

From Pastor Jeff

If you think Genesis is just a band from the '80's . . .

If you think it was Dr. Dolittle who took two of each animal into a big boat . . .

If you think an epistle is a woman married to an apostle . . .

. . . you may need to know more of *The Story*.

You may be a bit intimidated by the Bible. You're not alone; many people are. And no wonder, its pages mention odd names like Jehoshaphat and Nebuchadnezzar. It contains accounts from places you probably never heard of, like Sinai and Samaria. And it seems to be made up of a lot of different, seemingly unrelated stories. But it really is one big, exciting story.

You can see it easily if you open your Bible to the beginning and then flip all the way to the end.

The first words found in Genesis 1:1 read: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Then, if you turn all the way to the back of the book, Revelation 21:1, you find, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away . . ."

In the beginning God is creating the heavens and the earth. At the end he is creating a new heaven and a new earth. So the big question is this: "What on earth happened between the beginning and the end of the Bible?" If you can answer that question you will have uncovered the one seamless story of God.

Get involved in *The Story* of God. It will forever transform your life and your family's life. Every day God is seeking to guide you, forming sentences that flow into paragraphs that over time write the chapter of your life—a life committed to knowing him better.

Will you choose today to take your life chapter and make it a part of the Big Story of what God is doing on earth?

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE MARCH 29TH

On Maundy Thursday we remember our Lord's last supper with his disciples where he gave them the New Commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34. On March 29th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday together with a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a communion service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE MARCH 30TH

On Good Friday, March 30th at 6:30pm in our Sanctuary we will be hosting a joint worship service with Cornerstone Community and New Life Four Square Churches. The service will focus on the seven last words of Christ.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES APRIL 1ST

We will be having a special 6:30 am sunrise service this year at Burnt Cedar Beach in Incline - weather permitting. We will have both our 8:00am and 10:00am worship services in our Sanctuary. He is risen indeed!" The message will focus on the gracious gift our Lord offers all through Jesus Christ. After the 10am service we will have a brunch and a kids Easter egg hunt. Invite your friends and family to join you in worship on Easter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, March 4th

Our youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast today following both worship services. The proceeds will assist with their expenses for their mission trip to minister to the homeless with Youth With A Mission in San Francisco.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
March 4th



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on March 4th. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.

2017 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

Our annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 11th. During the meeting we had a quick overview of our ministry over the past year, looked forward to our Lord's ministry in the coming year and reviewed our 2017 church's finances and 2018 budget. Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are available on the counters in the Narthex. We encourage you to pick up a copy.

MARCH SESSION MEETING
Wednesday, March 14th

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 4:00 p.m. in the pastors study. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer as they discern what is best for our church and make Godly decisions for this body.

ELDER RETREAT

Friday, March 9th & Saturday March 10th

Session members of the Church will gather in the Fireside Room on Friday March 9th at 6:00pm and on Saturday March 10th at 9:00am.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 11th



Remember to "spring" your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10th. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. You want to make sure you get to church on time!

LENTEN SEASON

Lent is the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, not including Sundays, of penitence and preparation for Christ's death and resurrection. We encourage you to utilize a daily Lenten devotional. We have electronic Lent devotionals available from the Church Office.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS AND LUNCH
Sunday, March 11th

Are you interested in learning more about membership in The Village Church and finding out about what it means to be Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian at The Village Church? Join us for a light lunch on Sunday, March 11th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Those interested in possibly joining and members wanting to learn more about God's church called The Village are invited and encouraged to attend. For more info, contact Pastor Jeff or Michele Young.



Saturday, March 17th

INVITE A FRIEND BE A FRIEND

This is the challenge for each of us as we enter into Lent and Easter season. Our worship services during the Lent/Easter season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. People are more open to an invitation to attend church during Easter and Christmas than any other time of year. Be praying for who might ask to come with you and then ask them. This the "Invite a Friend" part of the challenge. But the "Be a Friend" part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Welcome them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 13th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers to staff the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to serve our church and community by helping out in the shop. We are open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. Let Linda Robins or Vicki Twichell know if you can help.

The Village Church is affiliated with:



Evangelical
Covenant
Order
OF PRESBYTERIANS

ECO is committed
to growing and planting
flourishing churches
that make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

SHARE
EASTER
FLOWERS
IN HONOR OR
IN MEMORY OF
A LOVED ONE



If you would like to share Easter Flowers with our church family, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. The flowers are ordered and delivered to the church and will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter morning. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Easter Service bulletin.

Please make your \$10 check out to The Village Church and mark it "Easter Flowers". Drop off your check at the church office or mail the form and your check to:

The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451

Deadline for all orders is
Sunday, March 25th

EASTER FLOWER
ORDER FORM

Name _____

No. of Plants _____ Phone _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

Please note: the flowers this year will be spring flowers like tulips rather than Easter lilies.

NATIONAL MISSION UPDATE

Samaritan's Purse Rockport, Texas Rebuild Project

The Village Church is organizing a mission trip to Rockport, Texas where homes damaged last August by Hurricane Harvey are being rebuilt. The trip will be the week of April 22nd, and there is space on the team for one more adult male! If you are interested in accompanying the team, please contact Jane Dykstra (tahoejane@gmail.com) - there will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, March 4th after the 10AM service in Room A. More information on the rebuild project can be found at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/rebuilding-in-texas-after-hurricane-harvey/>

The team will need to rent two vehicles for transportation while they are on the ground in Rockport, if you are interested in financially contributing to the effort, you can make a donation to The Village Church and note "Harvey Mission Trip" in the memo area of your check. Please keep this mission trip, as well as the trips to Serbia and Belize in your prayers



ECO NATIONAL MEETING

A few of us from The Village Church attended the ECO National meeting in Houston, Texas in January. It was a blessed experience. The speakers and worship services were spirit-filled. The theme was "Renovate." "I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work." Nehemiah 2:18



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1Peter 3:8-9

Peter gives us some amazing advice on how we should walk in an evil world. The devastating school shooting last month left so many people hurt, confused, and angry. A lot of us weren't sure how to react or feel, but everyone felt helpless. It will take a very long time to heal from what happened, but Peter's words might help us now. Peter spent a lot of time with Jesus, and I think we need to look closely and deeply at these words as we move forward to healing. We are people that like to take control and react when something happens, yet we all react differently. Peter urges us to have "unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind". These things are tough for us because when we are threatened or facing evil we sometimes want to move to attack and blame. What we need are reactions that resemble what Jesus and Peter teach us. With our kids, and the world watching closely how we react, it is the perfect time to lean into God's word and teaching. Feeling conflicted and angry is normal, but what gets us through difficult things is hope and healing in God. The right reaction is following God's word and Christ. Please keep all of the families and those involved in prayer for healing, as well as, all of the youth and our nation.

This month (March 4) we are having our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at the church to raise money for our San Francisco mission trip, July 16-21. There are still spaces available for the trip, but attendance of the fundraisers is mandatory if you are going. It is important for all of the youth to understand we are one body and support each other in missions even if we can't go ourselves, so if you have a youth that isn't going on the summer trip, please send them to help with the fundraiser anyway. This will show our kids that when we send out missionaries we all support them. We will be meeting in the kitchen between 7:30-8am to start cooking.

Our weekly outreach called Special Ops has been visiting assisted living facilities in Reno and has been having a lot of fun doing it. We will continue going most Sundays if any church folks would like to come along with us. We meet at the church at 12pm and try to be back by 3pm.

The Upper Room youth group continues to meet Wednesdays from 6-8pm. We have food, games and fun, and are looking at The Story for our lessons. I would love to have more church folks involved in this ministry if you feel led, please come by any Wednesday and hang out with us!

The High School youth group called "Elements" meets from 6-7:30pm on Tuesdays. This group is a Bible study, and does not have games, but does have food and fun. We are looking at The Story in this group weekly as well.

Serving Jesus,
Pastor Tony





YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Y.W.A.M. San Francisco Summer Mission Trip

The youth will host a pancake breakfast to help fund our summer mission trip to San Francisco in July.

Come to church hungry. Let us serve you and help us meet our financial goal.

March 4, 2018

Following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services

At The Village Church



Join Us

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Light Dinner and Communion Service
in Fireside Room of The Village Church

Good Friday, March 30

6:30 p.m. Ecumenical Service at The Village Church

Easter Sunday, April 1

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at
Burnt Cedar Beach (weather permitting)
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary at
The Village Church (childcare available)

*Easter Brunch and Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Following the 10:00 a.m. Service.*



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EASTER FOOD BOX MINISTRY



THE VILLAGE CHURCH EASTER FOOD BOX MINISTRY is the week of March 18th

There are various ways to volunteer with our Easter food box ministry. At 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 18th we will need people to set up the Church's Fireside Room for food box packing including making the boxes. We will be packing the food boxes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st in the Fireside Room. Distribution of the food boxes will be on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Village Church. Your help would be appreciated for any or all of these days.

Please contact the Church with any questions 775-831-0784.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

March 2018

I am excited to announce that The Village Church and Cornerstone Community Church will be working together to produce Vacation Bible School 2018, combining our volunteer resources and gifts to create quality programs focusing on specific age groups. The Village Preschool VBS, led by Cindy Liggett and her staff, is scheduled for July 9 – 13, from 9:30–12:30, at The Village Church. Mary Gilbert and Debra Ornelas will host the Elementary grades 1–5 VBS August 6 – 10, from 5–8 PM, at Cornerstone Community Church.

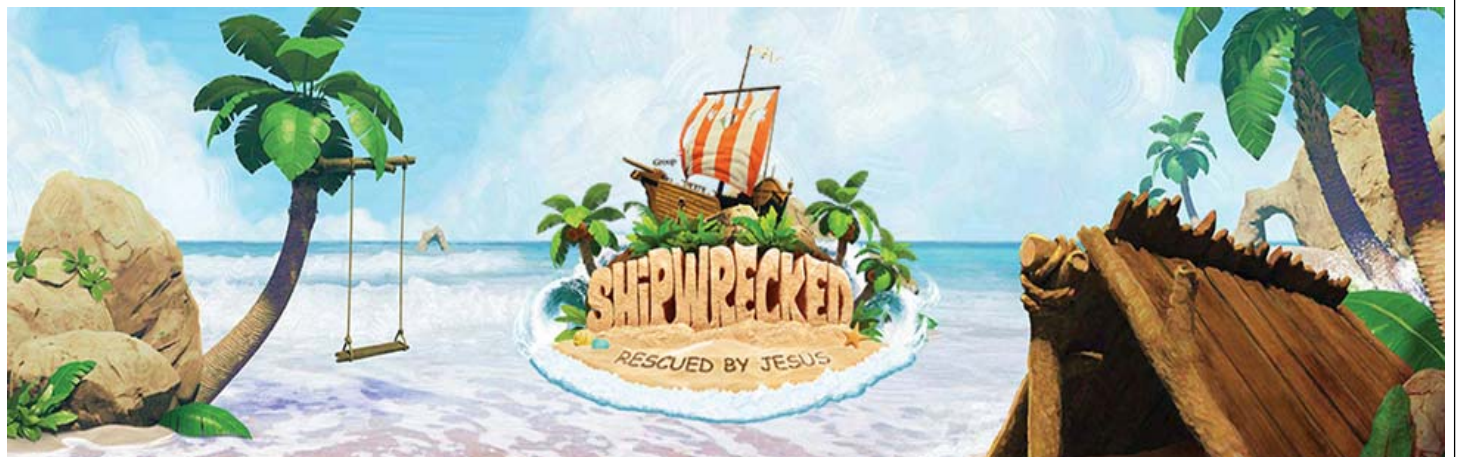
We will need volunteers from both churches for each group. If you love working with older children, you are encouraged to help at Cornerstone in August. There will be many opportunities to work directly with the children or behind the scenes. We will once again use a program produced by Group Publishing, which features stations through which small groups of mixed-age children rotate.

If you prefer working with preschool aged children, please contact Cindy Liggett for how you can help in July.

Our theme this year is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. We will venture onto an uncharted island where children survive and thrive. Kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Each day at Shipwrecked VBS, the children travel through rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse them in new adventures. At Shipwrecked, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day: **Day One:** *When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!* **Day Two:** *When you worry...Jesus rescues!* **Day Three:** *When you struggle...Jesus rescues!* **Day Four:** *When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!* **Day Five:** *When you're powerless...Jesus rescues!* Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun, summertime adventure!

Mary Gilbert

C.E. Director



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO WALK THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM
WHERE JESUS WALKED
AT THE RECREATED ROAD TO THE CROSS**



**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018
Anytime between 1:00-7:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARSON CITY
115 North Division Street**

For more information please call 775-882-1032



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Our afternoon men's study is meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship.

Incline Village Small Group - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Incline Village small group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jim & Jane Dykstra's House 564 Bronco Court. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Tim Gilbert for more info.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, is meeting on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls on Wednesday mornings.

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Our Women's study is meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at Michele Young's house 796 Tyner Way. All women are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship.

Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a study on The Story. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word, to fellowship together and enjoy snacks. Meets in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Kings Beach Small Group - First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Boxeth's house 1400 Canterbury Dr. Kings Beach. at 6:30 p.m. on the first and Third Thursdays of the month. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Patti or Gary Boxeth for more information.

Incline Village Small Group #2 - First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The second Incline Village small group meets at the Ogden's house 943 Jennifer St. at 6:30 p.m. on the first and Third Thursdays of the month. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Annie Payne for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Message

We need your help with our Children's Message. Connect with our youngest by sharing a story about God's Word. Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a volunteer provides a special message for our children before they are excused for Sunday School. You don't need to come up with your own material, the church can provide it to you. If interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

Sunday School Teachers

We need people to teach Sunday school to our young people. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry. Mary Gilbert, Christian Ed. Director, will provide the lesson plans and crafts. Contact Mary Gilbert if you would be available to help.

Counters

We are looking for folks from our congregation who would be willing to be on two person teams to count the weekly offerings on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Counting is easily taught and takes fifteen minutes to thirty minutes from start to finish. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

JEFF'S FAMILY VACATION



VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS





3/1 Susan Andre	3/9 Jan Paulson
Jason Stanton	3/12 Guy Fortier
3/2 Tim Gilbert	Robyn Barnes
3/3 Bob Beart	3/19 Joe Batistic
3/4 Caryl Bydash	3/21 John Manter
Ann Schofield	3/22 Muffy Betker
3/5 Sharon Sigler	3/24 Faith Ogden
3/7 Ruth Jensen	3/26 Jean Ashbrook
Nancy Leonard	3/27 Millie Clarke
Bill Critchfield	3/30 Sara Stanton

Did we forget your birthday?
 Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784
 to be included on our birthday list.

**WORSHIP SERVICE
 FLOWERS**



Do you have a special day you wish to remember - a birthday, an anniversary or a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service. Just sign up on the Flower Calendar for 2018 in the Lobby. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

Also, if you know how to arrange flowers, on the 2018 there is a place that says flower arranger. Put your name next to the date that you would like to do the flower arranging.



**OUR TITHES AND
 OFFERINGS**

Through February 25, 2018:
Needed \$68,456
Given \$64,601
Difference -\$3,855

**MARCH WORSHIP
 SERVICE VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Assistants:

- March 4: Veronica Kilbourn
- March 11: Keith Hansen
- March 18: Joannie McNulty
- March 25: Betsy Garfinkle

Ushers:

- March 4: Rob & Linda Robins
- March 11: Bill & Linda Florentine
- March 18: Don & Karen Ferrell
- March 25: Joannie McNulty

Children's Message:

- March 4: Bill Ferrall
- March 11: Don Ferrell
- March 18: Cindy Liggett
- March 25: Darlene Nilsson

Hospitality Teams

- March 4: Team 2
- March 11: Team 3
- March 18: Team 4
- March 25: Team 5

PASTORAL CONTACT

In order to provide the best possible pastoral care in time of emergency or crisis, Pastor Jeff has a cell phone. This will allow congregation members the opportunity to contact him during non-office hours should a crisis or emergency situation arise. The phone number is 775.624.4240. If Pastor Jeff doesn't answer, simply leave a voice message and he will attempt to respond as quickly as possible.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Village Church

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A joyful place to grow

YOU WILL
FILL ME
WITH JOY
IN YOUR
PRESENCE.

ACTS 2:28, NIV

Church Leadership

Alfredo Amezaga - Elder

Doug Baker - Deacon

Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Elder

Patti Boxeth - Deacon

Gary Boxeth - Elder

Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Miriella Melara - Deacon

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Nathalie Sacci - Asst. Preschool Director

Ann Schofield - Financial Administration,

Clerk of Session, Elder

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Paul Twichell - Elder

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer,

Women's Ministries Moderator

March 2018