

From Pastor Jeff

Looking back on 2022, I see it as a year where we took risks and tried new initiatives as we sought to engage our post-pandemic reality and our community. We continued to seek to serve God and our neighbor in the love and truth of Jesus. Some of the highlights:

- We hired Debra Ornelas as our Family Ministry Director. She brought new ideas and new energy to our outreach.
- We hosted a K-5 learning pod and Pastor Tony and I had the opportunity to teach the Bible to the kids 4 days a week. We continued this into the Fall, with the help of Debra Ornelas.
- Debra and volunteers restarted Great News Club at the Elementary School with more than 30 kids involved.
- Debra and volunteers hosted three different Family Fundays during the summer after worship. The tacos were amazing!
- Debra and volunteers staged a successful VBS in partnership with Cornerstone Church.
- We successfully put on two Alpha Courses, one before Easter and one in summer.
- We assisted with the Winter Warmth and Wellness distribution and the Toys For Tots program.
- Pastor Tony led the GriefShare Course on Mondays throughout the year.
- Before Easter we studied the book of Philippians. After Easter we studied the Parable of the Lost Sons, using Tim Keller's book, Prodigal God, as a guide. During the Summer, we looked at the Holy Spirit in the life of a disciple. In the Fall, Pastor Tony led a study in Nehemiah and for Advent we looked at the Incarnation of Jesus.
- I took a month Sabbatical in October and was greatly refreshed.
- Our Vision Committee submitted a report calling us to explore starting a K-5 Academy analogous to our very successful Preschool.

These are just a few of the events that made for a great year. A huge thank you to everyone who made our year together successful! I especially want to thank Debra Ornelas for her work as our Family Ministries Director and Pastor Tony for filling for me while I was away on Sabbatical. For 2023, we continue to move forward exploring the possibility of a K-5 school and renovation of our facilities. Our desire is to make disciples of our Lord Jesus and reach more people in our community.

VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

February 20th-24th: K-6 Pod on break

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday

February 26th: 1st Sunday in Lent

March 5th: Communion, Potluck 2nd Sunday in Lent, Service for Healing

March 12th: Deacons Meetings: 3rd Sunday in Lent; Daylight Saving Time

March 13th: Mission Committee Meeting

March 16th: Women's Board Meeting

March 18th: Women's Bloom Event 6pm in Tahoe City

April 2nd: Palm Sunday

April 7th: Good Friday Community Service 7pm at Cornerstone

April 9th: Easter Sunday, Sunrise Gathering Led by Pastor Jeff 7:15am, 10am

Worship Service, Brunch and Kids Egg Hunt

April 12th: Alpha Course & Dinner Begins

Some info on our Bible Studies and Small Groups:

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09)

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Monday Evenings, Grief Share Group (5:00pm) in-Person Fireside Room.

Tuesday Nights, Incline Small Group (6:30pm to 8:00pm):in-person at the Ferrell's House and via

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHIDdz09>

Wednesday Mornings, Men's Bible Study (6:30am to 7:30am): Fireside

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

Wednesday Mornings, Visioning Design Team Meeting (11:00am to 12:30pm) Meets in Cindy

Liggett/Tim Gilbert's Office & via Zoom

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

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

Wednesday Nights, Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room

Thursdays at Noon, Prayer Time for The Church's Vision

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



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

4/7/23 @ 7PM
AT CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Service for Healing

*March 5th at 5pm
at The Village Church*

*Join us for a time of
Worship, Word, & Prayer*

All are Welcome!



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Village Christian Preschool & K-6 Pod





Ladies Swap Party

**Saturday, March 18th
6 pm — 8pm**

**Fairway Community Center
390 Fairway Dr, Tahoe City**

Bring a beverage and snack to share along with your gently used clothing, shoes and accessories to swap! Enjoy fun and fellowship with other ladies while you sip, snack, and swap.



- 2/1 Patricia Moser Morris
- 2/8 Teri Storey
- 2/10 Ann O'Keefe
- 2/13 Albert Duffield
- 2/18 Dick Randall
- 2/19 Jeff Ogden
- 2/23 Mary Kay Randall
- 2/23 Annie Payne

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 or www.eco-pres.org.

BLOOM WOMEN'S EVENT



VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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.



VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

The Village Church Missions Support Budget for 2023

The Mission Committee is comprised of Mille Clarke, Rich Caviness, Chuck Dowd, Jane Dykstra, Mary Gilbert, Keith and Marji Hansen, and Mike Lacey. Be sure to contact any of them if you have an idea or comment on Mission.



After an active year of praying, monitoring and funding our various local, national and global missionaries and mission organizations in 2022, the Committee stepped back, prayed a lot, and evaluated our proposed slate of funding candidates for 2023. We were informed by communications received and by due diligence performed during the year, such as a growing relationship with Anchor Point Lodge during the year and urgent help to Ukraine funneled through in country Christian organizations. Also, we responded to a very worthy request that came through our new suggestions box on the Mission bulletin board.

In 2022 we distributed \$51,000 and in 2023 we have presented a budget to Session of \$55,000, which was approved on November 16. As indicated in our guidelines, we have balanced our giving in categories: Local, National, and International.

Our giving is augmented by the wonderful work of Women's Ministry, from funds gained by sales from the Village Christian Thrift Shop. We coordinate with them and in many cases come alongside them with supplementary funding of worthy Christ-based causes. In 2023 our breakdown by region is: International Missions: 52%; National Missions: 5%; Local Missions: 28%; Undesignated: 15%. The Undesignated amount is a cushion to be held in reserve until we get final numbers on projected 2023 Church revenue. Please see our Annual Report submission for full detail of Committee giving by missionaries and organizations.

Due to COVID restrictions, we were not able to perform short-term hands-on missions in 2021 and 2022, but we have reserved funds for these activities. We are hopeful to resume in 2023, starting with an opportunity through Samaritans Purse in March in Houma, LA for a rebuild mission due to Hurricane damage. John Stroud is organizing our participation and we hope to get up to ten volunteers to travel to Houma.

We invite suggestions from our congregation regarding other missionaries, mission organizations, or short term mission 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 2023 Missions budget.

In Christ,

The Missions Committee

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Update on Missionaries Jim and Anna Mensie Calvary Chapel – Seine Bight, Belize



The Village Church has supported Jim and Anna Mensie since they left Truckee to plant a church in a small town of Seine Bight on the coast of the Caribbean in 2007. In fact, the couple was commissioned by many of the local churches in the area at a Good Friday service that was held at our church! Over the years The Village Church has not only financially supported their work with the Garifuna people in the area, but has also organized short-term dental and construction mission trips. Due to difficulty in finding volunteers to staff the trips, the final group went to Belize in the spring of 2019. The last newsletter spotlight on the Mensie's ministry was a recap of that trip in the summer of 2019. This is a brief update on what they have experienced through the pandemic and their current prayer needs.

When the ministry of sending short-term mission workers phased out, and the dental equipment was sold or donated, the Village Church had funds that had been contributed to benefit the Belize outreach. That funding was presented to Calvary Chapel Seine Bight to help fund an identified need: a Sunday School room. Pre-COVID, the children's ministry at their church was serving 60-90 children a week, and they were in desperate need of space. This building was built on their property in the fall of 2020 with the help of a donation of over \$3,500 from The Village Church. The pandemic took a toll on church attendance, but by July of 2021, the Sunday School was back up to 55 children, and the new building was filled with the sounds of young children worshipping Jesus!



During the pandemic, Calvary Chapel - Seine Bight had significant restrictions on gathering, but they moved services to Facebook and carried on! Since they have been able to meet in person, the attendance is increasing. They always strive to be a source of spiritual sustenance for their community, but due to extreme financial distress as the tourism that funds their economy dried up, they also became a source of physical food for many in their community. Providing meals to those in need is just another way this ministry seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around them. They do everything from giving out flip-flops and clothing (often provided by visiting short-term mission groups – as in the photo shown here), to helping rebuild a

member's home that was lost to fire. November's Hurricane Lisa took the roof off a meeting house of their sister church in the Mennonite community – no doubt they will be integral in seeing that rebuilt. Along with providing Sunday and mid-week worship services in their church, Jim and Anna provide ministering to other Christian leaders in Belize, lead women's groups, teen sewing classes, and are always looking for ways to spread the Good News about Jesus. You can help them by praying for the community of Seine Bight, for their safety and provision and that of those who work with them in them in the ministry. For more information, contact them at jimanna@missionbelize.com and ask to be added to their monthly newsletter.

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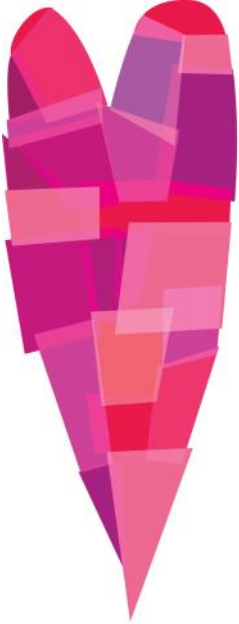
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A Joyful Place To Grow



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



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
Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon
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
Debra Ornelas - Family Ministries Director
Hal Paris - Elder
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
Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager
Ed Windham - Elder