

SAVE THE DATE!

July 18th: VCA Info Meeting 8am Fireside Room; Incline Small Group 6:30pm Fireside Room
July 19th: Nominating Committee Meeting 5pm Fireside Room
July 20th: Elders/Deacons/Staff Gathering 4pm Fireside Room;
Church Softball Game at 6:00pm at the Middle School Upper Field
July 22nd: Pray & Go
July 27th: Church Softball Game at 7:20pm at the Middle School Upper Field
July 28th: VBS Volunteer Dinner 5:30pm
July 29th: Church Picnic at Preston
August 7th-11th: VBS here at the Church
August 12th: Incline Village Churches Blood Drive at Rec Renter
August 20th: Village Christian Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
August 21st: Village Christian Academy First Day of School
August 27th: Service for Healing

OUR PRAYERS: Missionaries Drew & Linka Parlee and Abbie & Jeff Nelson; Alex Baker - Deployed to the Mediterranean; Vern Tyerman - healing; Linda Florentine - death of her husband Bill; Paula Ferguson - death of husband Ed; The vision of this church, starting new Academy, the expansion of the preschool; revival and renewal in the Church; missionaries serving around the world; those serving our nation and their families; healing for those with cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED in helping take down our worship service in our Chapel in the Pines.

MISSIONARIES VISITING TODAY - Abbie & Jeff Nelson from Serge and Drew Parlee from GEM will be attending services today. They both have an info table in the Fireside Room following both services to give out more information.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY info meeting Tuesday, July 18th at 8:00am.

PRAY & GO: Join us on Saturday, July 22nd at 9am, meet at the Church. The "Pray and Go" initiative is a program where we will go out and pray for each house in Incline and leave a door hanger letting them know we prayed for them.

CHURCH PICNIC AT PRESTON FIELD - JULY 29th. Invite your friends to our church picnic at Preston Field on Saturday, July 29th at noon. All are welcome! The church is providing hotdogs and hamburgers. We are requesting that people bring fruit, salads, sides, or desserts. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship.

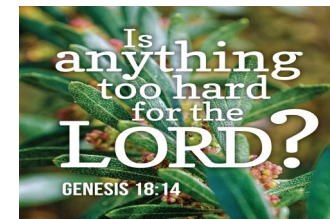
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)! Register your children or grandchildren for VBS August 7th-11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 3-12 held here at The Village Church. To register, go to <https://villagepeople.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1684039>

OFFERING BOXES are located on both of the tables as you enter the Outdoor Chapel.



VIRTUAL CONNECTION CARD

Need to update or add your information to our Church Directory? Just scan this QR code to enter your information. The Village Church is in the process of updating our Directory with an improved interface for our friends and members.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 16, 2023 10:00 A.M.

~WE WORSHIP THE LORD~

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Welcome to the Village Church! If you have a prayer request for the prayer team or would like more information about life here at The Village Church please email the Church at info@thevillagechurchnv.org You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates.

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

Keith Hansen

SONGS OF WORSHIP

**Battle Belongs*

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear, now, for I am safe with You.

Chorus So, when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night.
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And if You are for me, who can be against me?
For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty;
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb.

Chorus

Bridge x2 Almighty Fortress, You go before us;
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle;
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.

Ending So, when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night.
Oh God, the battle belongs to You;
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God's love is still working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out his wonderful plan of love."
Eric Liddell

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me; Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cindy Liggett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison Reading)*

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

~~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~~

PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~

Message: "Sarah and the Laugh"

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Pastor Jeff Ogden

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by."⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way--now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread."⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it.⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'"¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

WORSHIP SONG

****Who You Say I Am***

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me;
I was lost but He brought me in Oh, His love for me;
Oh, His love for me.

Chorus 1 Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed;
I'm a child of God - yes I am.

Free at last - He has ransomed me His grace runs deep;
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me;
Yes, He died for me.

Chorus 2 Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed;
I'm a child of God - yes I am. In my Father's house
There's a place for me; I'm a child of God - yes, I am.

Bridge I am chosen, not forsaken - I am who You say I am;
You are for me, not against me - I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken - I am who You say I am;
You are for me, not against me - I am who You say I am;
I am who You say I am.

Chorus 1

Ending In my Father's house there's a place for me;
I'm a child of God - yes, I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me;
I'm a child of God - yes, I am; I'm a child of God - yes, I am.
I'm a child of God - yes, I am.

***BENEDICTION & *BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**Those who are able will please stand*