



From Pastor Jeff

Christmas time is an amazing time of year. A time of wonder, a time for joy, peace, and goodwill to all. Well...at least it's supposed to be like that. If you're anything like me, though, Christmas is more likely to be a time of stress, of unreasonable expectations, of lists and need

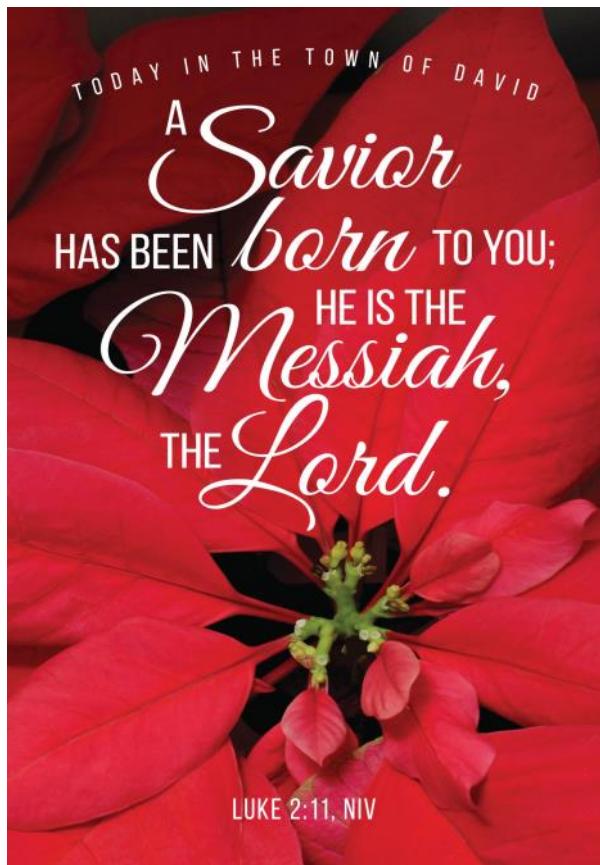
to's and have to's. One trip to Wal-Mart or Target this time of year can evaporate an awful lot of "goodwill toward men." Holiday travel, crowded stores, crowded kitchens, grumpy kids (or parents), in-laws and outlaws, all can seem to wage a better war on Christmas than anything the media can gin up. Joy is not the first thing that comes to mind - which is sad, really.

Think about it: The One through whom the galaxies were made emptied himself and came down and became an embryo, the awesome majesty of God bound into the frame of a helpless infant. The One who knows every star, every grain of sand, every drop of water intimately, doesn't know how to talk or even walk. The uncreated One who needs nothing, now needs to be fed and changed. The Mighty God, Lord of Hosts, El Shaddai, is now found in the weakness of a baby boy, born to poor parents, in a backward time, in the backwater of an oppressed nation on the edge of the Roman Imperium. All because he loves us, his sinful, rebellious, unlovely creations. Loves us more than we can ever imagine.

The prophet Isaiah named him "Immanuel," 700 years before he was born; the angel tells his foster father, he is to be called Jesus, "because he will save his people from their sins"; the herald angels the night of his birth call him "Savior." *Jesus* means "Yahweh saves"; *Immanuel* means "God with Us"; and *Savior*, "the one who saves."

God-given names in the Bible represent the essential character of the one named. Jesus' names reveal that he came to save sinners, people like you and like me. The One who has every right to condemn and judge us, instead came to rescue us and redeem us. Jesus himself says, "I did not come to judge the world, but to save it." (John 12:47) and "the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10) and that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

So this Christmas time, ponder the Babe in the Manger, and realize that you are loved with a fierce, unshakable, audacious, stop-at-nothing kind of love. God came from heaven to earth to save your life, to be your Savior. Believe this and Christmas really will become an amazing time of year.



VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

December 5th: Lord's Supper; Potluck; Visioning; Dedication Sunday; Second Sunday in Advent

December 7th: Women's Book Club Meeting

December 9th: Grief Group Led by Sue Maturlo

December 12th: Third Sunday in Advent; Election of Church Officers

December 13th: New Reno Small Group Meet & Greet

December 15th: Session Meeting; Preschool Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

December 18th: Winter Warmth & Wellness Community Event

December 19th: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Preschool Children Singing 10am service

December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5pm & 7pm

December 31st: New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Grief Share Group meets on Mondays at 5:00pm

Incline Small Group meets on Tuesday at 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 6:30am

Praise Team Practice on Wednesdays at 4:00pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Women's Book Club meets on December 7th at Noon

Women's Prayer Group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the Month at 2pm

NEW RENO SMALL GROUP. We are currently forming a new Reno small group. We have a host for this group in South Reno. This group would meet once a week on Monday Evenings at 6:00pm. The first meeting will be a meet & greet on December 13th at 6:00pm. Then will have regular meetings starting in January. Please email apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would like to join this group.



Advent started on Sunday, November 28th! We have Advent devotionals available at the Church and calendars for the children. We need volunteers for the 8am service to read the Advent scriptures and then light the Advent Candles email apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would to volunteer.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Friday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Childcare available at both services

736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV
On the corner of Mt. Rose & McCourry Blvd
775-831-0784 www.TheVillageChurchNV.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Ham Potluck – Sunday, December 5th we will be sharing a potluck lunch following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. The church will provide ham. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to get to know each other.

Visioning Gathering – during the potluck Sunday, December 5th after the 10am service we will be discussing ideas of the visioning of the church. If you cannot attend in-person you can attend via Zoom.

Dedication Sunday is on December 5th. We will be dedicating our time, talents and treasure to the life of our church and to its continued mission to preach the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

Brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 12th. We will have a very brief Congregational meeting in the sanctuary next Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect church officers.

Volunteers Needed For Preschool Christmas Dinner. The Preschool needs your help for their annual Christmas performance and dinner on Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers to cook, serve, and cleanup dinner for the party. Volunteers to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. (unless you can only help with the cleanup). We also need a volunteer to organize/lead the dinner. Contact Anne Payne apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would like to volunteer.

Volunteers Needed For the Winter Warmth & Wellness Community Even. Our church is providing coats, jackets, gloves, knitted items, personal care items, etc. for the community event distribution. They also need volunteers to help with setting up for the event and for the event. Volunteers are needed for Monday December 13th through 17th and for the event Saturday, December 18th. To volunteer, call 775-230-1066.

POINSETTIAS

Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia plants bring to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant and dedicate it in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may take your plant home after the last Christmas Eve Service.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to the church. Deliver the form and your check to the church or mail to:

**The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451
(775) 831-0784**

*The deadline for all orders is
Sunday, December 12th.*

Poinsettia Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

No. of Plants _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

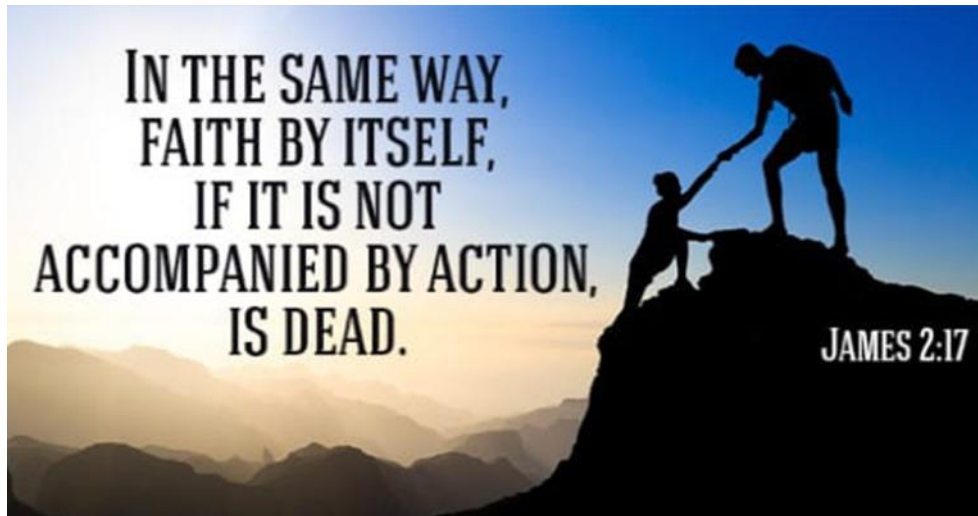
In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

If you would like your plant to be donated to someone, please check this box:



2022 Stewardship Commitment Card



In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His Church, I/We plan to do the following in 2022:

_____ Will participate in an activity or activities as checked on the attached list.

_____ Will commit to give generously of **RESOURCES** by giving \$ _____
 _____ Per Week; _____ Per Month; _____ Per Year

_____ Will commit to give through my Donor Advised Fund or Charitable Trust.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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This commitment may be revised or cancelled at any time upon my request.

Village Church Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Worship Services Volunteers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Praise Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers/Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Servers | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Message |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual (AV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counting | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Shade Sails | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Outdoor Chapel Cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Ice Cream Servers | |

Children's Ministries

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School | <input type="checkbox"/> Good News Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events/Activities | |

Women's Ministries

- Women's Ministries Board
- Women's Events
 - Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Snowshoeing, Kayaking, etc.)
 - Women's Retreats
 - Other Gatherings
- Women's Bible Studies/Small Groups

Men's Events

- Men's Events
 - Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Snowshoeing, Kayaking, etc.)
 - Gatherings
- Men's Bible Studies/Small Groups

Bible Study/Small Group

- Leader
- Participant
- Host

Prayer

- Pray & Go
- Email Prayer Group
- Prayer Group

Thrift Shop

- Store Volunteers
- Furniture Pickup

Church Maintenance/Upkeep

- Gardening
- Workday

Holiday/Special Events

- Hospitality
- Advent Readers
- Candle Lighters
- Special Music
- Service Volunteers

Missions Committee

Vision Committee

Fellowship Events (Hiking, Softball, Movie/Game Night, Kayaking, Beach Gatherings, etc.)

- Leader
- Participate

VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

World Relief Organization

World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to the world's greatest problems – disasters, extreme poverty, violence, oppression, and mass displacement. It partners with local churches and community leaders in the U.S. and abroad to bring hope, healing and transformation to the most vulnerable.

For over 75 years, across 100 countries, World Relief (WR) has been connecting people to the world's greatest needs—extending compassion to millions of suffering men, women

and children -- creating change that lasts—today, tomorrow and for generations to come. It partners with over 6,000 churches and 95,000 local volunteers joining together to be the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing light to the darkest corners of our world as a powerful force for good.

In the 1940s the War Relief Commission was founded to address urgent humanitarian needs in war-torn Europe with the motto: "Food for the body and food for the soul". In the 1950s the War Relief Commission changed its name to World Relief and launched an aid program in post-war Korea. In 2015 World Relief celebrated 35 years of refugee resettlement in the United States having welcomed over 250 thousand refugees from more than 80 countries.

In 2020 despite the global pandemic, World Relief served more people (4,192,738), empowered more churches (4,265) to bring wholeness and healing to their communities, and trained more volunteers (67,000) around the world than it did the year before. For example:

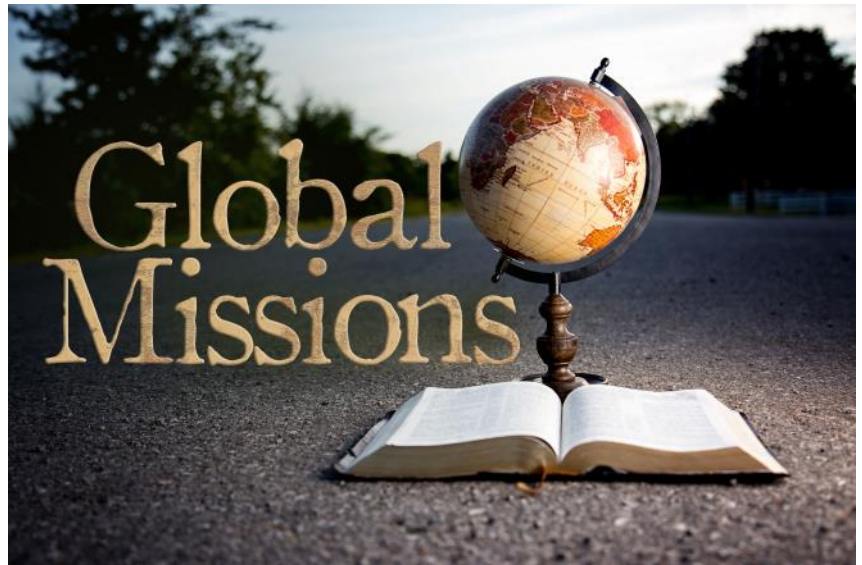
Sudan: World Relief has five main offices and sub-offices in Sudan serving the vulnerable with humanitarian and disaster response aid; more than 3 million people remain displaced within the country.

DR Congo: World Relief's large-scale agriculture and food security response serves returnees in DR Congo and provides seeds, tools and training on agriculture techniques.

Afghanistan refugees: World Relief helps by providing apartments and assistance for Afghan American ally refugees to resettle in the US and sponsors resettlement immigration groups to help with integrating into society.

Our church Missions Committee supports this ministry and urges our congregation to keep such Christ-centered humanitarian efforts in our prayers.

You can learn more details by viewing www.worldrelief.org. and/or by calling **443-451-1900** or **800-535-5433** for general information. Individual donations can be made via phone (443-451-1902) or online.

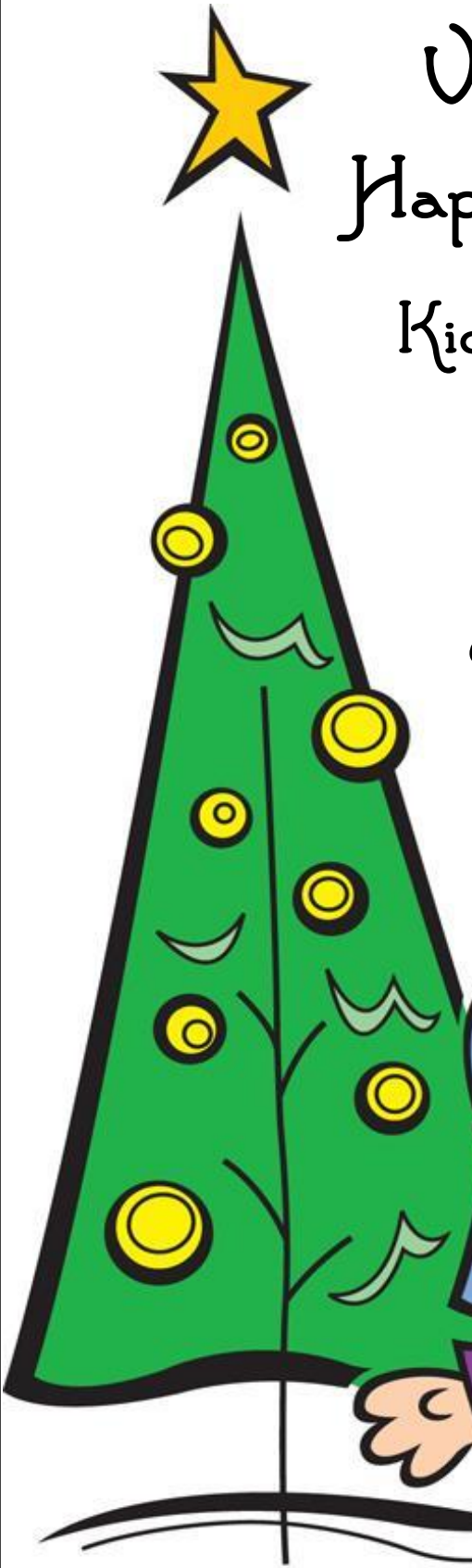




A big huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated (shopped, volunteered, decorated, worked, etc!) in our Christmas Open house on Saturday, 11/13. It was an amazing day full of blessings. Thank you to our wonderful community for making it such a wonderful day!

There is still awesome Christmas items at the Thrift Shop for sale! Come shop Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm





Village Christian Preschool's
Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

Kids Performance, Dinner, & Crafts
December 15th at 6:00PM

Kids Performance in Church on
December 19th at 10am Service

Join us for a wonderful
celebration of the birth of Jesus.



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Village Christian Preschool Photos



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery & Sunday School - Sundays 10:00 a.m.

The church has Nursery Care & PreK-5th Sunday School in-person every Sunday for the 10:00 a.m. service. Sunday School is in Room C at the church. Nursery care is in the Nursery.

Youth-Young Adult Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays 10:15 a.m. In-Person and Online

This is a Bible Study for youth and young adults. Group Led by Tim Gilbert. You can join in-person in the Youth Room or online on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

Grief Share Group - Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join. In-person in the Fireside Room. Pastor Tony leads this group.

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

Everyone is welcome to join. In-person at the Ferrell's home and online via Zoom. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHIDdz09>

Women's Book Club - December 7th at Noon

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Karen Ferrell. In-person location TBD.

Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.

All men are invited for prayer and Bible study. In-person in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005?pwd=QVJ6SZZc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

Women's Prayer Group - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Annie Payne. In-person location Fireside Room

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

If you would like to start a new small group/Bible study please let us know the date and time.



12/3 Harry Farrell	12/15 Roland Schumann
12/4 Bill Leonard	12/20 Cindy Liggett
12/11 Vickie Twichell	12/21 Bob Williamson
12/12 Steve Merritt	12/25 Don Ferrell
12/13 Ed Windham	12/26 Rob Robins
12/14 Marji Hansen	12/29 Jim Dykstra
12/15 Jim Amende	



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. For more information about ECO, visit our website: www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTORAL CONTACT

In order to provide the best possible pastoral care in time of emergency or crisis, You can contact Pastor Jeff Ogden at 775-624-4240 or Assistant Pastor Tony Conragan at 775-830-0566. If they don't pickup please leave a voicemail and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Did we forget your birthday?
Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784

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A Joyful Place To Grow



Church Leadership

Paul Ackerman - Deacon

Anyelet Blandon - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor

Stephanie Conragan - Office Assistant

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon

Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder

Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Moderator

Tim Gilbert - Elder

Keith Hansen - Elder

Travis Holzner - Preschool Staff

Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff

Darlene Johnson - Elder

Scott Johnson - Clerk of Session, Elder

Tiffany Kenyon - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff

Steve O'Malley - Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Chris Peterson - Deacon

Lonny Reed - Custodian

Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager

Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff

Sharon Sigler - Deacon

Natalie Snyder - Preschool Staff

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Sarah Warrington Jokinen - Preschool

