



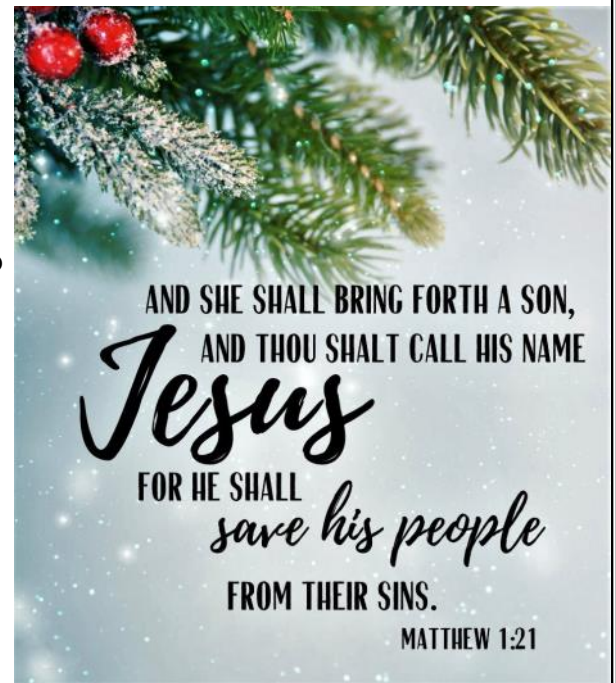
From Pastor Jeff

³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:30-33

Advent is a season of preparation for Jesus' coming. Now, usually, that gets interpreted as a season to prepare for celebrating Christmas, but historically that is not the case. Advent was seen as a time to prepare our hearts and souls for Jesus' Second Coming (and therefore, Judgement Day) by meditating on the prophecies and narratives of his birth. The four verses above contain a lot to meditate upon. Just look at the names and titles found in Gabriel's announcement:

1. The Child to be born is given the name "Jesus," which means "The LORD is Salvation" or "The LORD Saves." He is sent to "save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21). He is to be a Savior, a Rescuer.
2. He is called "Son of the Most High." His is no ordinary lineage. He has no human father, but instead is conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of a virgin. His human nature is specially created by God and sustained and nurtured by his mother, Mary.
3. From his mother, he can claim descent of that human nature from King David in fulfillment of God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12. He will be the anointed King who will shepherd the people of God "in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God" (Micah 5:4). He will be the Davidic Messiah who will defeat God's enemies and rule over God's Kingdom forever.

Savior, Son of God, Messiah—in Jesus, we see one Person, fully human and fully God, perfectly suited to stand as the "one mediator between God and humanity," (1 Tim. 2:5), perfectly empowered to defeat sin, death, and the devil, and to save all who come to him for rescue. As I said, a lot to meditate on and remember this season and always. May God bless you this Advent and Christmas, and the New Year ahead!



VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

December 3rd: Christmas Fun, Food & Fellowship Event 3pm in Fireside Room

December 4th: Ham Potluck; Lord's Supper, Healing Service at 5pm

December 5th: Grief Share Group Meeting

December 7th: Advent Adult Bible Study 6pm Fireside Room

December 14th: Preschool Christmas Performance & Dinner

December 18th: Preschool Kids Singing in Church During 10am

December 19th - December 30th: K-6 School Pod Closed

December 21st: Session 4pm

December 23rd - December 30th: Preschool Closed

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

December 25th: 10am Worship Service Only

8 & 10am Worship Services on Sundays

Children Sunday School & Nursery Sundays at 10am

Grief Share Group on Mondays at 4:30pm in the Fireside Room

Incline Small Group meets on Tuesday at 6:30pm

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

Prayer Group meets on Wednesday at 10:00am

Advent Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Great News Club on Wednesdays 2:35 at the Elementary School for children K-5

Praise Team Practice on Wednesdays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

AA meets on Thursday Nights in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child.

If you would like to, you can still build an Operation Christmas Child build a box online with this link <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/f9e4458a-53ac-446a-9caa-03468f5aafaf>.



Advent started on Sunday, November 27th! We have Advent devotionals & calendars are available at the Church. Also, Advent Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 6pm. We need volunteers for the 8am service to read the Advent scriptures and then light the Advent Candles email apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org to volunteer.



Christmas

FUN, FOOD, &
FELLOWSHIP EVENT

snacks, bingo, fun, & prizes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

3:00PM

THE VILLAGE CHURCH
736 MCCOURRY BLVD
INCLINE VILLAGE, NV 89451

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food, Fun, and Fellowship Saturday, December 3rd at 3:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Everyone is invited for yummy treats, bingo, and fellowship. Join us for an afternoon together!

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship services on December 4th.

Christmas Ham Potluck - Sunday, December 4th 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.

Service For Healing December 4th at 5:00 p.m. A major component of Jesus' ministry was healing those who came to him for help. This worship service is an opportunity to bring to our Lord our physical and spiritual hurts and ask for his help and healing.

Village Christian Preschool's Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration is on December 14th at 6:00p.m.

Session Meeting Wednesday, December 14th at 4:00pm in Pastor Jeff's Office. Please be in prayer for God-lead decision making and discernment.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5pm & 7pm In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary & Live-Stream via YouTube.

Sunday, December 25th we will only be having one service, the 10am service, online and in-person.

Volunteers Needed We have several ministry areas at the church where we need volunteers. We are in need of volunteers for Children's Sunday School teachers, K-6 pod, hospitality, nursery, thrift shop, etc. If you would like to volunteer at the church please contact the Church Office at 775-831-0784.

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 18th.*

Poinsettia Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

No. of Plants _____

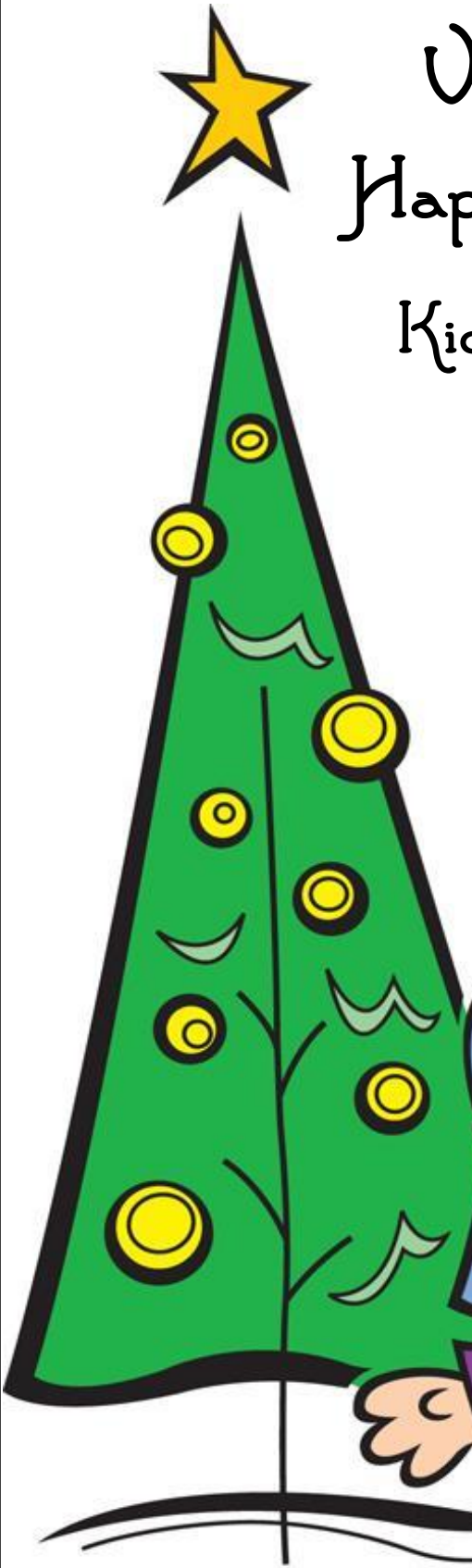
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

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





Village Christian Preschool's
Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

Kids Performance, Dinner, & Crafts
December 14th at 6:00PM

Kids Singing in Church on
December 18th at 10am Service

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



Village Christian Preschool
736 McCourry Blvd., Incline Village, NV
775-831-1184 www.villagepreschoolnv.org

Village Christian Preschool Photos







A big huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated (shopped, volunteered, decorated, worked, etc!) in our Christmas Open house on Saturday, 11/12. 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





Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Saturday, 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

VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

Missionaries Al and Annie Olsen



Al and Annie Olsen have worked for Wycliffe for thirty-two years. The mission of Wycliffe is to see a Bible translation program in progress in every language still needing one by 2025.

How can people come to Jesus if they can't understand this message due to a language barrier? This is the question that moved Cameron Townsend way back in 1919 to begin learning the Kaqchikel language of Guatemala in order to translate the Scriptures into that language. He went on in 1934 to create a training course, the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL International), for others

to learn translation skills. In 1942 Townsend founded Wycliffe Bible Translators to share his vision even more widely. In the many decades since, workers with Wycliffe, SIL, and over 100 other Bible translation organizations around the world have made at least some Scriptures available in 3,589 languages.

Al and Annie joined Wycliffe in 1987, initially serving in support roles as guest house managers in southern Spain. Al administratively supports and also encourages fellow Wycliffe members as they transition to a different role and/or to life overseas or back to the US. Annie designs computer fonts so that people can read the Bible in their preferred language and script, whether in print or on a screen. They have worked in southern Mexico, east Africa, Kenya, and Tanzania, and currently reside in Texas.

Bible translation requires teamwork on multiple levels. Annie and Al still need people to partner with them in prayer and finances so that they can continue serving in their support roles. Annie's Writing Systems Technology team has font engineers, font designers, script researchers and administrators collaborating to produce fonts, keyboards, and related tools useful for translation. Actual translation work takes national translators, their local community to read and hear it, consultants, typesetters, and many others to share their knowledge, skills, and experience.

Annie's Writing Systems Technology team met "together" this summer. That's "together" in quotes because they were really in three separate locations: 10 people gathered in Dallas, another six in York, England, and one joined from Calgary, Alberta. It wasn't like actually being all together, but there was still time to work alongside one another and enjoy fellowship in their local groups.

This year Al has helped three families transition from one role to another within the organization. Interestingly, two of them have chosen to do what he has been doing for the last two plus years: Resource Coordinator. There has been a real need for others to take on this member care role. Al and Annie plan to continue full-time until the end of 2023. After that, they hope to be able to continue in a volunteer capacity with fewer responsibilities and fewer hours per week.

You can find more information about Al and Annie at <https://www.wycliffe.org>.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings, Nursery, Preschool, & K-5 Sunday School (10:00am) in-Person.

2nd & 4th Sunday Mornings, Village Sunday Youth Group (10:00am) in-person in the Youth Room & online via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

Monday Evenings, Grief Share Group (4:30pm) Meets in the Fireside Room

Tuesday Night, Incline Small Group (6:30pm to 8:00pm):in-person at Don & Karen Ferrell's house and via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09>

Wednesday Morning, Men's Bible Study (6:30am to 7:30am): in-person the Fireside Room and via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005?pwd=QVJ6SzZzc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

Wednesday Morning, Prayer Group (10:00am to 11:00am): Meets at the church.

Wednesday Afternoons, Great News Club (2:35 to 4:00) at Incline Elementary School

Wednesday Afternoons, Praise Team Practice at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Nights, Advent Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. All Adults Welcome

Thursday Nights, AA meets in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm

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



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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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.



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.

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A Joyful Place To Grow

The gift of God is
ETERNAL LIFE
through
JESUS CHRIST
our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23, KJV

December
2022



Village Church Leadership

Amber Anderson - Preschool Staff
Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor
Chuck Dowd - Elder
Jim Dykstra - Deacon's Food Distribution
Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder
Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator
Tim Gilbert - Elder, Church Project Manager
Jenna Hilton - Office Assistant
Travis Holzner - Preschool Staff
Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff
Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director
Yancy Lopez - Preschool Staff
Colleen Malley - Preschool Staff
Marilyn Merritt - Deacon
Patricia Moser Morris - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor
Steve O'Malley - Deacon
Debra Ornelas - Family Ministries Director
Annie Payne - Office Manager
Chris Peterson - Deacon
Lonny Reed - Custodian
Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager
Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff
Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder
Sharon Sigler - Deacon Moderator
Lisa Snavely - Deacon
Jason Stanton - Accompanist
Paul Twichell - Elder
Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager
Ed Windham - Elder