

¹After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."²But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."⁴Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."⁶Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."⁸But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"⁹So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."¹⁰Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.¹¹Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.¹²As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.¹³Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.¹⁴But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.¹⁵You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age.¹⁶In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates--¹⁹the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites,²⁰Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,²¹Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites." **Genesis 15:1-21(NIV 1984)**

SAVE THE DATE!

July 9th: Deacons Meeting; Bill Florentine's Memorial 1pm at Winters Creek Lodge
July 10th: Mission Committee Meeting 3:30pm Fireside Room
July 10th-14th: Kids Soccer Camp Hosted by Cornerstone
July 11th: Preschool Teacher Training 6:30pm Fireside Room
July 13th: Women's Ministry Board Meeting
July 18th: VCA Info Meeting 8am Fireside Room; Nominating Committee Meeting 5pm Fireside Room
July 20th: Church Softball Game at 6:00pm at the Middle School Upper Field
July 22nd: Pray & Go
July 28th: VBS Volunteer Dinner 5:30pm
July 29th: Church Picnic at Preston
August 7th-11th: VBS here at the Church

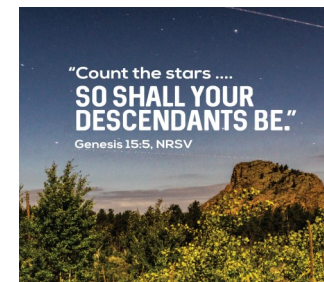
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES are taking place from July 2nd to September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in our Outdoor Chapel in the Pines.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED in helping take down our worship service in our Chapel in the Pines. The seat cushions are to be placed in the storage building on the left side of the stage. The white chairs can be stacked and left in the Chapel area. Thank you.

DEACONS MEETING - Today at 11:30am in Pastor Jeff's Office

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)! Register your children or grandchildren for VBS August 7th-11th from 9:00am- 12:00pm for ages 3-12. To register, go to <https://villagepeople.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1684039>



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 9, 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 105

Millie Clarke

SONGS OF WORSHIP

**Goodness Of God*

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
 All my days I've been held in Your hands.
 From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
 I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus All my life You have been faithful.
 All my life You have been so, so good.
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
 In darkest night, You are close like no other.
 I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
 I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Bridge Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
 Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
 I give You everything. Your goodness is running after,
 It's running after me. *(Repeat)*

End All my life You have been faithful.
 All my life You have been so, so good.
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God;
 I will sing of the goodness of God;
 I will sing of the goodness of God.

***Yes I Will**

I count on one thing - the same God that never fails
Will not fail me now, You won't fail me now.
In the waiting, the same God who's never late
Is working all things out, You're working all things out.

Chorus Yes I will - lift You high in the lowest valley;
Yes I will - bless Your name;
Yes I will - sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, yes I will.

I count on one thing - the same God that never fails
Will not fail me now, You won't fail me now.
In the waiting, the same God who's never late
Is working all things out, You're working all things out.

Chorus Yes I will - lift You high in the lowest valley;
Yes I will - bless Your name;
Yes I will - sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, yes I will.

Bridge I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify
The name of all names that nothing can stand against.
Repeat

End Yes I will - lift You high in the lowest valley;
Yes I will - bless Your name;
Yes I will - sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, yes I will.
For all my days, yes I will.
For all my days, yes I will.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Snavelly

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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: "Abraham and the Torch"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-21

WORSHIP SONG

***What He's Done**

See on the hill of Calvary my Savior bled for me,
My Jesus set me free.
Look at the wounds that give me life,
Grace flowing from His side, no greater sacrifice.

Chorus What He's done, what He's done.
All the glory and the honor to the Son.
My sins are forgiven; my future is Heaven.
I praise God for what He's done.

Sing for the freedom He has won.
Even death is dead and done. His life has overcome.
Speak, say the Name above all names
Over every broken place. He is risen from the grave.

Chorus

Now on a throne of majesty, The Father's will complete,
He reigns in victory.
Sing hallelujah to the King, He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring.

Chorus

Ending What He's done, what He's done.
All the glory and the honor to the Son.
My sins are forgiven; my future is Heaven.
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***BENEDICTION & *BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***May the Lord, Mighty God**

May the Lord, mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes, and see His face,
And His grace forever.
May the Lord mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.

**Those who are able will please stand*

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "You may fear that the Lord has passed you by, but it is not so: he who counts the stars, and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting his own children." Charles Spurgeon