

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Annual church conference will take place right after the first Wednesday Communion Service on December 6. The Church Council will bring the following recommendations to our congregation:

- Adoption of the proposed 2007 Church Budget
- Nominations of Personnel and Finance Committee Members
- Nomination of Chris Gurrola to serve on the Church Council and be ordained as a deacon
- Next steps to be taken in the planning of our new Children's Center
- Changing the name of our church from Vista del Sol Baptist Church to simply Vista del Sol Church

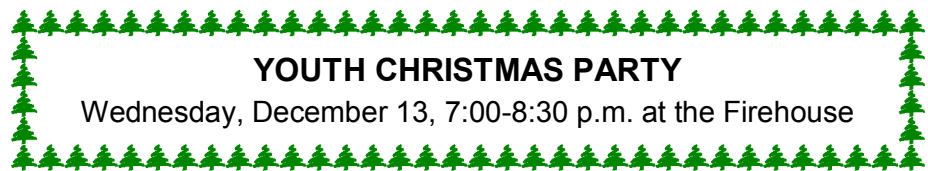
The last recommendation may raise the question: "Are we not going to be a Baptist church anymore?" The answer is NO! We are still going to be a Baptist Church. Nothing will change with our identity or denominational affiliation. The only thing that would change is the name on the sign. The reason behind the proposed change is to be strategic in our outreach to unchurched people. In our day and time the name Baptist carries a negative connotation with many people, especially in our community.

We do not want the name Baptist to be a barrier that keeps people from visiting our church and hearing about the life giving relationship they can have with Jesus Christ. This is the only motivation behind the name change.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to any of the Church Council Members: Walter Mueller, Paul Fleshman, John Barnett, Dana Gooding, Tom Cliett, Jr., Homero Munoz, Dan Swanberg, John McKay, and Steve Mosher.

BAPTISM

There will be baptism on **December 17**, during both worship services. If you are awaiting baptism or would like information, please complete the Response Card, mark "**Baptism**" on the back, and place it in the offering basket during one of the worship services or call the church office. Please indicate which service you prefer. If you have already signed up, please contact Teri Valdespino at 855-3798 to set up a time to produce the video.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

 Wednesday, December 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Firehouse

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE 4/1 CAVALRY

Chaplain Butterworth of the 4th Brigade Combat Team is requesting Christmas cookie bags along with a holiday message from individuals. The goal for Vista del Sol Church is 725 bags.

We will once again have a sign up sheet today in the lobby of the Worship Center to bake cookies, 12 per bag please. The cookies will be due no later than Wednesday, December 13 and will be packaged for shipment on Sunday, December 17, to be mailed on Monday, December 18. If you would like to help, please contact Bill or Gladys Lewis at 565-5407 or Teri Valdespino at 855-3798.

THIS WEEK AT VDSBC

Tuesday, December 5

Men's Prayer Fellowship 6:00 a.m.
 Refresh Ladies Bible Studies 9:00 a.m.
 Refresh Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

Little Learners/MDO 9:00 a.m.
 AWANA 6:30 p.m.
 Oracion en Espanol 6:30 p.m.
 Starting Point 7:00 p.m.
 F.I.R.E. United 7:00 p.m.
 Men's Fraternity 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer & Praise 7:00 p.m.
 Exp. Spiritual Intimacy 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7

Intercessory Prayer 9:30 a.m.
 Celebration Choir 6:30 p.m.
 Through the Bible 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

Little Learners/MDO 9:00 a.m.
 PNO 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 9

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.

BUDGET REPORT AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

If you would like a copy of the proposed 2007 Budget, it is available at the Connection and Media Center. There will be a Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, December 6 right after the Lord's Supper to vote on the budget.

PARENTS' NITE OUT (PNO) The December 8th PNO is full.

2006 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

As the year is coming to a close, please keep in mind that in order for your gift to be counted in 2006, it must be in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31.

Gifts received after that date will be accredited to the 2007 budget year. Contact Nancy (finance secretary) if you have any questions. Thank you.



WORSHIP MINISTRY PARTY

 Friday, December 8 at Café del Sol from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

4A'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The senior adults will have their annual Christmas Potluck **today** at 5:00 p.m. at Café del Sol.

Sign up at the Café del Sol and indicate what food you will bring. Please bring in a \$5.00 unwrapped Christmas tree ornament which will be placed on a Christmas tree.

SUNFLOWER PAINTINGS

Thank you for all the beautiful pictures. They were a blessing and truly added to the décor for "The Great Investment 2."

If you would like your painting back you can pick it up at the Media Center **today**. I hope to do a similar project soon. Keep on painting. Craig.

MOTHERS' DAY OUT - LITTLE LEARNERS

We will be closed the last two weeks of December (i.e. December 20, 22, 27, and 29) and the first Wednesday of January 2007 (i.e. January 3). We re-open on January 5, 2007. See you then.

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THE HEART OF MARY

The Nativity Story #2

December 3, 2006



**THE
NATIVITY
STORY**
The Heart of Mary

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9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

"Solid Rock"

"O All Ye Faithful"

"Only A God Like You"

"The First Noel"

Singing Together

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Celebration Choir

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

"Breath of Heaven"

Ronnie Santa-Cruz

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"The Heart of Mary"

Walter Mueller

TIME OF COMMITMENT

GIVING BACK TO GOD

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Praise Band

NEWS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:00 P.M.

Holy Communion

**The Worship Ministry
Presents**

"JESUS, NO OTHER NAME"

**Sunday, December 10th
at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

A special morning of reflection on the name of our Savior, the son of God - Jesus.

The service will include songs from solos, ensemble, and the Celebration Choir.

Pastor Walter will lead a devotional and we will conclude with time of joining all our voices in worship and adoration to our Lord and King.

Please come and make this a part of your advent celebration.



ANGEL TREE

Every year VDS puts up an Angel Tree with the name and clothing size information of children from various mission groups we serve here in El Paso, Juarez, and surrounding areas. Some of these children would not receive any gift at all, if it were

not for the generosity of our church family.

The Angel Tree is located close to the Connection Center. We encourage everyone to check out an angel, purchase and wrap the gift, and return it to the Angel Tree no later than Sunday, December 10. This allows us two weeks for delivery.

Please make sure someone checks in your gift and that the angel is secured to the outside of the package, facing upward, so we can easily determine where it goes. The angels are color coded by their ribbon and marked according to their destination. As we get ready for another Christmas season, we want to say thank you for the joy and happiness you will be giving to these underprivileged children. If you have any question, please contact Irene Villalva between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at 591-0211 or Teri Valdespino at the church office, 855-3798.

THE HEART OF MARY

The Nativity Story #2

Luke 1:26-38

TO EXPERIENCE GOD WORKING IN YOU:

1. **ACCEPT** _____.

"God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary...Gabriel appeared to her and said, 'Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with You!'" vs 26-28 (NLT)

2. **ADMIT** _____.

"Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean." vs 29 (NLT)

"But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.'" vs 30 (NIV)

"You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his kingdom will never end!" vs 31-33 (NLT)

3. **ASK** _____.

"Mary asked the angel, 'But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.'" vs 34 (NLT)

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

"The angel replied, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.'" vs 35 (NLT)

4. **ANSWER** _____.

"For nothing is impossible with God." vs 37 (NLT)

"Jesus said, 'So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.'" John 20:29 (Msg)

5. **ANTICIPATE** _____.

"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true.'" vs 38 (NLT)

"And now, all glory to God, who is able to keep you from stumbling, and who will bring you into his glorious presence, innocent of sin and with great joy. All glory to him, who alone is God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jude 1:24-25 (NLT)

INFORMATION FOR YOUR FIRST TIME AT VISTA DEL SOL

DROP OFF THE CHILDREN

Our children's ministry provides a warm, nurturing and well-supervised program for your child (infants - 6th grade) during the Worship Service. Assistants at the Connection Center will direct you to the proper classroom.

PLEASE COMPLETE A RESPONSE CARD

So we can better know how to serve you take a moment to fill out the Response card and place it in the offering basket at the end of the service or take it to the Media Center for a free tape of the service.

DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFERING

The offering is for regular attenders who consider Vista del Sol their church home. Let this service be our gift to you.

As a courtesy to those around you please silence all cell phones.