

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.

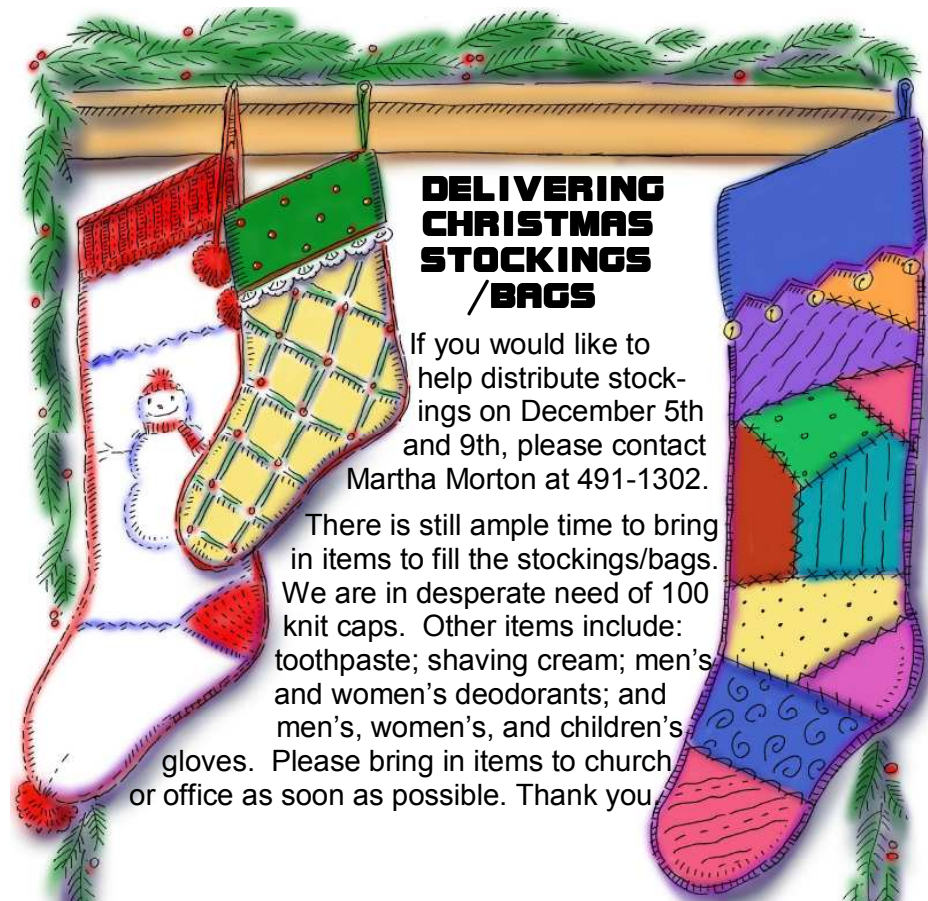


This year the Angel Tree will be up by Sunday, November 26. We encourage everyone to check out an angel, purchase and wrap the gift, and return it to the Angel Tree no later than Sunday, December 10. This allows us two weeks for delivery.

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.

NEW CHILDRENS' STAGE SET

The 1st and 2nd grade K.I.D.S. Church Team will make up a new Children's Stage Set on Saturday, November 25. If you have a talent for this craft and would like to help out in this ministry please call Cheryl at 855-3798.



DELIVERING CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS / BAGS

If you would like to help distribute stockings on December 5th and 9th, please contact Martha Morton at 491-1302.

There is still ample time to bring in items to fill the stockings/bags. We are in desperate need of 100 knit caps. Other items include: toothpaste; shaving cream; men's and women's deodorants; and men's, women's, and children's gloves. Please bring in items to church or office as soon as possible. Thank you

Holiday schedule for thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 21

Men's Prayer Fellowship 6:00 a.m.
NO other studies/activities

Wednesday, November 22

NO Little Learners/MDO
NO AWANA
NO studies/activities
NO F.I.R.E. United

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED
No studies/activities

Friday, November 24

NO Little Learners/MDO
OFFICE CLOSED
No activities

Saturday, November 25

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

COOKIES FOR THE 4/1 BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM



If you signed up to bring Christmas cookies for the troops today, please drop these off at the Military Ministry Table.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARENTS' NITE OUT

PNO will be Friday, December 1. PNO is for children ages birth to 6th grade to come enjoy games, movies and other planned activities in a safe environment while their parents enjoy an evening out.

Reservations and payments (**payment is due at time the reservation is made**) may be made in the hallway of the preschool area **today** through Sunday, November 26th. Please note that there will no longer be free childcare for parents attending a church fellowship. Call Marsha at 855-3798 for information.

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 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.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



We would like to thank all small groups and individuals who so graciously donated food for the Thanksgiving baskets. The F.I.R.E. Student Ministry will now be decorating and delivering the baskets on Tuesday, November 21. However, there is still time to help out families in our church and community that need help. Please bring items in **no later than tomorrow** to the church office. If you prefer to donate cash for the meat you can turn that in to the office or put it in an

envelope labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets" and place it in the offering basket. Each basket should contain the following items:

5 lbs. potatoes; 2 lbs. pinto beans; 4 lbs. sugar; 5 lbs. flour; 2 cans green beans; 2 lbs. rice; 2 cans mixed fruit; 2 cans evaporated milk; 2 cans corn; 1 pkg. Crisco shortening sticks; 5 lbs. bag of fresh fruit; \$5 for perishables (butter & eggs); and 1 can pumpkin or 2 cans fruit pie filling.

Thank you for your participation! God Bless! For more information contact Donna Webb at 851-5011 or 203-0548.

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**GIVING THANKS = PRICELESS
HIGH YIELD SPIRITUAL INVESTMENTS #6**

November 19, 2006



THE GREAT INVESTMENT 2
CELEBRATION AND
COMMITMENT
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19,
2006

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

1. BY SINGING TO HIM

Psalm 147:7 (LB) "Sing out your thanks to Him. Sing praises to our God."

Psalm 100 (NLT) "Shout with joy to the Lord. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us and we are his ... Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name ... For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever ...!"

A CALL TO CELEBRATE

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

"Come Now Is The Time To Worship"

"Beautiful One"

"Here I Am To Worship"

Singing Together

2. BY PRAYING TO HIM

Psalm 105:1 (NCV) "Give thanks to the Lord and pray to Him."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

3. BY GIVING TO HIM

Psalm 50:14 (NCV) "Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give Him what you promised."

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NCV) "...your generosity will result in

*Deuteronomy 16:10-11 (GN) "Celebrate the Harvest Festival to honor the Lord your God by bringing Him a **freewill offering** in proportion to the blessing he has given you. Be joyful in the Lord's presence, **together with your children...**"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cheryl Reed

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"Lighthouse In The Night"

Children's Choir

1 Chronicles 29:13-17 (NCV) "Now, our God, we thank You... These things did not really come from me and my people. Everything comes from You; We have only given You back what You gave us... Lord, we have gathered all thing to build Your Temple. But everything has come from You and everything belongs to You. You test people's hearts and you are happy when people do what is right. I am happy t o give all these things, and I gave with an honest heart. And your people gathered here are happy to give to You too, and we rejoice to see their giving."

THE GREAT INVESTMENT 2 OFFERING AND COMMITMENT

SOLO

"Everything"

Susannah Rayas

4. BY REMEMBERING HIM

"Broken Body of Christ"

Vision

THE LORD'S SUPPER

2 Corinthians 8:9 (Ph) "Remember the generosity of Jesus Christ..."

Romans 8:3 (LB) We aren't saved by knowing the commandments of God because we can't and don't keep them. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent His own Son in a human body like ours... and destroyed sin's control over us by giving Himself as a sacrifice for our sins."

Romans 12:1 (NCV) "So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy ... offer your lives as a living sacrifice to Him..."

(LB) When you think of what He's done for you, is this too much to ask?"

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

"Amazing Grace"

TODAY'S OFFERING

Please use the large envelopes with the Commitment Cards to make your "The Great Investment 2" offering and 36 month commitment.

If you give your regular tithe or offering to support the ongoing ministries of Vista del Sol, use the small ones. Envelopes are available in the chair pocket in front of you.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON 2006
AT VISTA DEL SOL**

One family. One journey.

One child who would change the world forever.

the **nativity** story

Christmas isn't a feel good holiday fable. The birth of Christ is a real event that changed history. This year don't just hear about Christmas, experience it for yourself. Next Sunday, we are beginning a message series that will transport you back to experience the journey, the struggle and the unbelievable faith of the people who gave us Christmas.

November 26

December 3

December 10

December 17

December 24

THE FAITH OF JOSEPH

THE HEART OF MARY

THE NAME OF THE BABY

Christmas Music by the Celebration Choir

THE HOPE OF THE WISEMEN

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service**