

## **Pastor D's Letter March 27, 2022**

*On Monday Shelley and I decided to do something we don't often do during the week. We went out to dinner. We ended up at "Famous Dave's" and I noticed they (like every other restaurant in the world today) has an app that offers specials. I downloaded the app so I could get the special, a \$4 burger with \$1 add-ons. I splurged and added three things. I'm not telling you what I added, but one was cheese.*

*Then my phone buzzed, it was the app. Because I'd joined Famous Dave Rewards, I got a FREE BURGER. It was a great surprise. We all like FREE. That is why Turbo Tax has that annoying commercial where everything is "Free, Free, Free."*

*It's amazing to me the things we will do to get something at a discount – or better yet – FREE!*

*We will join clubs, put apps on our phone, and save points. I still remember saving Green Stamps to get free things. BTW if you still have some sitting in a box somewhere you can now toss them. They stopped redeeming them October 4, 2020.*

*So let me remind you of the one thing we want to "EARN", but can't because it's FREE! It's called God's Grace and Forgiveness. We can't earn "Our Salvation!" In fact, the harder we try to "Earn It", the worse we make our situation. God's word clearly tells us, we are saved by Grace through Faith and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God that no-one can boast. (Eph. 2:8-9). There is no club to join, no app to download. Only a prayer that must be prayed, recognizing that God is the only one who can – AND WILL – forgive us and give us the FREE GIFT of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life when we seek God in Jesus' name.*

For the wages of sin is death,  
But the FREE GIFT OF GOD is eternal life  
In Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:23

Some things are free!  
See you on Sunday if not before,  
Darren

## NEWS UPDATES

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- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- THIS WEEK, we welcome and renew our "Partnership" with JESU PAN DAVIDA. Join us for Worship at 9 a.m. The **BAKED POTATO BASH** (a fundraiser for Jesu Pan Davida) will take place during Fellowship Time on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Join us for **Fellowship after church** in the Fellowship Hall.
- NO Adult SUNDAY SCHOOL this week.
- **Join us for WVN Bible Study this Wednesday, at 6 p.m. We will be studying Luke 6.**
- 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.