

Pastor D's Letter February 20, 2022

Last Sunday was the Souper Bowl of Caring. As of Wednesday, February 16th, 1292 participants nationwide had donated \$1285312.10 to 990 local charities to feed hungry people. SVPC at our Chili Cook-off raised \$755.75 for Crossroads Mission. Congratulations SVPC!

One of the things I love about our church is how we do Mission. Mission, sharing Jesus, partnering in proclaiming the Gospel through word and deed is at the very heart of the people of SVPC. I join Paul in writing to you as he did to the Church in Philippi:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6)

Sierra Vista knows what it means to be a partner in the gospel. Our Mission Partners help us to do more than simply give money. They challenge us to get involved in sharing Jesus. They drive us to our knees to intercede for them as they engage people with the good news of God's grace in Jesus.

The past couple of weeks we have heard snippets about "TOTAL RECOVERY" which is a Mission Partnership led by a member of our church. This Sunday, we will hear from Tyler Claar about what is going on with Total Recovery and we will renew our commitment to partner with them for another year. That partnership includes, space to meet, Bibles to be given away, and constant prayer support. Even as the Session, last Tuesday night, was agreeing to expand our support to give Bibles, the CE Committee shared some exciting news. The Boy Scouts (another Mission Partner) is planning a fundraiser this May to raise money to purchase Bibles for Total Recovery. You will hear more about that opportunity as it gets closer.

Because of your "partnership in the gospel", others are also coming along side and partnering to share the gospel. In case you forgot, gospel literally means "GOOD NEWS!" The gospel we share is the good news about Jesus and salvation by faith. I hope you will join us in celebrating Total Recovery and their sharing of the gospel in ways that are truly changing lives. See you on Sunday if not before!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)

Dr. D

NEWS UPDATES

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- Join us for **Fellowship after church** in the Fellowship Hall.
- Adult SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall (Cold Case Christianity).
- **WWN Bible Study this Wednesday (February 23) Luke 5.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you.** **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
- If you wish to receive the monthly **newsletter** or know someone who wants to receive **Pastor D's Letter**, contact the church office with your email information.
- **THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT** of the church by giving in person, mailing a check, or giving ONLINE.