

From Pastor Jeff

Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 1:17-18

I went to a preaching seminar a few years back, and the speaker there made an interesting point. He noted that as Christians, we preach “Christ crucified” (1 Corinthians 1:23); we preach a crucified Messiah not a dead one. Jesus endured the horror and pain of the cross and gave up his life. His eyes went dark. His breathing stopped. The blood ceased to flow in his veins. His metabolic processes shut down. His flesh grew cold. The forces of evil threw the worst they could muster against him, and they killed him. But that’s all they could do. For us, bounded by sin and our own human weakness, death is an impassable



barrier, a black hole that swallows all who pass into it, but Jesus went through death and *came out the other side*. He was crucified once, but now he is the Living One, alive for ever and ever. Therefore we need not be afraid of death or dying because Jesus has promised that he will raise up everyone who trusts him (John 6:39-40). This is not a resuscitation back to our old way of life, but a drawing us through death and out the other side to eternal life - incorruptible, sinless life. As 1 John 3:2 says, “when he appears, we shall be like him, for we will see him as he is.” So remember this Easter that our Lord is the Living One alive for ever and ever and watching over all who are in his care.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

During our 10:00 a.m. service our children will be processing into worship waving palm branches and singing Hosanna. Plan on joining us in worship on Palm Sunday as we remember and celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the start of what we know as Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 13TH

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. This year, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday together with a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a communion service.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES APRIL 16TH

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



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.

April 2, 2017

**Following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services
At The Village Church**



EASTER FOOD BOX MINISTRY



THE VILLAGE CHURCH EASTER FOOD BOX MINISTRY is the week of April 2nd.

There are various ways to volunteer with our Easter food box ministry. After the pancake breakfast (11:45 a.m.) on Sunday, April 2nd we will need people and trucks to help pick up food from Raley's and to set up in the Church's Fireside Room for food box packing. We will be packing the food boxes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th in the Fireside Room. Distribution of the food boxes will be on Saturday, April 8th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Your help would be appreciated for any or all of these days.

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

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON
MEN'S STUDY**

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a men's study in the Fireside Room on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, study and support. All men are invited!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING
MEN'S STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP**

Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.

The early morning Men's Study continues to meet in the Fireside Room on Wednesday mornings for coffee, sweet rolls and fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to join us.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
ADULT STUDY**

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a bible study in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, study, and support.

KINGS BEACH SMALL GROUP

First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Boxeth's. This group meets 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

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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



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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
Wednesday, April 5th

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.

JOIN US!

Maundy Thursday, April 13

**6:30 p.m. Light Dinner and Communion Service
in Fireside Room of The Village Church**

Easter Sunday, April 16

**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.*

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



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



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017
Anytime between 1:00-7:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARSON CITY
115 North Division Street
(Corner of King and Division)

For more information please call 775-882-1032, ext. 215





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

April 2017

What does the Bible say about Sunday school?

The Sunday school movement began in Britain in the 1780s and spread to America in the 19th century. But the Sunday schools of that day were nothing like we have today; they were schools very much like our public schools today, only with the Bible as a core component. They were established to provide an elementary education on Sunday for children who were employed in factories, stores, and farms the rest of the week. Eventually, child labor laws were instituted and the institution of the public school was created, relegating religious instruction to the churches. The American Sunday School Union, a cross-denominational national organization founded in Philadelphia in 1824, published curricular materials and children's books that were used in many Sunday schools in that day.

The Bible does not mention the Sunday school. The idea of teaching, however, is present in the New Testament Greek word *paideia* and is translated “nurture” in Ephesians 6:4. This word is also translated “instruct” and “chastise” and has the idea of correction and instruction. This is also the purpose of the Word of God. We read in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that the word of God is profitable for teaching (which is the meaning of the word *doctrine*), for reproof, for correction and instruction so that the believer is equipped to obey God.

Israel was instructed to teach their children the statutes of the Lord, and the essence of that teaching is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-7: “Hear O Israel: The LORD our God is One LORD.” This is known as the *Shema*, which is the first word of verse four. Instructions to teach children are also found in Deuteronomy 4:10 and Deuteronomy 11:19. Throughout their history, the Jews have conducted, and still conduct, the *Yeshiva* which is a school for teaching the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. It usually began when the child was three to five years old and it was taught only to the boys. That is no longer true. It could be that the Sunday school, which evolved in the evangelical movement, is based upon the premise of the *Yeshiva*.

We need to remember that in the early years of the church, believers met in homes or caves or areas where they would not be discovered due to persecution. The teaching of God’s truth to children was the job of the parents and was done in the home. Sadly, this practice is no longer a priority in the homes of many believers, and many leave the instruction in God’s Word to the church and what we now call the Sunday school. But what is taught in Sunday school should only be a supplement to what is taught at home. The ideal situation is when the church and family work together to educate children in the faith.

Thank you to all of the people who have volunteered to be Sunday School Teachers! We really appreciate it. I also want to thank all of the new volunteers, trying something for the first time is never easy but we are very thankful for your help!

Sunday School Needs:

We still are desperately seeking volunteers to teach Sunday school or serve as a classroom aide. I (Christian Education Director) have everything already prepared for you - the lesson, craft, and all of the handouts - and sets up the room!

Our classes are divided by age: PreK thru Kindergarten and Elementary (grades 1-5). This need not be a weekly or monthly commitment, because many hands make light work. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry.

If you would like to volunteer please contact me at mgilbert@thevillagechurchnv.org



Mary Gilbert

C.E. Director

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Hello everyone.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." Matthew 28:5-7

The empty tomb declared the resurrection of Jesus. The place where he lay dead was turned from a place of fear and shame to a place of victory. The youth always hear the Gospel preached at youth group, but this time of year it has special weight, like the nativity at Christmas. Some of the young folks made vows for Lent and every young person that comes to our youth group repeatedly hears about the cross, resurrection, and the amazing love of God.

Spring is my favorite time of year for a few reasons and not just because it has stopped snowing so much... This is the time of the year we start inviting the 5th grade youth to all of our youth activities and groups to get them connected and familiar with us. To kick off this special time, all this month we are going to have fantastic youth events including with Easter themed youth groups.

We have started doing themed youth groups. Last month we had a dance instructor come and teach the group how to hip hop dance (Some of you may know I have been gifted to dance). This month we will have a pizza making night and an ice cream party too, so it's going to be pretty exciting!

I would love to have any church folks that have a special gift or talent for anything to come and share some tips for the group. I also would love to have you come and help out or hang out with us no matter what we have planned, so always feel welcome to come by on Wednesdays from 6-8pm in the youth room.

April 2, 8am-12 the youth will host a pancake breakfast. The pancake breakfast is a fundraising event for the YWAM San Francisco youth mission trip this coming July. Everyone is invited to come and have pancakes and breakfast food and help us pay for our mission trip, and this also a great time to invite friends and neighbors to church as well.

The Upper Room Group meets Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We have some pretty crazy fun playing games and sometimes they are a little on the messy side. Oh yeah, and there's time for asking questions, learning about God, the Bible and Jesus Christ. This group is for 6-12th grades.

Special Ops is the outreach group. This is a hands-on mission group that teaches the youth to get out and apply the things Jesus taught and show love to people that are in need. We will continue to visit the homeless in Reno. Lunch is provided and please try to be at the church by 11:45am.

Serving Jesus,
Pastor Tony



JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE



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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

Tony Conragan has scheduled his next knee replacement for April 10th, and the Presbyterian Women's Thrift Store will need "Tony replacements" for 6-8 weeks. We will have clip boards at Church for all willing workers to sign up to help. It was amazing having so many different men fill in earlier this year. Don't be shy.....take as many days as you want. The PWTS is open 6 days/week from 11-3PM. Please contact Tony Conragan, Linda Robins, or Vickie Twichell for more information. Thank you for all of your help.



MISSION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We have many opportunities available to volunteer and serve. We participate in international, national, and local missions and services. Please consider joining or praying for one of our mission/service opportunities in 2017.

- We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Slovakia from April 7th to April 15th.
- Another opportunity is Pastor Tony needs adult leaders to go to the Reno homeless outreach on Sunday afternoons and he needs adult leaders to go on the YWAM Youth San Francisco Mission Trip.
- We also need adult volunteers for Vacation Bible School and to be counselors at the Calvin Crest Summer Camp.
- The Preschool is also in need of adult volunteers.
- The Belize Mission Trip is full but needs your prayer support.

All trips/service opportunities are open to all adults - a heart to serve the Lord is the only requirement. If you have questions or are interested in signing up please speak with Jane Dykstra or the Church Office.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS





4/10 Karen Schumann	4/21 Marilyn Merritt
4/12 M.J. Cross	4/23 Susie Orlady
4/17 Carla Peterson	4/26 Bob Rappaport
4/19 Doris Spain	4/27 Frank Irwin

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

COOKIE CRISIS

All of us like our cookies, brownies, and coffee cakes, but they only appear after Church if someone is willing to bake.....or buy. We have volunteers on our teams, but sometimes people forget to bring something. If you are going out of town goodies can be left ahead of time in the freezer. Plus the abundance of snow has kept many volunteers and their delectables off the roads to Church. We could also use more substitutes on the list.....men and women welcome to help. For more information please contact Linda Robins at 775-831-5200. Thank you to everyone that is on a hospitality team, everyone appreciates the yummy treats!



OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Through March 26, 2017:

Needed \$118,384

Given \$86,446

Difference - \$23,482

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants:

- April 2: Ella Ogden
- April 9: Rich Caviness
- April 16: Linda Robins
- April 23: Chuck Dowd
- April 30: Gary Boxeth

Ushers:

- April 2: Vicki Ogden
- April 9: Paul and Vickie Twichell
- April 16: 8:00am Steve and Forrest Wiens
10:00am Michele and Craig Young;
Gary and Patti Boxeth
- April 23: Gary and Patti Boxeth
- April 30: Nancy and John Manter

Children's Message:

- April 2: Don Ferrell
- April 9: Preschool Children
- April 16: Darlene Nilsson
- April 23: Need Help!
- April 30: Need Help!

Hospitality Teams

- April 2: Team 2 – Karen Schumann, Karen Ferrell, Sue Maturlo, Cindy Critchfield, and Lynne Donat
- April 9: Team 3 – Joannie McNulty, Susan Hart, Terri Nielsen, Miriella Melara, and Vickie Twichell
- April 16: Team 4 – Nancy Manter, Betsy Garfinkle, Bonnie Cella, Chris Peterson, Muffy Betker, and Judy Howes
- April 23: Team 5 – Patti Boxeth, Nancy Leonard, Ann O'Keefe, Susie Orlady, and Annie Payne
- April 30: Team 6 – Linda Florentine, Lili Arpino, Judy Ackerman, Linda Brown, and Vicki Ogden

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.

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April 2017



Scripture of the Month:
 "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the Lord have created it." Isaiah 45:8

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 <i>The Lord's Supper</i> 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary No Choir Practice 10:15am Sunday School 9:15 & 11:30am Youth Pancake Breakfast 12:00pm Pick up Food at Raley's	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 2:37pm Staff Meeting	5 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 3:30pm Vision Committee Mtg 5:00pm Food Box Packing - F/R 6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	6 6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Boxeth's Home YouthCompass Mission Team Departs	7	8 10am to Noon Food Box Distribution
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30 <i>Mario Ornelas Preaching</i> 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary 8:15am Choir Practice - F/R						

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A joyful place to grow



April 2017

Doug Baker - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Deacon

Patti Boxeth - Deacon

Gary Boxeth - Elder

Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jane Dykstra - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Kristen Ferrall - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Custodian & Elder

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Church Leadership

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nibson - Elder

Ann O'Keefe - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Tom Payne - Deacon

Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director

Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, & Elder & Clerk of Session

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder