

From Pastor Jeff

I think about the Fourth of July in a few days, the words of an old Rich Mullins song “Land of My Sojourn,” keep coming to mind:

"Nobody tells you when you get born here
How much you'll come to love it
And how you'll never belong here
So I call you my country
And I'll be lonely for my home"

I am reminded that as much as I love my country, I'll never really belong here because I am just a sojourner. A sojourner is a biblical word for someone who is away from home and living in a foreign land. This word is can be translated *alien, stranger, exile, foreigner, temporary resident, pilgrim*. Abraham and the other patriarchs were sojourners as they traveled about the land of Canaan with no permanent residence, just a burial plot near Hebron (see Gen 23:4 and 47:9). They were waiting for the country promised by God. Even when Israel entered the Promised Land, God made it clear that they were still to consider themselves sojourners. God tells them that “[Y]ou are only aliens and temporary residents on my land. (Lev. 25:23). In 1 Chronicles 29:15, King David speaks of all Israel as “aliens and strangers in [God’s] sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.” The New Testament authors pick up this idea thinking about the Christian life. The author of Hebrews, speaking of the example of the patriarchs says, “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were strangers and aliens on earth.” (Hebrews 11:13) and Peter says, “conduct yourselves with reverence throughout the time of your sojourn,” (1 Pet. 1:17) and “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” (1 Pet. 2:11)

I love my country, but this motif of the sojourning people of God reminds me that in Christ I have received a new, permanent citizenship. I belong to the Kingdom of God. “Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ...Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens [sojourners], but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household (Eph. 2:11-13, 19). I'm not looking for a perfect home here on earth but with Abraham and the rest of the people of God, I am “longing for a better country-- a heavenly one. (Heb. 11:16) and “looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” (Heb. 11:10) So celebrate our country this week but remember where you are headed in Christ.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We started our Outdoor Worship Services on Sunday, June 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel in the Pines. These outdoor services will continue through September 1st. Our shade sails will be providing shade for our worship services but sunglasses and hats may help more!

Our 8:00 a.m. service will continue throughout the summer in our Sanctuary.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, July 7th

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on July 7th. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Sunday, July 7th

Please help our Deacons' ministry by donating household products such as paper towels and dish soap as well as personal care items such as shampoo and soap. You can place your donations in the basket in the church Narthex. Thank you for helping.



HIKING



ENJOY HIKING?

Join folks from church and others in hiking some of the many beautiful trails. We will be hiking on Saturdays and meeting in the church parking lot at 7:50 a.m. Our plan is to return to the church by Noon. Questions? Please contact the church office.



PRESCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday, July 4th

The Preschool and Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The Office will also be closed on July 5th.

POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, July 7th

Following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 7th, we will be sharing a potluck lunch in our Fireside Room and Patio. The theme is hot dogs and hamburgers. The church will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. Bring toppings or salads, side dishes or desserts to share. Plan on joining in the fun, fellowship, and food.



CHURCH SOFTBALL GAMES

Thursday Evenings

Come play or watch our church softball team. Practices are on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the High School Upper Field with hotdogs served. Games are on Thursday evenings at the Middle School Upper Field. Check the bulletin and weekly email for specific times. For more info contact Tim Gilbert or the church office.



ALL CHURCH BBQ AT INCLINE BEACH

Saturday, July 20th

Invite your neighbors and friends to our church BBQ at Incline Beach on July 20th starting at Noon. All are welcome! We have reserved the center group picnic area. The Church is providing hamburgers and hotdogs. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship.





Worship Outdoors In Our Chapel In The Pines

SUNDAYS

June 30th - September 1st

8:00 AM - Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Outdoor Chapel

Casual attire, sunglasses, and hats are recommended

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Church BBQ



July 20, 2019 at Noon

Incline Beach

Center Group Picnic Area

FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

LAKE TAHOE WOMEN'S RETREAT

2019 Lake Tahoe
Christian Women's Retreat
"Stirred, Not Shaken"



*"Yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,"
says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10b*

September 13-15, 2019
Zephyr Point Conference Center

Presented By:

Dawn Pickering an adjunct professor in
Theology at William Jessup University in Rocklin, CA

Registration:

- ◆ \$180 due by August 15, 2019
- ◆ Make checks payable to: The Village Church Women's Ministry
736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV 89451

Worship and Music Led By:

Julie Elias an accomplished Christian artist. She combines popular worship songs
with lesser known gems to bring a unique approach to worship through music.

For further information: www.TheVillageChurchNV.org 775.831.0784 or Cindy Critchfield 925.783.8233

VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE A CHRISTIAN DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION

Samaritan's Purse is one of the Christian mission organizations The Village Church supports. It was founded by Bob Pierce in 1970, and Franklin Graham became president in 1979.

The organization's **mission** is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people suffering from war, poverty, disaster, disease, and famine. The organization serves Christ's church worldwide by propagating the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through emergency relief efforts. It specializes in providing shelter, sanitation, food and medical care. As Franklin Graham states, the organization "runs to, not away from" natural and man-made disasters around the world.

Samaritan's Purse **ministries** include practical, emotional and spiritual relief following both natural and man-made disasters, child relief and care, and special operations (*see below*). The organization was deeply involved in meeting the Ebola crisis in West Africa in 2014, and it currently operates hospitals in the conflict areas of South Sudan and northern Iraq.

The organization has full-time administrative and project staff, but most of its ministries are carried out by volunteers who clean out and rebuild homes and churches damaged by flooding or fires as well as serve in the medical facilities overseas. In every situation the volunteers doing the hard labor are supported by trained chaplains who minister "in the name of Jesus" to the disaster victims as well as to the staff and volunteers.

The Village Church has for a number of years supported various Samaritan's Purse ministries.

We participate annually in "Operation Christmas Child" which organizes thousands of churches, schools, groups and individual donors to prepare and collect shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal items, and other small gifts. A booklet of Bible stories is distributed alongside the shoebox gifts which are given to children based on need alone, regardless of their faith. Our church plans to participate again this year; details will follow later.

Our church also has sent two teams of volunteers to support the rebuilding of flooded homes in Texas after Hurricane Harvey, and individuals from our church have served with Samaritan's Purse in other disaster relief efforts in various US locations.

Our Women's Ministry has provided financial support to "Operation Heal Our Patriots" (OHOP), an effort by Samaritan's Purse to save the marriages of wounded veterans. Some of our members have served at the Samaritan's OHOP Lodge in Alaska.

We invite you to consider serving with Samaritan's Purse either on one of our future church teams or individually. Please contact the church office if you would like to speak to someone for more information.

Also, we recommend two books which provide more background on Samaritan's Purse: [Bob Pierce - This One Thing I Do](#) by Graham and Lockerbie, and [Rebel With A Cause](#) by Franklin Graham. Finally, you can find more details about Samaritan's Purse ministries at www.samaritanspurse.org.



Samaritan's Purse®

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School

Saddle up your horses and get on over to SonWest Roundup! This August we'll discover a colorful old town where all the excitement of the Wild West awaits! In SonWest, we'll celebrate all the fun of being buckaroos! Ride with us as we head out through this bright wilderness—we're traveling down the trail through the Old Testament

stories of Moses to discover God's ultimate plan of salvation in Jesus, because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

We will be hosting ages 3 to 11 altogether in the same week this year. Children will be broken out by age into their respective groups and stations. The PreK stations are: Pony Corral (similar to the sensory station on the patio in the past), PreK Craft, PreK Bible Story. The Elementary age stations are: Elementary craft, Memory Verse with game, Bible Story. There will also be snacks and opening/closing songs with a skit each day. We also need volunteers to serve ice cream the last day of VBS.



We need station leaders, crew leaders, and plenty of volunteers – contact Darlene Nilsson to sign up. Be sure to mention if there is a specific station that interests you, or if you feel led to lead a station. **There will be a VBS volunteer information meeting on Sunday, July 21st at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.**



Day 1 - Ultimate Plan

In Session 1, we'll saddle up as God's Ultimate Plan is revealed! We will discover that just as God had a plan to free the Israelites and sent Moses to deliver them from slavery in Egypt, He sent Jesus to deliver us from the slavery of sin. Kids will learn John 3:16, where Jesus describes God's astounding plan of salvation!

Day 2 - Ultimate Power

In Session 2, we'll giddy up to discover that Ultimate Power is found in Jesus! We will discover that just as God showed His power to Moses at the burning bush, so He showed His mighty power to us through Jesus' life and miracles. In a world of big problems and huge crises, we'll find that Jesus' power is stronger than anything! Our Bible verse is John 16:33, where Jesus reminds us that He has overcome the world!



Day 3 - Ultimate Rescue

In Session 3, we'll ride out with the Israelites in the Ultimate Rescue! We'll hear how God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt—even saving them from death! And we'll discover salvation and life forever with Jesus, made possible through His death and resurrection. The Bible verse is John 11:25, where Jesus tells that He is the resurrection and the life and that those who believe in Him will live forever with Him.

Day 4 - Ultimate Trust

In Session 4, we will head up to explore Ultimate Trust! We will learn how God provided for His people in the desert—and how Jesus provides for us every day, in every way! Kids will memorize John 6:35 and discover that we can trust Jesus to always provide what we need!



Day 5 - Ultimate Love

In Session 5, we'll round up to find Ultimate Love! As we hear about the time when Moses received God's commands at Mount Sinai, we will also discover that Jesus gave a new command. We'll see how loving Jesus means following His example and caring about others in our words as actions as He would. The Bible verse is John 13:34-35, Jesus' new commandment, given to His dearest friends—and to us.

Darlene Nilsson
Elder and Children's Ministry Director

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



AGES 3-11
AUGUST 19-23, 2019
9:00AM-12:00PM

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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To register a child go to <https://vbsmate.com/events/thevillagechurchVBS/18172>

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Kings Beach Small Group - Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group is at 6:30 p.m. at the Ackerman's home. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Judy or Paul Ackerman 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 various homes in Incline Village. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Tim Gilbert for more info.

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

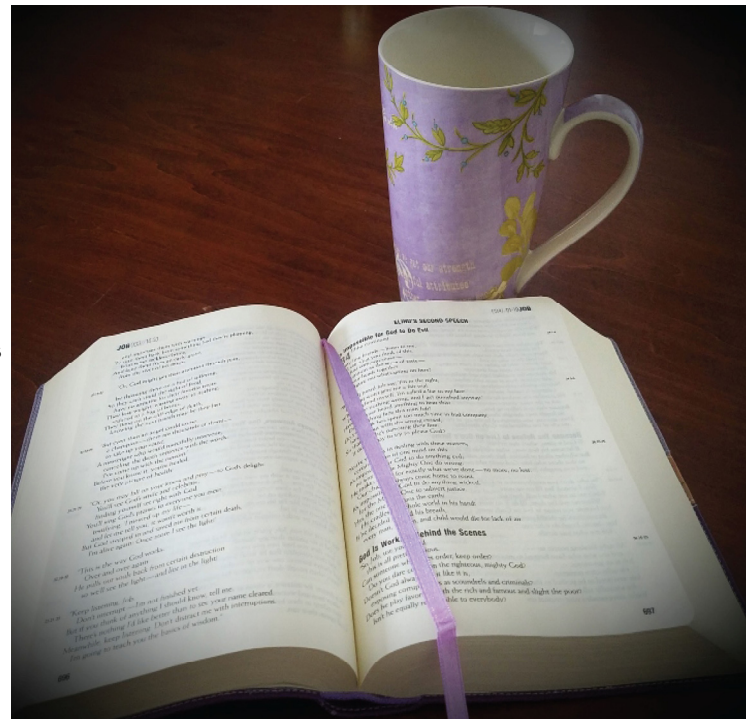
Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited for prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls.

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

Join Pastor Jeff for a study based on his sermon series. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word and to fellowship together.

Women's Bible Study - Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible study is at Cornerstone Community Church. It is a seven week study based on Psalm 23 and meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All women of our church are invited to join them.



SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (CURRENT OR INTERESTED IN BECOMING ONE)

Coffee & Donut Meeting Sunday July 14th at 9:00 a.m.

If you are a current Sunday School volunteer or would like to become one, please come to the Sunday School Volunteer coffee and doughnut meeting Sunday, July 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Room A. For more information please contact Darlene Nilsson.



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| 7/1 Barbara DeWitt | 7/17 Vicki Ogden |
| 7/1 Carl Cross | 7/20 Betsy Garfinkle |
| 7/2 Ginny Batistic | 7/25 Steven O'Malley |
| 7/6 Mary Gilbert | 7/27 Craig Young |
| 7/6 Cindy Critchfield | 7/28 Bob McQueen |
| 7/8 Sue Hart | 7/28 Kristen Ferrall |
| 7/11 Patti Boxeth | 7/29 Karen Ferrell |
| 7/11 Alder Crowther | |

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



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ECO: A Covenant Order of
Evangelical Presbyterians.
For more information about ECO,
visit our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org
or www.eco-pres.org.**



THE VILLAGE CHURCH IS A PRAYING CHURCH!

Our Lord has placed on the hearts of the leaders of The Village to pray. As a church we provide opportunities during and after 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.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Tuesday, July 16th
Send your news to:
apayne@TheVillageChurchNV.org

JULY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants:

- July 7: Chuck Dowd
- July 14: Keith Hansen
- July 21: Joannie McNulty
- July 28: Millie Clarke

Ushers:

- July 7: Bill & Nancy Leonard
- July 14: John & Nancy Manter
- July 21: Ted & Lynn Bandaruk
- July 28: Keith & Marji Hansen

Children's Message:

- July 7: Pastor Jeff Ogden
- July 14: Bill Ferrall
- July 21: Cindy Liggett
- July 28: Darlene Nilsson

Hospitality Teams

- July 7: Team 5
- July 14: Team 6
- July 21: Team 7
- July 28: Team 1

NEED ICE CREAM SERVERS

After our 10:00 a.m. worship service when we are worshipping outdoors, we serve ice cream on the Fireside Room patio. We are looking for folks willing to scoop ice cream from June 30th to September 1st. The signup sheet is on the Narthex counter.



OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Year To Date
Through June 30th:

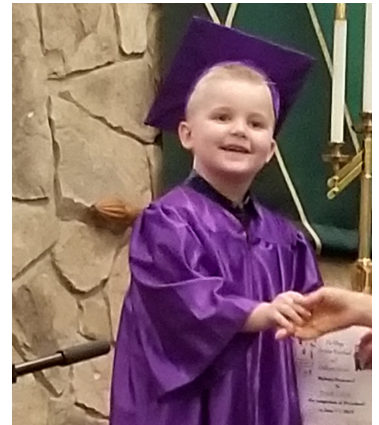
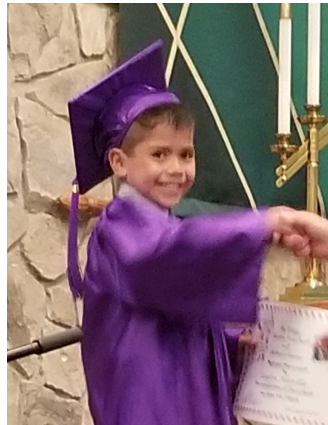
Needed	\$224,978
Given	\$227,299
Difference	\$2,321



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Village Christian Preschool Photos











JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE



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Scripture for the Month:
 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
 Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be
 burdened again by a yoke of slavery."
 Galatians 5:1

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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*****Calvin Crest Middle School Camp*****						
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*****Youth S.F. Mission Trip*****						

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A joyful place to grow

IN THE BEGINNING
WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD,
AND THE WORD
WAS GOD.

JOHN 1:1

Church Leadership

Paul Ackerman - Deacon

Alfredo Amezaga - Elder

Doug Baker - Deacon

Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Elder

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Jim Dykstra - Deacon

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Elder

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian

Patti Hanczarek - Preschool Staff

Keith Hansen - Elder

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Miriella Melara - Deacon

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff

Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager

Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Karyss Thompson - Preschool Staff

Vickie Twitchell - Thrift Shop Manager

Paul Twitchell - Elder

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Women's Ministries Moderator

