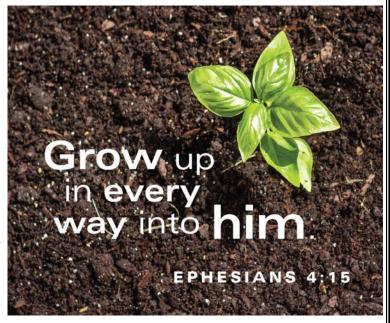


# February 2017

## TRIALOGUE

#### From Pastor Jeff

2016 was a great year once again here at The Village Church. The mission and ministry of Jesus Christ was at the forefront of our life together. Our small group ministry continued to meet and grow. Our Deacons led a study on "Becoming a Contagious Christian." Outdoor worship was enhanced by improvements to the Chapel of the Pines. Young people assisted in worship more. We conducted successful mission trips to Belize, Croatia, and San Francisco. Mary Gilbert and many volunteers staged a successful VBS for the children of our community. Our Easter and Christmas food distributions reached hundreds of people in our area.



These are just a few of the events that made for a great year. I could also mention the Women's Retreat in September and the Happy Birthday Jesus party in December, the Women's Tea and Bazaar and the monthly potlucks (especially the Fried Chicken for Labor Day!), all times that Jesus met us and helped us grow in his image, through service, fellowship, learning, and love. A huge thank you to everyone who made our year together successful!

For 2017, we plan on building on our successes and growing closer to Jesus. There will be Bible studies, potlucks, mission trips, and prayer meetings; work days and worship services, preschool parties and small groups. Each one a place for you to grow in your understanding of and faithfulness to Jesus. Please pray for growth in the Lord this year, your own and our church's. Have a blessed 2017!



#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Sunday, February 5th

On the first Sunday of the month, we THE LORD'S share the Lord's Supper to-SUPPER gether. In February, we will be serving communion on February 5th. If you cannot attend worship and would



like to receive communion at home, please call Pastor Jeff.

#### FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, February 12th

Our February potluck lunch is a week later than usual and will be part of our Annual Congregational Meeting. This is our annual chili cook-off youth fundraiser. Bring your favorite



chili to enter in the competition, cornbread, salad or side dish. All proceeds will go to our Youth Ministry. Join in fellowship, fun and good food.

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### Sunday, February 12th

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00



a.m. worship service on February 12th in our Fireside Room. This meeting will focus on the activities of The Village Church over the past year and will look forward to future ministry. Brief presentations will be made by the various ministry areas. The 2016 Annual Report will be available. The 2017 Session-approved church budget will be **J** presented. We will be sharing our monthly pot-

luck lunch that morning. All members and guests are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

#### CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

A draft of our 2016 Annual Report will be available for your review on February 5<sup>th</sup>. A finalized version will be present– ed at the congregational annual meeting on February 12th.



#### SESSION MEETING Wednesday, February 8th

Our church's Session will be gathering on Wednesday afternoon, February 8th at 2:00 p.m. f. Please be in prayer for the leaders of our church.

#### VISION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 9th

The vision committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the pastor's study.

#### **DEACON'S MEETING**

Sunday, February 19th

The next Deacons meeting will be on Sunday February 19th after the 10:00 a.m. service.

#### PRESCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY



Monday, February 20th

The Preschool and

Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.





#### Board Meeting Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

#### **Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed**

We are always in need of volunteers to staff the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to serve our church and community by helping out in the shop. Let Linda Robins or Vickie Twichell know if you can help.

#### **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.

#### 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 information.



#### 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 one of our mission/ service opportunities in 2017.

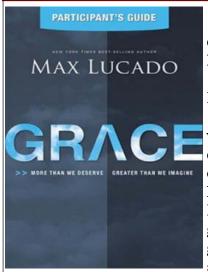
- We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Slovakia from April 7th to April 15th.
- Another opportunity is Pastor Tony needs adult leaders to go to the Reno homeless outreach on Sunday afternoons and he needs adult leaders to go on the YWAM Youth San Francisco Mission Trip.
- 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.



#### INCLINE SMALL GROUP



We are continuing our small group in Incline Village on Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. We meet at Jim and Jane Dykstra's house at 564 Bronco Court in Incline Village.

The Curriculum approved by Pastor Jeff is a study by Max Lucado called Grace.

"We often talk as though we know what grace means. But do we really understand it? Have we settled for wimpy grace? It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" who could say no?

Max Lucado asks a deeper question: Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? Grace is the voice that calls us to

change and then gives us the power to pull it off. Let's make certain grace gets you.

This group is open to anyone. It doesn't matter if you can't make every Tuesday, you are more than welcome to drop in as you are able. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions please contact Tim Gilbert or Annie Payne.

In His Service, Tim Gilbert and Annie Payne

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### February 2017

Over the course of seven weeks in January and February, children in Preschool and Elementary Sunday School will be studying *The Attributes of God*. This lesson series from Kids Sunday School Place teaches children about many of God's attributes.

#### Elementary children will learn that:

**God is Holy** God's holiness is identified as His most prevalent attribute. All of God's additional attributes exist through and because of His holiness.

God is Loving Why God loves us and how He displays His love.

**God is Good** God always has been and always will be infinitely good. Any of the good you have comes from God.

God is Jealous The difference between God's jealousy and human jealousy is explained. Jealousy is one of God's attributes and one of humanity's defects.

God is to be Feared The use of the word fear in the Bible as it relates to respecting and honoring God. God doesn't want us to be terrified of Him, but we should respect and honor Him.

God is Just By studying about God's fair and just nature, why it is important to confess their sins to God and ask for His forgiveness on a regular basis.

God is Merciful God is merciful, and we should be merciful to others.

#### Preschool children will learn that:

God Is Holy God is being perfect and holy, and God's holiness provided Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins.

God Is Loving God loves us, and His love is greater than any other love.

God Is Good God is good because He always takes care of us even when bad things happen.

God Is Jealous Our jealousy is bad, but God's jealousy is good because He is the only one we should worship.

God Is Honored Why does God deserve respect and honor?

God Is Fair God is always fair because He can do no wrong.

God Is Merciful Our God is merciful and forgiving.

Middle and High School Sunday School is studying Made to Make a Difference based on the book Out Live Your Life by Max Lucado. Deep down, everyone wants to make a difference. But it is difficult for students to get past their own issues, problems, and distractions to see that their lives can count right now. In four challenging sessions, Max Lucado offers Biblical insight into how God has uniquely created students with certain passions, talents, and interests to impact the world for Christ. Students share real-life stories on how they have spoken up, stepped out, and made a difference around them. Tim Gilbert is leading this four part video series on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, which focuses on:

- 1. Our Generation
- 2. Poverty is a Priority
- 3. Blast the Walls
- 4. Do Good Quietly

#### Mary Gilbert

C.E. Director



#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Winter Greetings!

Our first **fundraiser** of the year for the San Francisco Mission Trip is our annual chili cook-off on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The best chili will be decided by voting with money and all of the proceeds will go to the Summer Mission trip to San Francisco. This is always fun and a tasty way to help out the youth. (I will be making a special batch of chili!)





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 6-12<sup>th</sup> 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 through the winter months. Lunch is provided and please try to be at the church by 11:45am. We will be bringing sleeping bags and lifepaks with things to keep people warm and hopefully more comfortable through the cold season. With winter being a lot colder and snowier, we are giving out more lifepaks. Please contact me if you are able to donate sleeping bags (rated at least for under 20 degrees), sleeping pads, duffel bags, hats and gloves, and etc.





SWIPE our Bible study group, meets at Starbucks on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. with 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders welcome. This group focuses on learning more about Jesus and faith through hearing and understanding God's word and the teaching of Jesus Christ. Weekly we will look at how we can apply the Bible to our daily lives. Bring your Bible or your electronic device with a Bible app on it!



For all of the different youth groups, we are looking for adult volunteers including going on the San Francisco Mission Trip. If you are interested in volunteering with the youth please contact me at <a href="lowestservant@yahoo.com">lowestservant@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Serving Jesus, Pastor Tony



### FEBRUARY 12TH YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

#### **Bring Your Best Chili**

We will once again host our annual chili cook-off. This year, even the youth attending the trip will be bringing chili recipes to enter in the fun contest. The votes will be cast with money, and the chili that has the most money/votes wins first, second or third place prizes. It's all for fun, and all proceeds are used for the youth mission trip to San Francisco July 17-22.

Find your crock pot and your recipe book.

Make any kind of chili you like, but let people know if it's hot.

This is for fun - not for any sort of actual national award.

You can also bring cornbread, salad, or any side dish or desert.

THE YOUTH GROUPS
WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE YOUR HELP

Wednesdays 6-8pm in the Youth Room

Mondays 5-6pm at Starbucks

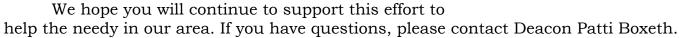
Sundays 12-3pm in Reno

#### **DEACONS NEWS**

#### THE VILLAGE CHURCH DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP

Please support our Deacons' ministry by donating household products. It is felt this is an unmet need, yet necessary for our community and would complement food distributions in our area. Below is a list of items you can place in the basket in the Narthex. The Deacons will be delivering these to appropriate organizations throughout the year.

- ◆ Personal Care Items: toilet paper, Kleenex, soap, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, antibiotic salve, dental floss, baby lotion and shampoo, disposable diapers, diaper wipes and cream, Vaseline.
- ♦ **Household/laundry Items:** Laundry detergent and bleach, dish soap, Windex, toilet and tub cleansers ,all purpose cleaner, paper towels, and batteries.





# Need a Ride?

#### **SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

Do you need a ride to church on Sundays or know someone who does? If so, please let our church office know at 775.831.0784 and one of our Deacons will be happy to assist.

#### **CONCERN FOR OTHERS**

The Deacons are wanting to reach out to anyone who hasn't been to church in a while, but they need your help. If you notice that someone hasn't been seen at church in a while, please let Pastor Jeff, Jim Dykstra, or any of the Deacons know and they will reach out to that person.





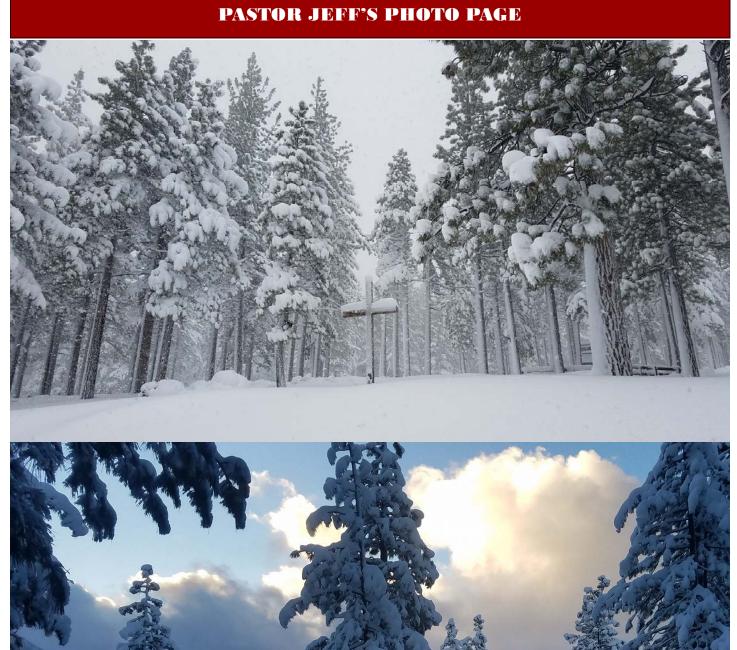
#### THE VILLAGE CHURCH IS A PRAYING CHURCH!



Our Lord has placed on the hearts of the leaders of The Village Church to pray. As a church we provide opportunities during our worship services for prayer. We have a group of intercessory prayer folks who gather each Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the needs and praises of our congregation and beyond. Please contact Pastor Jeff if you would like to join this special prayer group.

#### Village Christian Preschool









2/1	Barbara Jensen	2/18	Dick Randall
2/1	Patricia Moser Morris	2/19	Jeff Ogden
2/4	Walter Beck	2/23	LaVerne Wesenberg
2/8	Mary Storey	2/23	Mary Kay Randall
2/10	Ann O'Keefe	2/23	Annie Payne
2/11	Clint DeWitt	2/24	Carrol Irwin
2/16	Margareta Karlsson	2/29	Bedford Holmes

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

#### MARCH TRIALOGUE DEADLINE

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Send your news to:

apayne@TheVillageChurchNV.org

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Our regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



#### 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.

#### FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

#### Worship Assistants

February 5<sup>th</sup> : Joannie McNulty February 12<sup>th</sup>: Linda Robins

February 19th: Heather & Cindy Liggett

February 26th: Miriella Melara

#### Ushers

February 5<sup>th</sup>: Craig & Michele Young February 12<sup>th</sup>: Paul & Jalyne Leonhart February 19<sup>th</sup>: John & Nancy Manter February 26<sup>th</sup>: Rob & Linda Robins

#### February 5th Communion Servers

Craig & Michele Young Don & Karen Ferrell

#### Hospitality Teams:

February 5<sup>th</sup>: Team 2 February 12<sup>th</sup>: Team 3 February 19<sup>th</sup>: Team 4 February 26<sup>th</sup>: Team 5



## WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS Help us fill the Calendar for 2017

Do you have a special day you wish to remember - a birthday, an anniversary or a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service. Just sign up on the Flower Calendar for 2017 in the Lobby. Ann or another vol-



unteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

Also, if you were apart of the flower workshop please volunteer to arrange flowers. On the 2017 there is a place that says flower arranger. Put your name next to the date that you would like to do the flower arranging.

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Scripture for the Month:

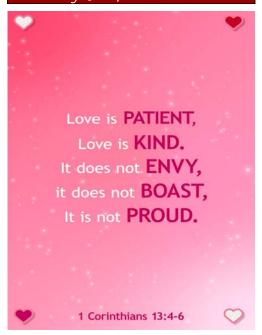
The LORD'S love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning; LORD, you loyalty is great. I say to myself, "The LORD is mine, so I hope in him." The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to those who seek him.

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#### A joyful place to grow



#### Church Leadership



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 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

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff Darlene Nilsson - Elder Ann O'Keefe - Deacon Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon Anne Payne - Office Manager Tom Payne - Deacon Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, & Elder & Clerk of Session Jason Stanton - Accompanist Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Debby Wiens - Pianist Samantha Woodman - Preschool Staff

Michele Young - Elder