

SIERRA VISTA

Greetings Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

Autumn is officially here although we are waiting for the weather to catch up to the news of its arrival! It's not quite the paradise weather yet in Yuma but getting there! Still the season comes with a hub of activities.

The scouts are in full swing meeting at the church. They held a dinner here during the month and about 100 people attended! This was to bring back an old tradition on a trial basis of food and fellowship once a month. They plan to continue doing this every first Wednesday of the month. Please add this to your calendars.

It is great to have dinner with scouts, their friends and families. It is also a great opportunity for us to tell our stories and listen to theirs. Let's invite them to church services as opportunities allow.

We have had some visitors at services lately, which is always a joy! If you see someone new please greet them with hospitality and maybe show them the way to the fellowship hall after service for the 3 C's: Coffee, Cookies or Cupcakes or cake, and Conversation.

Adult Sunday School has resumed, led by Brian Claar. This happens immediately after the 3C's. The group has been reviewing material from before the summer break and will start new material in the series soon. It is always a good time to join. Please consider attending.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study led by me, Pastor Dan the Man with a Plan, has started back up. It takes place at 6:15pm and is available in person and through ZOOM. We have good discussions and learn from each other. You are welcome to attend.

We use the same zoom link every week. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78157116453?pwd=EBQVzjgV35Kt34TEWclpHzYbmlTh4d.1>

Meeting ID: 781 5711 6453

Passcode: 1sR5ZT

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The undie drive for children with ABCS has wrapped up. Thanks to all who donated.

The Cocopah Assembly of God Church (One of our partners in ministry) is sending 6 men to a men's conference and we had the opportunity to help sponsor them. The cost is \$125 per person. Thank you to all those who donated towards that good cause!

Pastoral care and ministry are available for home communion, hospital visits, and prayer ministry. If you are in need of these services, please reach out to us by giving us a call during office hours Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 1:30pm or by sending an email anytime.

Other highlights from September include:

- Men's breakfast continues every Thursday at 8am. Women are also welcome to join us!
- The prayer team continues to meet weekly on Mondays at 10am.
- Prayer chain continues 24/7

-In addition to these things we have some members who enjoy outdoor activities together: bike rides, walks, swimming and hiking. If you have an interest in joining in on these activities, please let me know.

Please continue to encourage your friends and family to subscribe to our YouTube channel. This will help us qualify to broadcast our services live on YouTube on top of Facebook live. Here is the link

(25) Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church - YouTube

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and during these other fellowship and ministry opportunities. It is always a joy to bring the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ!

***May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Dan***

PRAYER LIST

Crystal Echols, Mary and Bob Schaal; Makyla Ruttle; Cindy Michels; Natalie Rivera; The Unrest in our Country; Police and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our country; Missionaries around the World, the unsaved; Our military and their families; Border Patrol; And all those affected by COVID-19;



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

October

- 2 Sandii Leeper
- 6 Darren Hawkins
- 10 Cody Hill
- 11 Elsie Caley
- 28 Sandy Willen
- 29 Paul Schlehr

Scouts

- 2 James Powell
- 12 Henry Sabo
- 14 Veronica Kinslow
- 17 Esmeralda Rios
- 17 Winter Tate

November

- 1 Mona Nelson
- 3 Rayne Caley
- 18 Brian Smith

Scouts

- 3 Capri Rippy
- 5 Leilani Ashwood
- 7 Rose Morgan
- 12 Iris Rojas
- 22 Santiago Evelyn Powell
- 28 AJ Goodwill
- 28 Michael Goodwil

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet and review potential candidates Personal Discernment Profiles sent to us by the Church Leadership Connection. To date, the PNC has received over 45 responses from the Church Leadership Connection for consideration. So far, after review, 25 have not been considered, and 16 have withdrawn from consideration. The process will continue.

Please pray for the committee and their diligence in seeking a called pastor.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to those who brought new children's underwear for Undie Sunday!
AZ Baptist Children's Services (ABCS) was very pleased to receive the underwear.
They are thankful for your generosity!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19th.
We will be making sandwiches for Crossroads Mission during fellowship time.
Please bring lunch meat, cheese, peanut butter, and jelly. Bread, mayo, and tuna will be provided.

Adriana Mrofka from ABCS will be speaking to us on Sunday, October 26.
She will be telling us about the good things happening at ABCS.



CLERK'S REPORT

The September Session Meeting was preceded by a dinner including the Session of First Presbyterian and the Sierra Vista Session. The purpose of the dinner meeting was to get better acquainted and to explore opportunities to share information between the Sessions. After dinner was over, the Sierra Vista Session met for an abbreviated meeting to handle business. The Consent Agenda included the approval of minutes from previous meetings and the service of communion for September. Also included on the Consent Agenda was the official recording of communion to home bound members and friends of the congregation. The Consent Agenda was unanimously passed.

Remaining business for the Session included the Preschool report, Pastor's Report, correspondence from the clerk, and receipt and approval of the August financial report.

Committee reports included:

Special appointed committee for Apostolic Church discussions –

The committee reported on discussions with the Apostolic Church regarding the use of the sanctuary for Apostolic Church worship services on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons versus using Don Francis Hall for those services. This request is to minimize equipment damage as the equipment is moved between Don Francis Hall and the Sanctuary. The committee noted that the request would also include allowing the Apostolic Church to store their equipment in the Sanctuary rather than in the current area in Don Francis Hall. This request is that the Apostolic Church equipment be restricted to the west side of the chancel and would mostly be out of sight behind the wall that separates the chancel from the auditorium. Tom Rushin volunteered to research the construction of the risers in the choir loft to determine if removal of the risers is even feasible to level out the west side chancel area similar to the east side area.

Movement from Spectrum to ALLO for internet and phone service –

The session voted to defer action on changing service providers until the budget preparation time. (Subsequent to this meeting, ALLO issued a revised quote that is a minimal increase over the current Spectrum charge and an email poll determined that we would move from Spectrum to ALLO upon scheduling considerations. This will provide internet speeds of 2 gigabytes to enhance live streaming of the worship service, The Session voted to suspend the meeting until a convenient time to continue discussions.



TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Total income received for August was \$ 15,441.53. This includes all income for the month and consists of donations in the offering plate, and on-line donations through Vanco Services (\$3,828.03). Income for August compared to July is up slightly. August donations to Special Funds (such as Care Portal) are included in income amounts but are transferred to the Restricted Accounts. Total donations to Special Funds totaled \$50.00.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for August totaled \$23,886.03 including \$ 2,641.40 identified as "Designated to other sources" expenses. This expense was for the electricians to get power to the TVs and an air conditioning issue. These expenses were taken from designated funds. The power for the TVs expense was taken from the Youth Group fund per session approval and the air conditioning expense was taken from the air conditioning emergency fund. NOTE: A correction to the July "Designated to other sources" amount was recognized and corrected. In July, the expense for getting power to the TVs in the sanctuary was erroneously included but the expense was actually in August. The expense in July was for the servicing of all 9 air conditioning units on campus. This report includes the corrections as noted.

NET INCOME

Net income is the income less the expenses. The net LOSS for the month of August was (\$ 8,444.50). That is the difference between income for the month and expenses for the month.

If you are in arrears on your 2025 pledge, we would appreciate any efforts to catch up.

SUMMARY

Through 2025, we have spent \$ 58,008.74 more than we have brought in. We are fortunate that we have the Investment Account however we cannot continue to deplete this resource.

We need to also remember that our Winter Family has returned home so the projected income will continue to decrease.



SCOUTS

The Sierra Vista Scouting program has kicked off and groups are meeting. We continue to see new families interested in the program.

After six weeks, our numbers are sitting as follows:

GIRLS:

Daisy 7; Brownies 11; Juniors 8; Cadettes 11; Seniors/ Ambassadors 6

CUBS:

Lions 7; Tigers 6; Wolfs 7; Bears 9; Webelo I 2; AOL 3

Scouting Arizona Troop: 18 boys

CUB SCOUTS

On September 24, the Rain Gutter Regatta Event for Cub Scouts and siblings was held. Winners by Den and the Overall Medalists are:

Lions (Kindergarten):

1st Place – Santiago Lopez; 2nd Place – Luke Cochrun; 3rd Place – Tomas McMann

Tigers (First Grade):

1st Place – Henry Pavlak; 2nd Place – Eros McSwain; 3rd Place – Winter Tate

Wolves (Second Grade):

1st Place – Russell King; 2nd Place – Alexander Gamez; 3rd Place – Nicolas Gallegos

Bears (Third Grade):

1st Place – Everett Gilmore; 2nd Place – Atticus Perna; 3rd Place – Goku Sicairos and Reed Kanode

Webelos (4th Grade)

1st Place – Sammy Yazzie; 2nd Place – Owen Piatt

Arrow of Light (Fifth Grade):

1st Place – Zach Thompson; 2nd Place – Oscar Kanode; 3rd Place – Matthew Chavez

Overall Championships:

1st Place – Everett Gilmore; 2nd Place – Santiago Lopez; 3rd Place – Zach Thompson

GIRL SCOUTS

On October 1, the rededication and Investiture Ceremony was held. Investiture is for those girls that have never been registered as a Girl Scout and Rededication is the recognition for previous Girl Scout registrants. The Girl Scouts are currently selling Fall Products which includes nuts, snacks and various magazines. If you are interested in purchasing these items just ask one of the Girl Scouts. We are happy that the year is underway and hope that you will continue to support your 8054 scouting program. If you haven't checked us out yet, please visit any Wednesday for a great time.

SCOUTING ARIZONA TROOP

This part of the program is for boys from sixth grade through High School. This group of boys are learning the basics of scouting and working on various merit badges. awards from Summer Camp and awards earned since starting back this year will be recognized at a Court of Honor scheduled for October 22.



SCOUTS

We are happy that the year is underway and hope that you will continue to support your 8054 scouting program. If you haven't checked us out yet, please visit any Wednesday for a great time. All parts of the program hold regular meetings each Wednesday starting at 6 pm.

If you know of youth who might be interested in getting involved in scouts, please have them contact Mr. Moss at 928-580-7005 or leave a message on the church answering machine at 928-726-6680.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH DINNERS

A Family Dinner will be available The first Wednesday of each month at a nominal cost. Dinner will start at 5:30 pm at a cost of \$ 4.00 per plate or a maximum of \$ 15.00 for a family no matter the size. Each dinner will have an entrée, side vegetable, salad, and dessert of some type.

Each element of the Scout program will be responsible for the preparation and serving of the dinners. Septembers' dinner was prepared by the Scouting Arizona Boy's Troop. The Girl Scout Troop was responsible for the October 1 dinner and the Cub Scout Pack is responsible for the November meal. Menus are nutritious and kid friendly

OCTOBER 2025

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Scouts 6pm

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Communion
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17th Sunday
after Pentecost

Scouts 6pm

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18th Sunday
after Pentecost

Scouts 6pm

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19th Sunday
after Pentecost

Scouts 6pm

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20th Sunday
after Pentecost

Scouts 6pm

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 21st Sunday after Pentecost Daylight saving time ends	3	4 Election Day	5 1st Wednesday Scouts Dinner Bible Study	6	7 World Communion Day	8
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Scouts 6pm Bible Study 6:15pm	13	14	15
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	17	18	19 Scouts 6pm Bible Study 6:15pm	20	21	22
23 Christ the King Reign of Christ 30 1st Sunday of Advent	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29