie Rivera; The Unrest in our Country; Police
and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our
country; the unsaved; our military and their families;
all those affected by COVID-19; Border Patrol;



February BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

13 Rusty Washum
28 Karen Nicklaus

SCOUTS FEBRUARY

1 Amora Felix
5 Yvana Gomez
5 Caleb Niewiek
5 Everett Gilmore
6 Stryker Little
7 Noah Bahati
10 Vincent Basolet
14 Joshua Fry
16 Nathan Powell
17 Katelyn Kay
18 Quinn Irlanda
26 Maddyson tHoltry



March BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

6 Darryl Mortenson
10 Jane Bruemmer
12 Daniel Kai Troxel
14 Paula Claar
21 Bill Leeper
22 Lynette Hamilton

SCOUTS MARCH

1 Bryan Kay
1 Scott Kay
7 Leonardo Westmoreland
12 Daniel Kai Troxel
19 Zarlina Basolet
30 Christopher Claridge

Souper Bowl of Caring

CHILI AND SOUP COOK OFF

On Sunday, February 12 during Fellowship time in Don Francis Hall.

Cooks: Please bring a pot of homemade chili or soup.
The winners will have bragging rights and receive a certificate suitable for hanging on the wall.

Join us to help **TACKLE HUNGER** by donating cash and a can of chicken noodle soup to be donated to Crossroads Mission



Sandwich Making

FOR CROSSROADS MISSION

On Sunday, February 26 during Fellowship time in Don Francis Hall.

Please bring lunch meat, cheese, and peanut butter and jelly.

We will provide bread, condiments, and tuna.

Join us to help make sandwiches
for hungry people at Crossroads Mission.

Treasurer's Report

Glen Moss

FEBRUARY
2023

The financial information below includes all 2022 income and expenses through December 31, 2022 as reported at the Annual Meeting on January 29. The income figures include all giving, whether toward a pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign or donations to a Mission Partnership, a Special Offering, or any other type giving. The expenses include all expenses incurred including the distribution of monies donated toward special projects or Mission Partnerships.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

	DECEMBER	YTD
INCOME	\$31,779.16	\$265,569.08
EXPENSES	\$26,165.04	\$292,975.05*

* Income includes gifts for special events and offerings and the Expenses also include where those special items have been "passed along" to the intended organization.

As you can see, our year to date expenses exceeded our year to date income. For the year, we were required to tap our Investment Account for about \$ 27,000 to meet our obligations. For the coming year, we know that we will see increased cost in utilities, pest control, liability insurance, and worker's compensation. These are the items that we know about. Unfortunately, we have no control over these increases so all we can do is suggest that if you can give more, then please do so.

As you plan for 2023, if you need a tax deduction when you file your taxes, please keep Sierra Vista in mind. We are a non-profit organization and donations to Sierra Vista are deductible for those who file itemized returns.



God is Good and we have been blessed. In all things God is faithful to us, let us be faithful to Him.
These are the gifts of God from the people of God for the work of God.
Let us be good stewards of His gifts.

SIERRA VISTA SCOUTING NEWS

OVERALL PROGRAM

The Electric Light Parade was held on Saturday, December 10. The parade theme this year was "Neon 80's Radical ! ". Our entry featured a DJ and "rockers" all dressed in bright neon colors. The crowd burst into loud applause when many of the girls started dancing to the tune "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" when the float arrived at the judge's station. Many in the walking group wore neon colored attire along with the requisite lights. We did not win this year but we are thrilled that our Scouts participated.

On Sunday, December 12, several scouts and families participated in the Sierra Vista youth Christmas program. Later on that afternoon, we also had several of our scouting families join the Sierra Vista caroling party as they rode through the local neighborhood.

Sunday, February 12, Sierra Vista will observe Scout Sunday during our morning Worship service. All scouts in attendance will receive a special Scout Sunday patch

GIRL SCOUT

The cookies are here, the cookies are here!!!! You guessed it!! Girl Scout Cookie Season is in full swing so please help support Girl Scout troop 8054 by purchasing your favorite Girl Scout cookies from one of our girls. Also, if you would like to volunteer with the Girl Scouts contact Haley Hill, she is sure to find a special place for you in our troop.

CUB SCOUT PACK

The next big event for the Cub Scouts will be the Blue and Gold Banquet TUESDAY, February 7. Earned awards will be distributed at the Blue and Gold Banquet which celebrates the birthday of the Cub Scout program.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

At the October 2022 Colorado River Canoe Event, our Troop was recognized for their culinary skills by earning the Camp Cook-off contest. All entries had to be made with apples and our boys prepared Apple Chili. Also at this event, our own Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Jeb Vaughn was recognized as the outstanding SPL of the event.

The Boy Scout Troop sold Christmas wreaths and popcorn. They have campouts planned for the upcoming months as well as various activities to help with their advancement goals.

Boy Scout troop 8054 under the leadership of their Scoutmaster Carol Troxel, is hard at work earning Merit Badges. If you are interested in volunteering with the Boy Scouts please speak to Carol.

FEBRUARY 2023

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			1 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	2 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	3	4
5 Communion Sunday Food Sunday	6	7 SCOUTS BLUE & GOLD DFH 5PM Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	8 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	9 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	10	11
12 Scout Sunday Picture Day Souper Bowl of Caring	13	14  Valentine's Day Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	15 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	16 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day Church Office Closed	21 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	23 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	24	25 Pinewood Derby DFH 8am-1pm
26 Crossroads Mission Sandwich 1st Sunday in Lent	27	28 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM				

MARCH 2023

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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5 2nd Sunday in Lent	6	7 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	8 International Women's Day 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	9 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	10	11 Vince Apple Memorial Service 10:00 am
12 3rd Sunday in Lent	13	14 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	15 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	16 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	17	18
19 Baked Potato Bash Guest Speaker Cesar Vazquez 4th Sunday in Lent	20	21 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	22 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	23	24	25
26 5th Sunday in Lent	27	28 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	29 6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	30 Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	31	