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Sierra Visitor

MARCH 2023

When I was a kid, the Beatles released a song that was their first top ten hit. It eventually went to #2 on the pop charts. It began like this:

Listen,
Do you want to know a secret?
Do you promise not to tell? Whoa oh, oh
Closer
Let me whisper in your ear
Say the Words you long to hear
I'm, in love with you, ooh.

I think the Beatles were on to something. The words we long to hear are "I LOVE YOU." And that is the message God gives to us every time we read his love letter, the Bible. Consider the God who loved you so much that he set aside his Eternal nature and became human, so he could pay whatever it took to have you with him for eternity. You might ask, "What Bible verse says God loves you?" Here is one: Romans 5:8 "But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

But the Beatles did get one thing wrong. It's not supposed to be a secret and we are supposed to promise TO TELL. Good news is for sharing.

Listen, do you want to know a secret.
IT'S NO SECRET.
GOD LOVES YOU.
Stop keeping it such a secret?

In the past few weeks we have had a lot of activity as SVPC. We have had a Potluck with a gift exchange. We have had "Special Worship Services" that included baptisms of children and Ash Wednesday. We raised over \$543 to feed hungry people in Yuma by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We've had a Baby Shower. We've made sandwiches for our Mission Partner "Crossroads Mission."

Coming up in the next few months more will happen. On March 5 we will renew our Community Partnership with "Reach Out and Read" (ROAR). On March 12 there will be another Baby Shower for a different family. And, on March 19 we will renew our Mission Partnership with "Jesu Pan Davida" church which will be followed by our annual Potato Bash meal. We hope to renew other Mission Partners in the near future as well. Plus in April we will celebrate "Maundy Thursday" with a special service of worship, and Easter takes place on April 9th.

You remember Easter, it's the day that Jesus rose from the dead to show his love was stronger than death. Forty days later he went to Heaven to prepare places for us, to be with him forever. Tell the secret. GOD LOVES YOU! Invite friends to join you at church.

See you on Sunday if not before, Dr. D



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;





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Souper Bowl of Caring CHILI AND SOUP COOK OFF

Thank you to those who brought the delicious chili and soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring cookoff on Feb. 12!

The winners were:



Troop 8054 for their Apple Chili & Haley Hill for her Chicken and Dumplings.



We raised \$543 that was given to Crossroads Mission to help feed hungry people there.

Sandwich Making FOR CROSSROADS MISSION

Thank you to those who brought the fixings to make sandwiches on Feb. 26 and to those who helped make the sandwiches. Crossroads Mission was happy to receive the sandwiches!

Thank you to the Mission Committee members who helped set up and clean up both events!

Reach Out And Read R.O.A.R - IRENE GARZA

On Sunday, March 5th Irene Garza from Reach Out and Read will be at our service to tell us about the early literacy program. We collect books (new and slightly used) to be given to children during well visits by Yuma County pediatricians.

Baked Potato Bash JESUS PAN DE VIDA

On Sunday, March 19th Pastor Cesar Vasquez from Jesus Pan de Vida in San Luis, Mexico will be here to preach. After worship, join us for the Baked Potato Bash during fellowship time. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to Jesus Pan de Vida.

SIERRA VISTA SCOUTING NEWS

OVERALL PROGRAM

SCOUT SUNDAY was observed on February 12 at Sierra Vista. We were blessed with around 35 scouts in attendance. All Scouts present in the 9 am Worship service received a commemorative patch.

GIRL SCOUT

The Girl Scouts are busy selling the delicious Girl Scout cookies. Ask any Girl Scout for information. Our Troop 8054 girls are out and about all over town selling the goodies. Funds raised from cookie sales go toward the support of our Troop 8054 program.

CUB SCOUT PACK

On February 7, the Pack held their Blue and Gold celebration, and regular Pack Meeting. The celebration of the Cub Scout birthday had a great turnout. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped.

The Annual Pine Wood Derby was held in Don Francis Hall on Saturday, February 25. Races started at 9 pm. This year. We included an "open class" for all non-scouts.

Winners by level were:

LIONS:		RS:	WEBELO II:		
1st: Maxwell Sawyer	1st:	Stryker Little	1st:	Jamie Powell	
2nd: Everett Gilmore & Maddox Rabun			2nd:	Roland Jones	
3rd: Blaine Woolridge & Levi Plante	Blaine Woolridge & Levi Plante BEAR:				
	1st:	Daniel Gomez	OPEN	I CLASS:	
WOLF:			1st:	Javier (Tucson Guest)	
1st: Cael Williamson	WEBE	LO I:	2nd:	Calle Powell	
2nd: Isaiah Cohen	1st:	Vincent Basolet	3rd:	Ben (Tucson Guest)	
	2nd:	Noah Bates			
	3rd:	Nathan Powell			

OVERALL PACK TROPHIES:

1st: Maxwell Sawyer (Lion) 2nd: Jamie Powell (Webelo II) 3rd: Vincent Basolet (Webelo I)

On Wednesday, March 8, the Webelo II boys will be recognized with a Crossover Ceremony. This event will recognize those boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award. Also, all boys who will be transitioning to a Boy Scout Troop will be "graduating" into Boy Scouts.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

Registrations are being taken for Summer Camp at Camp Geronimo near Payson. The Troop continues with regular activities as they work on advancement on their way to Eagle Scouts.

The Boy Scout Troop has been active with Merit Badges and activities. They will be welcoming the "graduating" Webelo II scouts.

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Installation of officers			International Women's Day			Memorial Service 10:00 am
Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent		Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		
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Baked Potato Bash Guest Speaker Cesar Vazquez 4th Sunday			6:00 Adult Bible Study			
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
5th Sunday in Lent		Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		

APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		
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Palm Sunday Communion	Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Maundy Thursday	Good Fiday	Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday Food Sunday		Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		
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Resurrection of The Lord						
Easter Day		Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		
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2nd sunday of Easter		Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		Pinewood Derby DFH 8am-1pm
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4th Sunday of Easter		Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM	6:00 Adult Bible Study Scouts 6pm	Agnus - DEI 7am -3pm COM		