



## From Pastor Jeff

In thinking about the Fourth of July this Sunday 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 weekend but remember where you are headed in Christ.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY**



**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**Sundays following the 10AM Service**  
**Coffee/fellowship hour is back! We will be having fellowship time in the Fireside Room & Patio after the 10am service. The church will provide the coffee, tea, and snacks.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**



**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship services on July 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

We started our Outdoor Worship Services on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel in the Pines. These outdoor services will continue through September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SESSION MEETING**

**SESSION RETREAT**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer.**



**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 or Preston. Check the bulletin and weekly email for specific times. For more info contact Tim Gilbert or the church office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have several ministry areas at the church where we need volunteers. We are in need of volunteers for Children's Sunday School teachers, ice cream servers, hospitality, nursery, thrift shop, etc. If you would like to volunteer at the church please contact the Church Office at 775-831-0784. Thank you!

## VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

**July 1<sup>st</sup>: Church Softball Game 8:40pm**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>: No Church Hike**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>: First Day of outdoor worship; Lord's Supper; Independence Day**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>: Preschool & Office closed; Grief Share at 5pm**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & Movie Night 5:30pm (*Homeward Bound* is the movie)**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>: Church Softball Game 7:20pm at Preston Field**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>: Pray & Go Ministry 9am**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & Game Night 5:30pm**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>: Church Softball Game 8:40pm Middle School Field**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>: Church Hike**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: Session Retreat**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>: Dinner & Movie Night 5:30pm**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Church Softball Game 7:20pm at Middle School Field**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>: Church Hike**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & Game Night 5:30pm**

**July 29<sup>th</sup>: Church Softball Game 7:20pm at Preston Field**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>: Church Hike**

**Church Hikes Saturdays at 8:00am meet in Church parking lot**

**Church Softball Practice Sundays 12:30pm Games Thursday Evenings**

**Grief Share Group meets on Mondays at 8:30am & 5:00pm**

**Incline Small Group meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm**

**Women's Book Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at Noon**

**Men's Bible Study Every Wednesday at 6:30am**

**Women's Small Group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 10:00am**



# Movie & Game Nights

## Wednesdays 5:30pm

The church will be hosting movie & game nights including dinner, alternating movie night then a game night. These will be at the church on Wednesday nights starting at 5:30pm for dinner and 6:00pm for movie or games.

July 7<sup>th</sup> movie is *Homeward Bound*

**Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**Meet at the Church Parking Lot**

# **PRAY & GO**

Pray & Go is a ministry where we walk around sections of our town praying for each house that we walk by. Then leave a doorhanger that says we prayed for them.

# **GRIEF SHARE**

Weekly Grief Support Group

**Mondays at 5:00pm**  
**At The Village Church Fireside Room**

An outdoor chapel setting with a large green canopy covering rows of wooden benches. The area is surrounded by tall trees and a stone wall in the background.

# Outdoor Chapel Worship Services

## Sundays at 10:00AM

### Starting Sunday, July 4th



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# In-Person Indoor Worship Sundays at 8:00AM

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# Sunday Church Services Live-Streamed 8AM & 10AM via YouTube



## 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.

### Youth-Young Adult Bible Study

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnS1F3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

### 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Noon

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Karen Ferrell. In-person location TBD.

### 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=QVJ6SzZzc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

### Women's Small Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Karen Ferrell. In-person location Fireside Room

### Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (On hold for the Summer)

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



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

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).**

### 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.

# Church Hikes

Saturdays July 17, 24, 31

Meet at Church Parking Lot

Leave at 8:00am



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**JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**



## THRIFT SHOP & WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The Women's Ministry had a Joyful June! On June 12, Wendy Hagen inspired us with her stories of "Where is God?" She encouraged us to read James 4 every day. We had over 40 women in attendance. Everyone enjoyed our women's retreat and suggested that we have more speakers in the future.

Annie Payne hosted the first Women's Small Group on June 9th and had a good turnout. They will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 10am in the Fireside Room for prayer & fellowship.

Our Christian Book Club read Yada Yada Prayer Group by Neta Jackson. We had a small but lively discussion at Vickie Twichell's house. Our next book selection is Long Way Gone by Charles Martin. We will meet on July 20<sup>th</sup> Location TBD. Book Club meets the third Tuesday of every month at noon.

On June 22, we had a perfectly calm lake and sunny warm day for kayaking. Our flotilla of kayaks landed at Hidden Beach. It was so delightfully warm, many of us took a swim in the lake to cool off. We then headed to Sand Harbor. It was such a lovely day on the lake we didn't want it to end. A few women even talked of kayaking around the lake someday.

Our thrift store is doing well as many people want to repurpose clothing, jewelry, and furniture. So stop by 11am-3pm Mon-Sat and shop. We still need volunteers to help with pick up of furniture on Mondays & Tuesdays. If you can spare an hour or two occasionally, we would love to have you join us.

July is open for suggestions: Who's interested in kayaking, biking, reading etc? How can we serve you? Send me an email and we'll get you connected.

God's blessings to you all,  
Karen Ferrell,  
Women's Ministries Moderator.



# Village Christian Preschool Photos





# **Village Christian Kindergarten Program**

## **Now Enrolling Students For the 2021-2022 School Year**

### **Program Information:**

**4 School Days (T-F 9am-3pm)  
\$600 per month**

**4 Full Days (School Hours and Before & After School  
8am-6pm) \$725 per month**

**5 Full Days (M-F School Hours and Before & After School  
8am-6pm) \$850 per month**

**To enroll your child or for more information call  
775-831-0784 or email Annie Payne at  
[apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org)**

**Students eligible for our Kindergarten program must turn 5  
by September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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**VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS****The Voice of the Martyrs**

Pastor Jeff frequently reminds us that there are many countries in the world where thousands, if not millions, of followers of Christ are persecuted for their faith. The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a nonprofit, interdenominational organization that serves persecuted Christians around the world. VOM strives to inspire believers to deepen their commitment to Christ and to fulfill His Great Commission — no matter the cost.

**VOM's mission around the world is to:**

Encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs. Pray for and equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.

Undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.

Promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

**Each month VOM publishes a short magazine that provides the opportunity to:**

Learn the truth about Christian persecution, such as in China, India, North Korea, Nigeria, etc., and read about our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters

Be moved and encouraged by the testimonies of those persecuted and learn how to pray for them.

**In addition to its monthly magazine, VOM produces the following resources to help Christians learn about and support persecuted brothers and sisters:**

Websites - [icommittoprayer.com](http://icommittoprayer.com), [prisoneralert.com](http://prisoneralert.com), and [vomradio.net](http://vomradio.net)

A new book – [When Faith is Forbidden](#).

The Village Church gives financial support to VOM in an effort to join our congregation with believers around the world in lifting up our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters in hostile areas and restricted nations.

Please pray individually and corporately for the many faithful followers of Jesus around the world who are facing persecution including threats to their families and lives. Individuals can also give directly to VOM via its website – [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com).



The **Voice**  
of  
the **Martyrs**

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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

Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor

Stephanie Conragan - Office Assistant

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon

Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder

Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Moderator

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Kira Kitzman - K Program Leader

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

Darlene Johnson - Elder & Children's  
Ministry Director

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff

Ella 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

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Natalie Snyder - Preschool Staff

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Annie Stenbridge

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Sarah Warrington Jokinen - Preschool

