

From Pastor Jeff

2020 was a year of unprecedented disruption here at The Village Church. The spread of the COVID-19 virus forced lockdowns, shutdowns, and governmental regulations on all of us and accelerated change everywhere, including the Church. We were forced to online-only services in mid-March and had to learn how to be a YouTube broadcaster in a very short period of time. Potlucks, coffee hour, and in-person bible studies all went away.

We were unable to go on any of our regular mission trips. We started Outdoor Worship season early on June 21 and went late until October 11.

We had a Summer Rec Program for children and started a K-5 school program in the fall using homeschool curriculum from Alpha and Omega publishing.

Pastor Tony transitioned from Youth Ministry to grief support and congregational care. We are looking for someone to head up a youth program here for 2021. We made changes to our music program and we are looking for a music director to lead our program forward.

We held our Easter food distribution as a drive thru and then in the Fall, we partnered with Sierra Community House to do weekly distributions on Thursday afternoons.

We began to allow Iglesia Restauracion, a Hispanic Church from King's Beach, to use our facilities on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, starting in November.

I began the year preaching through the Book of Proverbs, then did a study for the Psalms during the Spring lockdown and for the Summer and Fall we journeyed through the Book of Revelation. The year ended with an Advent series focused on Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.



We had many technology issues to overcome but many people stepped up and made it possible for our bible studies and small groups to continue on Zoom. This new technology enabled us to continue to meet "face to face" even though we could not be in the same room together. Often throughout the year we had people attending from more than one state!

Thank you to everyone who made meeting this year's challenges possible! 2021 holds new challenges for us, but I know that the Lord will equip us with everything we need to overcome them!

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 which is now located across the hall from the church office.

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=MzZnS1F3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnS1F3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09)

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

Everyone is welcome to join. Group Led by Tim Gilbert. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09>

Women's Book Club - 3rd Tuesday at Noon

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Karen Ferrell. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716033329?pwd=Y1d4RHNLSEnuZ1NRWFJBc0lmcEU5UT09>

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

All men are invited for prayer and Bible study. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005?pwd=QVJ6SzZzc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhtTUT09>

Prayer Group - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join our prayer group. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81423073885?pwd=ZTJsQVFcjFic3RaNEl3UUJyeUVpUT09>

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

This group is for all adults. Group Led by Pastor Jeff Ogden. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/366324920?pwd=UVR3UU40K1RKNzk5YnRtamJyTkZnUT09>

FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Barbara Jensen
2/1	Patricia Moser Morris
2/8	Teri Storey
2/10	Ann O'Keefe
2/11	Clint DeWitt
2/13	Albert Duffield
2/18	Dick Randall
2/19	Jeff Ogden
2/23	Mary Kay Randall
2/23	Annie Payne
2/29	Bedford Holmes

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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Ministries has a Christian Book Club on the 3rd Tuesday at noon every month on zoom. Our next one is March 16th and the book is "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers. Hope you can join us.

Women's Ministries is planning a snowshoe hike soon. Details to come.

The Thrift Shop is always in need of volunteers to help out at the shop. To volunteer please contact Linda Robbins 775 831-5200, Vickie Twichell 775 434-5830, or Tony Conragan (775) 830-0566. The Thrift Shop days of operation are Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who shops and donates to our thrift shop! We couldn't do it without all of your support.



**Christian Women's
Online Mini-Conference**
Saturday, March 6th @ 2pm



Guest Speaker: Dawn Pickering
Topic: Faith Over Fear
Breakout Discussions/Prayers Groups

Free Event

Please RSVP to apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org
to receive Zoom Link

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VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

Missions Spotlight on Nueva Vida - Incline Village Hispanic Foursquare Church

Pastors John and Ruby Cole started a Hispanic Church in 2001 as an outreach of the Foursquare Church they were leading here in Incline Village. John and Ruby pastored it until 2019, when they passed the baton to Angel and Rubi Perez, who received their ministry licenses with the International Foursquare Church in 2018.

Angel and Rubi, from Mexico City, were new residents in Incline Village in 2006 and became members of the Hispanic Foursquare Church at that time. Working under the ministry of Pastors John and Ruby, they started their training in ministry, not only getting into the Bible Institute but also getting involved the day-to-day operations with the church and community members.

Today, Pastors Angel and Rubi lead a growing community of believers from various Latin countries: Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Bolivia, and Nicaragua. They are reaching not only first, second and third generations of Hispanic-American people, but also some non-Spanish speakers through their bilingual services on Sunday morning.

Incline Village Hispanic Foursquare Church is located at 754 Mays Blvd. Suite 12 – in the Village Center - where they have gathered for the last 2 years. Pre-COVID they had an average attendance of 65, but now there is a growing community of online followers watching the main services on Sundays, reaching more than a thousand online viewers! Pastor Angel has started an online discipleship class in Mexico and one more in Bolivia.

The Church provides Sunday School for children 0-12 years old, once a month ladies, men and youth special meetings, weekly adults/youth discipleship classes and weekly prayer meetings in Incline Village and Carson City.

When asked about any challenges their ministry was encountering due to COVID-19, they mentioned that they were challenged by the Lord to start live-streaming their service - as many churches around the country were - and that they had some financial shortfall, as many of their members were not working for more than 2 months. But they stressed that the Lord is faithful!

They were able to re-open their services on May 31st to celebrate Pentecost with new regulations and have had a great response and participation from their church family. "Today more than ever, we are in the mission of advancing the Kingdom of God not only in Incline Village but around the Lake."

The Village Church is pleased to partner with Nueva Vida through financial gifts as part of our outreach to the local Hispanic community.

Missions Spotlight on One Collective

Reaching the Middle East through God's Word and the Love of Christ

In 2019 Wess and Rachael W. visited our Missions Committee to share their ministry in the Middle East (*their mission organization, One Collective, is described below*). They had served in the Arabian Peninsula for a number of years before the conflict there forced them to move to Lebanon where the LORD continues to allow them to serve the building of His Kingdom in the Middle East region. Wess and Rachael have three young children ages 15, 12 & 9 who attend a local school. Wess was raised in Tahoe City and Rachael in Reno.

One Collective's passion is to see lives and communities transformed by the power of God. Its mission is to bring people together (churches, businesses and schools) to serve oppressed people around the world. Only Jesus can create the kind of transformation that will change the future for people in these communities as He invites us to join in that work. Its focus is on the needs of the whole person -- spiritual and physical -- in an integrated way to see change that reflects Jesus by ensuring that everyone has access to food, freedom, and forgiveness. Access to those holistic needs opens the door for deep transformation. As transformation takes hold in a community roles change. One Collective avoids creating unhealthy dependencies and focuses on what Jesus is doing within the immediate and surrounding communities.

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Wess and Rachael have been serving in the Middle East for 15 years. Wess now teaches at a Christian seminary in Beirut and is working on his PhD on missional issues. The seminary has students from numerous countries training them for ministry in the Middle East region including among the Syrian refugees in Lebanon. In addition, he conducts research on church planting movements around the world and speaks at Christian conferences. This year he led an online conference made up of around 75 mission leaders, researchers, and practitioners to discuss the growing phenomena of “disciple making movements” around the world. Through this network, he will serve as the editor of a book from the conference proceedings to be published next year. Please pray as he must deal with theological and factional issues (tribalism is a problem!). As Lebanon continues to recover from the Beirut Blast and the COVID pandemic, Rachael serves the local church and community through the women’s ministry especially with Syrian refugees. She is active in a prayer group and helps refugees who face many obstacles in health care. They are praying that these women and their husbands will come to faith in Christ as they witness followers of Jesus and examples of His redemptive love.

Please pray for Wess, Rachael and their family – for fruitful ministry efforts through the seminary, local community and Syrian refugees, as well as continued good health and protection in a challenging and sometimes dangerous area.

Financial support and accountability: After giving Wess and Rachael a one-time financial gift in 2020, the Missions Committee has been led to provide them regular support as new missionaries in our 2021 budget. *One Collective is a charter member of the [ECFA](#), an independent certified audit is conducted every year, and an independent Board of Directors reviews finances annually. One Collective complies with all federal, state, and IRS regulations, and maintains the highest charity ratings with [GuideStar](#) and [Charity Navigator](#). For long-term and mid-term workers, donations are allocated in the form of one-time set up costs and a monthly salary based on the location of service, the type of ministry, the housing and transportation needs, etc. The individual missionaries are responsible for raising the full budget amount before leaving for the field. Individual contributions to Wess and Rachael can be made through [OneCollective.org](#).*

Village Church Announcements:

Deacon’s Meeting – Sunday, February 21st at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom meeting.

First Sunday in Lent is Sunday February 21st

Voice of the Martyrs Event – The Voice of the Martyrs, with help from LifeWay, is hosting a free virtual event on Friday, March 5th at 6:30pm. The event will feature three inspiring speakers: Petr Jasek, Andrew Brunson and Dan Baumann. Also, they will have a panel discussion and worship music from Natalie Grant. Cornerstone Community Church is hosting this online event at their church on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Lili Arpino Memorial – Will be held on Saturday, March 6th at 11:00am in-person in the Sanctuary and will also be live-streamed https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxkLpF6IPmZSf5b_-SJEXA for anyone unable to attend in person.

Christian Women’s Conference Via Zoom –Saturday, March 6th at 2:00pm. Special Guest speaker Dawn Pickering. Topic is Faith Over Fear. RSVP to apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org and receive the zoom link.

Sunday, March 7th: Communion during both services; Johnson Wedding apart of the 10am worship service; both services will continued to be live-streamed.

New Covenant Partners (New Members) Class: Meeting on March 21st at Noon via Zoom online meeting. Please email apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you are interested in attending and I will send you the zoom link.

2020 Annual Report available on the Church Narthex Counters.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER (NEW MEMBER)
INFORMATION MEETING
Sunday, March 21st
Noon Via Zoom**

**Are you interested in learning more about becoming a
Covenant Partner of The Village Church?
Join us for an online meeting on
Sunday, March 21st at Noon via Zoom**

**If you would like to attend or have questions contact the
Church Office at 775-831-0784 or send email to
apayne@thevillagechurch for the Zoom link.**

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God
is love,

AND WHOEVER
ABIDES IN LOVE
ABIDES IN GOD,
AND GOD
ABIDES IN HIM.

1 JOHN 4:16, ESV

Church Leadership

Paul Ackerman - Deacon

Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Grief Minister

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

Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff

Scott Johnson - Clerk of Session, Elder

Kira Kitzman - K-5 Program Leader

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

*Darlene Nilsson - Elder & Children's
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Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff

Colby Olsen - Preschool Staff

Steve O'Malley - Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Chris Peterson - Deacon

Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff

Lonny Reed - Custodian

Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager

Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff

Sharon Sigler - Deacon

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Paul Twichell - Elder



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