



FEBRUARY

Newsletter

From Pastor Jeff

2023 was a huge and historic year here at The Village Church. After completing a visioning process, we determined that God was calling us to start an elementary school. This led us to look at expanding and remodeling our facilities. Then in the middle of the year, the opportunity to purchase the house across the driveway was presented to us and we bought it! God moves in amazing ways! Here are some of the highlights of the year:

- **We continued to host a K-5 learning pod. Debra Ornelas, Pastor Tony, and I had the opportunity to teach the Bible to the kids 4 days a week.**
- **We began the process of seeking the necessary permits and code amendments required to have an elementary school on our property.**
- **We started a K-1 program.**
- **Debra and volunteers continued Great News Club at the Elementary School with more than 30 kids involved.**
- **Debra and volunteers staged a successful VBS in partnership with Cornerstone Church.**
- **We continued with the Pray and Go initiative and conducted several services for healing prayer.**
- **We assisted with the Winter Warmth and Wellness distribution.**
- **Pastor Tony led the GriefShare Course on Mondays throughout the year.**
- **The first part of the year we studied the book of James. During the Summer, we looked Old Testament encounters with God. In the Fall, Pastor Tony led a study in 1 Peter, which I finished off on my return from sabbatical. For Advent we looked at the Jesus' role as Savior, Prophet, Priest, and King.**
- **I took a two-month Sabbatical in September and October and was greatly refreshed.**

Thank you to everyone who made our year together successful! In 2024, we continue to move forward with expanding the Preschool and establishing a K-5 school. Renovation of our facilities in phased stages continues to be worked out. We are committed to being a flourishing church that makes flourishing disciples of Jesus Christ.

VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

February 12th: Mission Committee Meeting 3pm
February 14th: Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 6pm
February 18th: First Sunday in Lent; Rescheduled Congregational Meeting
February 19th: Presidents day – Preschool and Church Office closed
February 19th-February 23rd: VCA & Homeschool Pod off February Break
March 3rd: Tony Conragan’s Celebration Potluck
March 10th: Daylight Savings; Deacons Meeting
March 15th: New Members Class & Dinner 6pm
March 16th: New Members Class continued 8:30am to 1pm (breakfast and lunch provided)
March 24th: Palm Sunday; Tony Conragan’s Last Sunday – Cake after 10am service;
Preschool Kids singing at 10am service
March 28th: Maundy Thursday – Tenebrae Service 7pm in the Sanctuary
March 29th: Preschool Closed; Good Friday Service at Cornerstone Church at 7pm
March 31st: Easter Sunday 7:15am Sunrise Service; 10am Service in Sanctuary;
Kid Activities during 10am service; Easter Brunch at 11:30am

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 the Church House
Monday Evenings, Grief Share Group (5:00pm) in-Person Fireside Room. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87585496366?pwd=K0o2TmwXNWxnUkxFAQ0RUQ0hmeXpwQT09>
Monday Evenings, Women’s Bible Study (6:00pm) in-Person at the Church House. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85693949419?pwd=QkU5ZDgvcHpnNHJHMkVmaU5lSUo0UT09>
Tuesday Nights, Incline Small Group (6:30pm to 8:00pm):in-person at the Church House and via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09>
Wednesday Mornings, 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 Mornings, Children’s Chapel at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.
2nd & 4th Wednesday Afternoons, Middle School Girls Group: 1:45-4:45pm at the YL Incline
Wednesday Afternoons, Great News Club (2:35pm to 4:00pm) at Incline Elementary School
Wednesday Nights, Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room.
Thursday Mornings, Women’s Bible Study. Cornerstone at 9:30am at Cornerstone Church.
Thursdays at Noon, Prayer Time for the Church and Schools
Thursday Nights, AA meets in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING PASTOR TONY’S
many years of service to our Church with a “Summer
Picnic” theme potluck on March 3rd. The church will
provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a
picnic-type side.

Pastor Tony’s last day is Sunday, March 24th.



A green leaf with water droplets on a dark, pebbly surface. The leaf is positioned on the left side of the image, and the text 'NEW MEMBER CLASS' is overlaid on the right side in large, white, bold letters.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

NEW COVENANT PARTNER (MEMBER) RETREAT

Friday, March 15th at 6pm to 8pm

Dinner Provided

&

Saturday, March 16th at 8:30am to 1pm

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Childcare Provided

**Please RSVP to the Church Office at 775-831-0784 or
email to apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org**



Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

February 14 @ 6:00pm
The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd
Incline Village, NV 89451

PALM Sunday

March 24th 8:00 & 10AM WORSHIP SERVICES.
PRESCHOOL CHILDREN SINGING DURING 10AM SERVICE
Pastor Tony's Last Sunday - Cake Celebration at 11:30am

HOLY WEEK - SAVE THE DATES

PALM SUNDAY 3/24 - We will have palm branches available to everyone who wants one. During the 10am service the preschool children will be singing. Also, we are celebrating Pastor Tony's Last Sunday with Cake after the 10am service in the Fireside Room.



MAUNDY THURSDAY 3/28 - We will have a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary at 7pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 3/29 - There will be a community worship service at Cornerstone at 7pm.



EASTER SUNDAY 3/31 - Pastor Jeff will lead a Sunrise Service at 7:15am at Burnt Cedar Beach.

Easter morning worship service at 10:00am in our Sanctuary. Fun activities for the children.

Easter Brunch at 11:30am in the Fireside Room.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

3/28/24 @ 7PM

THE VILLAGE CHURCH SANCTUARY



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

3/29/24 @ 7PM

AT CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The poster is divided into two main sections. The top section features a vibrant sunrise over a beach with a bright sun, scattered clouds, and birds in flight. The bottom section has a white textured background with a wooden cross, a crown of thorns, and a white lily flower. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, using different fonts and colors to distinguish between the event title, date, location, and contact information.

Easter Sunrise Gathering

**March 31st @ 7:15AM
Burnt Cedar Beach**

Led by Pastor Jeff Ogden

Easter Sunday

**March 31st
10:00AM
Worship Service**

**Including Fun
Kid Activities**

Brunch at 11:30AM

**736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV
775-831-0784 www.thevillagechurchnv.org**

MISSION NEWS

During the 2023 year the Missions Committee met six times, roughly every other month, to execute the Session-approved missions budget for 2023. In addition, we prayed for our missionaries, considered new unbudgeted needs and opportunities, and prepared the Mission budget for 2024 for Session approval. The Committee has eight members – Rich Caviness, Millie Clarke, Chuck Dowd, Jane Dykstra, Mary Gilbert, Marji & Keith Hansen, and Mike Lacey.



The Committee distributed funds according to the approved budget that totaled \$55,280. The budget is targeted to represent ten percent of the church receipts for the year and is divided up into the following categories (*please see the attached budget*): missionaries, mission organizations (local, national, & international), short-term mission trips, and a final undesignated category. This latter portion amounts to about ten percent of the total missions budget and provides the Session and Committee the flexibility to disburse funds as needs in the field and new support opportunities arise. We also strive to balance our financial support geographically and among various types of mission ministries. There were no reasonable opportunities for short-term mission trips in 2023, but we hope there will be in 2024.

The funds in 2023 were distributed to a variety of missions following the Guidelines established and approved by the Session in 2019 to ensure consistent decisions each year. Consistency is important, but the Committee also reviews the guidelines every year to ensure that they continue to reflect the evolving priorities of The Village Church and are flexible enough to adjust to new opportunities to contribute to God's dynamic work. We are always open to considering new mission activities and invites suggestions from the congregation; we interviewed several new organizations this past year for possible support and solicited from our missionaries information on any new needs. Please take the time to examine the Missions Budget and the Bulletin Board located between the Sanctuary and the Fireside Room.

In addition to and in coordination with the Missions Budget of The Village Church, the Women's Ministry distributes an amount equal to or greater each year to missions based on the receipts from the Village Christian Thrift Shop. This additional support increases our congregation's total annual giving to missions to well over \$100,000; this reinforces the Session's desire that The Village Church generously serve as a missions-focused congregation.

Looking ahead to 2024, the Missions Committee has been authorized by the Session to maintain the same level of giving as in 2023. The Session, Missions Committee, and Women's Ministry solicit all Covenant Partners and attendees to prayerfully maintain the same, if not increase, their level of financial commitment to our church ministries, including missions. We strive to ensure that our congregation's efforts to support mission activities locally and around the world are consistent with the leading of the Holy Spirit!

The Village Church Missions Committee

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.





NOW HIRING PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

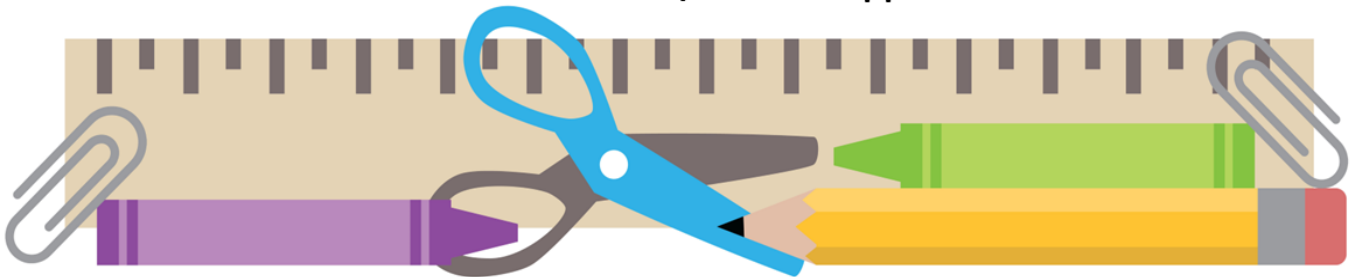
Must love children

Be hard-working and work well with others

Be punctual everyday and be able to handle chaotic moments with love & laughter

Radiates joy & laughter into the classroom

Call 775-831-1184 or email preschool@thevillagechurchnv.org for more information and/or for an application.



Village Christian Preschool





- 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

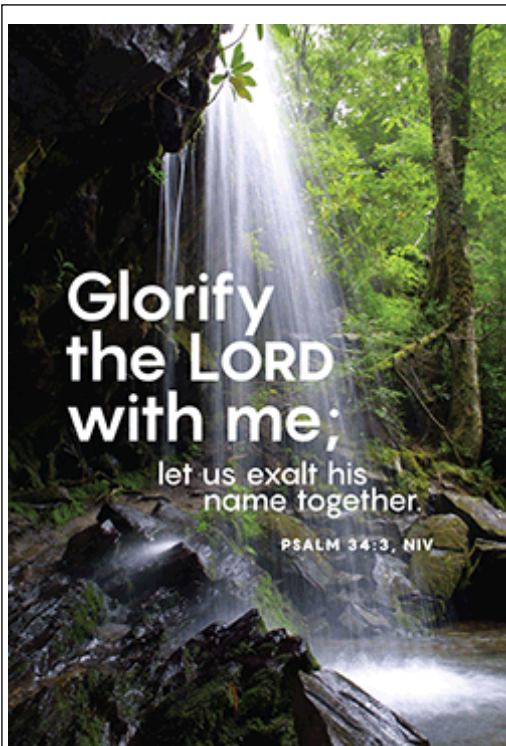
**Did we forget your birthday?
Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784**

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 Conrigan at 775-830-0566. If they don't pickup please leave a voicemail and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

RESCHEDULED - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 18th. After the 10am worship service we will hold our annual congregational meeting in the Fireside Room. All are invited to hear from various ministries of our Church. Annual Reports with 2024 budget information are available now. Pick one up from the counters in the Narthex.



ANNUAL MEETING



WHY WE SING IN WORSHIP

Quite often there is a tension in churches between those who like the old hymns and those who prefer the new worship music - referred to as the "worship wars." We are blessed in this body to have two different ways to praise Him through music. The songs sung during our 8:00 a.m. service are old hymns of the faith. The 10:00 a.m. service offers us the opportunity and blessing to sing with our excellent praise band though newer songs of our faith. This has been a successful structure for our worship community.

Here at The Village Church, we take prayerful care in selecting the music shared during worship. Although singing is not worship itself, it is a way we speak to our living God. We try to be mindful that, as a praise team, we are there to lead, encourage and enable folks to praise through music. It is not a performance - it is a tangible exaltation and exclamation of God's awesome glory and power.

When choosing new songs for the praise team to share, we are careful that the message and lyrics are Biblically sound and we try to rearrange most songs to minimize unnecessary repetition. Prayerfully working with Pastor Jeff, we try to reflect and support his sermon and scripture readings through the

song selection. It's not always a bullseye!

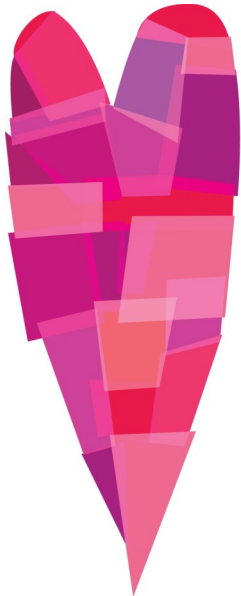
Singing to our God has been around since the earliest gatherings of people to worship. Singing is a vital part of how we do church together, shoulder to shoulder and soul to soul. We are blessed to be able to serve this body of believers through music, standing beside you. We hope and pray that you, in turn, are blessed through lifting your voices to our Lord and Savoir. Keep singing to Him...with all your heart, soul and being.

"I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

Psalms 9:2

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



Village Church Leadership

Alissa Bird - Preschool Staff
Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor
Jim Dykstra - Deacon
Joe Farrell - Elder
Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder
Krissy Flynn - Teacher
Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon
Tim Gilbert - Elder, Church Project Manager
Jenna Hilton - Office Assistant
Travis Holzner - Preschool Staff
Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff
Gaby Lara - Preschool Staff
Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director; Deacon
Gina Longhi - Preschool Staff
Yancy Lopez - Preschool Staff
Khelsea Lorenzen - Preschool Staff

Marilyn Merritt - Elder
Steve 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
Lisa Snavely - Deacon Moderator
Jason Stanton - Accompanist
Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager
Ellie Vigil Lopez - Preschool Staff
Ed Windham - Elder