

### *From Pastor Jeff*

2021 was a year of continued adaptation here at The Village Church. Attendance in person resumed but was down about 50% from pre-Covid levels. We continued to utilize YouTube to broadcast services which was helpful for people unable to attend in-person. We were unable to go on any of our regular mission trips but we did have visits for several of the missionaries we support.

As well as our regular hiking season, during the summer we added outreach events such as the Pray and Go ministry and Game/Movie Nights. We hosted a showing of the Jesus Film and we also fielded a fantastic softball team.

Outdoor Worship season was back to normal this year starting the first Sunday in July and continuing through Labor Day Weekend. We purchased and began using a new sound board and equipment.

We had a K-5 school program in the spring using homeschool curriculum from Alpha and Omega publishing. In the fall and continuing, we host a K-5 home school group that uses our facilities, and Pastor Tony and I meet with them four days a week to teach the Bible to the students.

We continued to give out food boxes throughout the year to those in need. We also partnered with Sierra Community House to do weekly distributions on Thursday afternoons in our parking lot for the first half of the year, and then from St. Patrick's parking lot for the latter half.

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

My theme for the year in preaching was A Year with Jesus and so I began the year preaching through the Beatitudes, then we did a study on the Upper Room Discourse from John chapters 13-17. Next, we looked at the Mission of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. For November we looked at the doctrine of Scripture and ended the year with an Advent series looking at the titles of Jesus found in the ancient symbol of the ICQUS Fish.



Our bible studies and small groups to continued on Zoom as well as resuming in person.

Our facilities were upgraded with new windows and blinds for the whole building as well as a hydronic system upgrade with new boilers and valves.

A huge thank you to all of you who made the ministry this year happen! Our church is able to do what it does, because folks like you give of yourselves with your time and dedication. Thank you!

## VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

**February 4<sup>th</sup>: K-5 Open House**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>: Lord's Supper; Alpha Volunteer Training; Women's Snowshoe Hike**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>: Alpha Course and Dinner in the Fireside Room**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>: Women's Book Club Meeting**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>: All Church Prayer Meeting**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>: Annual Congregational Meeting; Potluck**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>: Office, Preschool, & K-5 closed for Presidents Day**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Session Meeting**

**February 27<sup>th</sup>: "Hands Only" CPR training**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>: Women's Mini-Conference**

**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 4:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am**

**Alpha Course & Dinner meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

**Women's Book Club meets on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

**Monthly Prayer Meeting on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**



**Volunteers Needed for the Alpha course & dinner. We need people to help with food prep, leading table discussions, childcare, and prayer team. Volunteer training will be on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service. Volunteer signup sheets are on the tables in the Narthex.**

**All Church Prayer Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. This is a time for our church to gather together in worship and in prayer for the needs of our Church, Community, and World. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially Elders and Deacons.**



**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> following our 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

**A draft of our 2021 Annual Report will be available for your review on February 13<sup>th</sup>. A finalized version will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**"Hands Only" CPR training and how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) taught by Joe & Edie Farrell after the 10:00 AM church service on February 27<sup>th</sup>. This is NOT a certification American Heart Association Course, however, Hands Only CPR and how to use an AED is what you need to learn to save a life with CPR.**





# EVERYONE HAS QUESTIONS

YOU'RE INVITED TO **ALPHA**

**WEDNESDAYS 6PM-8PM**  
**STARTING FEBRUARY 9TH**

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**EXPLORE**

**LIFE**

**FAITH**

**MEANING**

Join us for dinner followed by inspiring presenters and meaningful discussions about life & faith.



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



**Nursery & Sunday School - Sundays 10:00 a.m.**  
The church has Nursery Care & Pre K-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=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09>

### Women's Book Club - February 15th at Noon

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Karen Ferrell. In-person at Karen Ferrell's House.

### 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=QVJ6SszZZc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

### Alpha Course & Dinner - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

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



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, 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

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



**The Village Church is affiliated with ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.**

**For more information about ECO,**

**visit our website:**

**[www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)**  
**or [www.eco-pres.org](http://www.eco-pres.org).**

## VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**Women's Ministries has a Christian Book Club** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at noon every month at Karen Ferrell House. Our next one is February 15<sup>th</sup> and they will discuss Scents of Lilacs by Ann H. Gabhart and also The Stranger in the Boat by Mitch Albom. Bring a lunch or snack. Hope you can join us.

**Women's Snowshoe Hike** is on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm meet in church parking lot

**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 Conrigan (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 Mini-Conference Free Event

**In-Person & Online**  
**Saturday, March 5th @ 2pm**  
**The Village Church & Via Zoom**



**Guest Speaker: Janet McHenry**  
**Topic: You Are Loved**  
**Including Breakout Discussions/Prayer**

**Please RSVP to [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org)**  
**Include in RSVP if attending in-person or via Zoom.**

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# WOMEN'S SNOWSHOE HIKE

Moderate/difficult 2.5 hours  
'Lunar Ct. Trailhead'

**Sunday,  
February 6<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 p.m.**

**Meet in the church  
parking lot**





# Village Christian Preschool





## VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

### The Village Church Missions Support Budget for 2022

The Village Church Missions Committee (Millie Clarke, Chuck Dowd, Jane Dykstra, Mary Gilbert, Marji & Keith Hansen, and its newest member, Rich Caviness) served our congregation this past year by supporting, monitoring, and encouraging the missionaries and mission organizations included in our **2021 budget**.

After our annual review of their ministry progress, the committee decided to continue supporting all missionaries with a slight increase in funding in **2022**. In addition, the committee allocated its 2021 Undesignated as well as unused Short-term Mission Trip funds as end of year gifts to the missionaries to encourage them as well as to meet their unexpected needs or new ministry opportunities.

The committee is charged by Session to allocate in accordance with established guidelines 10% of the total funds which The Village Church receives each calendar year. For the year 2021, the amount to be allocated totaled \$62,000. In making determinations about funding, the committee coordinated its budget allocations with those planned by the Women's Ministry to maximize the total contributions The Village Church makes to missions locally, nationally, and across the globe.

As was the case last year, COVID restrictions forced the cancelation of planned short-term mission trips (*Youth Compass to Romania and Samaritan's Purse in the US*). However, as mentioned above, this permitted us to distribute these unused budgeted funds to mission organizations (*Good News for India, the Salvation Army in Reno, and the Open Door Foursquare Church in Incline Village*) **and** to provide extra financial support to some our missionaries who informed us of specific needs. One-time gifts were also made to other worthy Christian mission organizations.

In building the **2022 Missions budget**, modest increases were made to support levels for several of the missionaries whom we supported in 2021, and numerous mission organizations were included according the rotation schedule. In addition, we want to continue encouraging short-term mission trips, so again we optimistically included funds for Youth Compass and Samaritans Purse short-term trips. The mission budget once again includes an Undesignated Funds category to give the church the flexibility to react to unforeseen opportunities to provide additional financial support during the year.



We invite suggestions from our congregation regarding other missionaries, mission organizations, or short-term trips we should consider supporting in the future. We also ask for your continued prayer for our committee as well as for the missionaries, organizations, and short-term trips included in the 2022 Mission Budget approved by Session (*details will be available in The Village Church 2021 Annual Report*).

## VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

This month's Missions Committee spotlight is on the Nelson family who are ministering in Guatemala. During 2021, Jeff and Abbie Nelson and their three daughters completed the third year of a five-year commitment doing restoration/mercy work through Serge, a missionary support organization that serves over 300 missionaries in 26 countries around the world. The Nelsons were blessed to spend some time in the states last winter and returned to Guatemala in February recharged and sensing even more strongly the call on their lives to minister in Guatemala. Here is a description of their mission, in their own words, from their annual update to the Missions Committee:



“Abbie is running a public health program providing diabetes care and general medical care to the people living in and around the landfill in the middle of Guatemala City. Jeff is providing psychotherapy to pastors and ministry leaders in and around Guatemala City as well as teaching front-line ministry workers best practices for trauma recovery and Christian counseling.”

Abbie is following about 150 diabetes patients and holding walk-in clinic hours twice a week. She has had to rebuild the comprehensive diabetes management program she started right before Covid hit, but it is thriving, and she is starting to see some results! Jeff ministered to 28 Guatemalan counseling students working on their Masters degree at the Seteca Seminary and provided individual therapy to just under 20 people on a regular basis. They are seeing their team grow – and as site leaders, that is very encouraging for them. They have added personnel to work not only in the clinic and counseling areas with them, but also doing church planting, ministering to the sexually abused, the fatherless and those who have been displaced.

The Nelsons have a [newsletter](#) you can subscribe to online. It contains wonderful updates on their life and ministry in Guatemala, includes prayer requests, and information on how you can support them directly if you feel God leading you. The Missions Committee realizes that the monetary funding The Village Church is blessed to be able provide is only a portion of what is needed to see God's work accomplished in Guatemala. Our willingness to pray for the missionaries we support and lift up the things that are heavy on their hearts is a way to stand beside them and ease their burdens. Here are a few of the current prayer requests the Nelsons have let us know about, we encourage you to join us in praying for them:

- Continued growth and efficacy of the diabetes program. *Pray for healing for Abbie's patients.*
- Increase in proportion of therapy provided to Guatemalan pastors and ministry leaders. *There is significant stigma around mental health; pray for barriers to fall where necessary.*
- Onboarding of new team members.
- Nelson family funding: *Pray for year-end giving to be healthy and for the remaining gap in monthly tuition support to come in.*



**JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**





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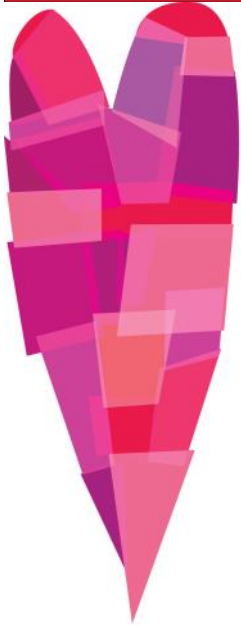
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February 2022 Newsletter

### A Joyful Place To Grow



I PRAY  
THAT YOU  
MAY... KNOW  
THE LOVE  
OF CHRIST  
THAT  
SURPASSES  
KNOWLEDGE.  
EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV

### Church Leadership

Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor  
Stephanie Conragan - Office Assistant  
Chuck Dowd - Elder  
Jim Dykstra - Deacon's Food  
Distribution Coordinator  
Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder  
Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries  
Moderator  
Tim Gilbert - 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 Moderator  
Natalie Snyder - Preschool Staff  
Jason Stanton - Accompanist  
Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager  
Sarah Warrington Jokinen - Preschool  
Ed Windham - Elder

