



From Pastor Jeff



I have mixed feelings about greeting cards. I find most are full of bad poetry and cheap sentimentality. My feelings are mixed though, because the idea behind the greeting card is powerful. It's important to be able to tell people how you feel about them, to let them know how important they are to you. These companies make millions every year helping poor tongue-tied men express what their sweet-hearts mean to them. Guys who can't get two words out comfortably can find help in a Hallmark. Greeting cards can be symbols of how important someone is to us and reminders to others of how we think about them. Communion is like that for Christians. The Lord's Supper is like a greeting card sent to his church through the ages. The bread and the cup are reminders, given to us by our Lord Jesus, to

show us how much he loves us.

Jesus came and rescued us because he loves us. Do you remember what it was like before Jesus rescued you? My life seemed hopeless, death inevitable, nothingness the ultimate end of everything. Jesus changed all that. In the bread we remember that for us his body was torn, stretched to breaking on the cross. In the cup we remember his blood poured out for *our* sin, *our* misdeeds. When you see the bread and the cup, remember how much Jesus loves you. He was willing to suffer torture, shame, and murder, not because of some abstract job description, not because he was "the Son of God" and so had no choice, not because it didn't hurt, or he knew he would rise again—he did it because he loves you. He knew that either he would pay the penalty of our sin, or we would have to. In the bread and the cup we see the reminders of Jesus' love for us.

The bread and the cup are also reminders for us to love each other just as Jesus loves us. The Apostle Paul reminds us that there is one loaf, symbolizing the one body of Christ whose members we are, and the one cup, symbolizing our unity, the common source of life we have in Jesus Christ. It is utterly out of place for someone to come to the table, which manifests God's love for us and our unity in that love and at the same time be hating a brother or sister in Christ. The bread and the cup are reminders for us to love each other just as Jesus loves us. That means we love each other fully, sacrificially, in holiness, and in truth.

The Lord's Supper is more than just a reminder, though, it is a means of grace that brings us the Lord himself. It is a sign that conveys the thing it signifies. It shows us Jesus' love and gives us Jesus himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts by faith.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Bible Study - Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Our Women's study is meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Cindy Liggett is leading the study. All women are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship

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

The Kings Beach small group is starting up again on Tuesday, March 26th 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.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Men's 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 on Ephesians. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word and to fellowship together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH

POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, March 3rd

We will be having a baked potato potluck Sunday, March 3rd. Bring potato toppings, salad, side dish, or dessert and join us for good food and fellowship.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
March 3rd



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on March 3rd. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.



RESCHEDULED ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 3rd

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on March 3rd in our Fireside Room. This meeting will focus on the activities of The Village

Church over the past year and will look forward to future ministry. Brief presentations will be made by the various ministry areas. The 2018 Annual Report will be available. The 2019 Session-approved church budget will be presented. Also, we will vote to approve Vicki Ogden to serve as a Deacon. All members and guests are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

MARCH SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 13th

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the pastors study. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer as they discern what is best for our church and make Godly decisions to further sharing the Gospel in this mountain community.

ELDER RETREAT

Friday, March 8th

Session members of the Church will gather in the Fireside Room on Friday, March 8th at 6:00pm for dinner and fellowship.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Sunday, March 10th



Remember to "spring" your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. You want to make sure you get to church on time!

2018 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. Copies of the 2018 Annual Report are available on the counters in the Narthex. We encourage you to pick up a copy.



LENTEN SEASON

Lent is the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, not including Sundays, of penitence and preparation for Christ's death and resurrection. We encourage you to utilize a daily Lenten devotional. We have electronic Lent devotionals available from the Church Office.



Sunday, March 17th

INVITE A FRIEND BE A FRIEND

This is the challenge for each of us as we enter into Lent and Easter season. Our worship services during the Lent/Easter season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. People are more open to an invitation to attend church during Easter and Christmas than any other time of year. Be praying for who might ask to come with you and then ask them. This the "Invite a Friend" part of the challenge. But the "Be a Friend" part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Welcome them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers to staff the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to serve our church and community by helping out in the shop. We are open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. Let Linda Robins or Vicki Twichell know if you can help.

**SHARE
EASTER
FLOWERS
IN HONOR OR
IN MEMORY OF
A LOVED ONE**



If you would like to share Easter Flowers with our church family, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. The flowers are ordered and delivered to the church and will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter morning. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Easter Service bulletin.

Please make your \$10 check out to The Village Church and mark it "Easter Flowers". Drop off your check at the church office or mail the form and your check to:

The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451

Deadline for all orders is
Sunday, April 14th

**EASTER FLOWER
ORDER FORM**

Name _____

No. of Plants _____ Phone _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

Please note: the flowers this year will be spring flowers like tulips rather than Easter lilies.

The Village Church is affiliated with:



Evangelical
Covenant
Order
OF PRESBYTERIANS

ECO is committed
to growing and planting
flourishing churches
that make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

BELIZE MISSION UPDATE

- Think you can do simple suction and hold a few instruments???
- What about teaching kids how to brush???
- Always wanted to go on a mission trip but been too nervous???

The BELIZE mission trip needs you! Our team needs a few willing people to handle some basic functions that are vital to the clinic and its success. It's fun and easy to learn and you can make a huge difference in the children's experience. Come be God's hands and feet and be blessed in amazing ways.

Want more details? Contact Renee Taylor at 775-742-0917 or VillageChurchMissions@gmail.com

PRAYER NEEDS: Willing servants to sign up, approval of our permits, and financial blessings to the trip budget.



EASTER FOOD MINISTRY



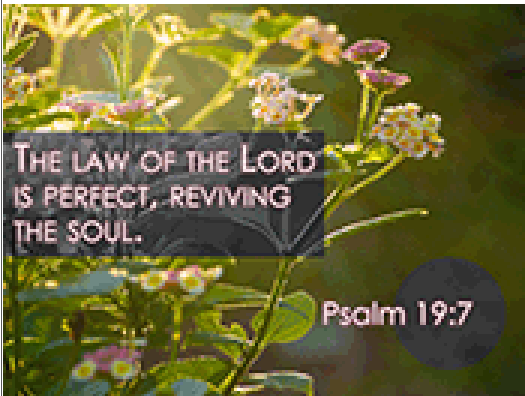
Save the first week of April to help out with the Deacons' Easter food distribution. There are various opportunities to get involved with this ministry. After the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 31st we will be setting up the Fireside Room for food box packing. On Wednesday, April 3rd, we will pack the boxes. Pizza provided! The Deacons will be distributing food boxes on Saturday, April 6th. Your help would be appreciated for any or all of these days. Contact one of our Deacons for more information.

ECO NATIONAL MEETING

A few of us from The Village Church attended the ECO National meeting in Boulder, Colorado in January. It was a blessed experience. The speakers and worship services were spirit-filled. The theme was "Locally Grown, Cultivating Your Flourishing Next Step."



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



*“Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.”
Isaiah 42:9*

I know Isaiah didn't mean the season of spring, but I think all of us are looking forward to longer and warmer days after this winter. Its time to think about doing more activities outside and getting ready for the events we have planned for this upcoming Summer. Through the spring, the youth will continue to meet for high school Bible studies, teen youth groups and our Sunday homeless and senior outreach trips to Reno. We will also be looking forward to some extra special activities like a trip to Six Flags discovery Kingdom. If you would like to help with any of our camps, mission trips or outreach or trips, don't hesitate to contact me, and I can fill you in on available opportunities with our church youth.

- ◆ The Upper Room Group meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs youth room for food, music, games and fun.
- ◆ Souled Out High School Bible study meets Thursdays at Starbucks from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Special Ops meets on Sundays after church from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Serving Jesus,

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. 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 strictly old hymns of the faith. The 10:00 a.m. service is a blend of both the old and the new. This has been a successful structure for our worship community.

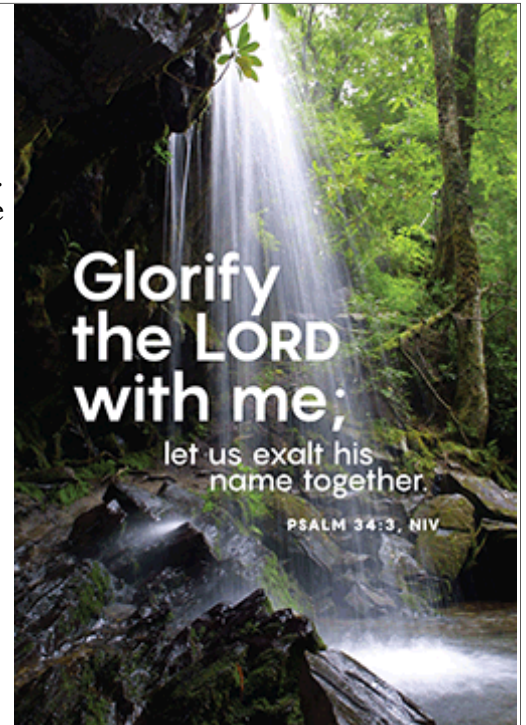
Here at The Village Church, we take prayerful care in selecting the music shared during worship. Although singing is not worship itself, it is a way we speak to our living God. We try to be mindful that, as a praise team, we are there to lead, encourage and enable folks to praise through music. It is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

***“For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.”
Psalms 63:7***





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

March 2019

The Workers Are Few

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38

The volunteers who teach Sunday school are in the field, harvesting. Sunday school is one of the most consistent programs in the church. It doesn't stop for the summer and rarely for holidays. My prayer is that other members of our congregation consider joining this important children's ministry.

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16

I am so very grateful for the members of our congregation who volunteer their time to prepare for and teach Sunday School! You are indeed a special breed. I'm pretty sure you will get extra stars in your heavenly crown, because you are impacting a child's life forever by sharing the love of Jesus with them. You are building relationships with both the children and the other adults in the trenches with you.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deut. 6:6-7

I believe that we are at a crossroads in Children's Ministry. Our Sunday School classes are rapidly growing in size as young families are choosing to raise their children in the church again. This is creating a greater need for volunteers to teach Sunday School.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Currently, the majority of our teachers do not have children living at home with them. They simply feel the need to assist in this particular area of ministry. Many of us have adult children who once attended the Village Church, and this is one of the reasons we volunteer. It gives you an opportunity to share your faith. Our youth need Godly role models in today's world.

In Luke 18:17 Jesus said, *"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

I always learn or relearn something when I teach Sunday School. Preparing for the lesson motivates me to study the scripture in depth, so that I can relay it to the children at a level they can understand. We ask questions together and discuss the scripture. The class becomes a more of a team than a teacher - student association.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

As for children growing up to own their faith, such formation occurs through relationships with adults who live and model the Christian faith. Children grow in faith when they are told and shown that God loves them, that Jesus gave himself for them, and that the Holy Spirit fills them.

Mary Gilbert

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March 2019



Scripture for the Month:
 People make plans in their minds, but only
 the Lord can make them come true.
 Depend on the Lord in whatever you do,
 and your plans will succeed.
 Proverbs 16:1,3

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3 <i>The Lord's Supper & Annual Congregational Meeting</i> 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary 8:15am Choir Practice - F/R 9:15am Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Congregational Meeting 11:30am Baked Potato Potluck	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - F/R	5 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Incline Small Group - Buschhueter's Home	6 <i>Lent BEGINS</i> 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Room A 6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R 6:00pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	7 4:00 Youth Bible Study - Starbucks	8 6:00pm Elder Retreat - F/R	9 <i>Remember to set your clocks ahead before bedtime</i>
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JEFF'S PHOTOS



VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS





SAVE THE DATES IN APRIL - HOLY WEEK EVENTS

3/1 Susan Andre	3/9 Jan Paulson
Jason Stanton	3/12 Guy Fortier
3/2 Tim Gilbert	Robyn Barnes
3/3 Bob Beart	3/19 Joe Batistic
3/4 Caryl Bydash	3/21 John Manter
Ann Schofield	3/22 Muffy Betker
3/5 Sharon Sigler	3/24 Faith Ogden
3/7 Ruth Jensen	3/26 Jean Ashbrook
Nancy Leonard	3/27 Millie Clarke
Bill Critchfield	3/30 Sara Stanton

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 14th
On Palm Sunday, April 14th, we will gather together in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our Preschool children will be singing at the 10:00 a.m. service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 18th
On Maundy Thursday we remember our Lord's last supper with his disciples where he gave them the New Commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34. On April 18th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday together with a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a communion service.

Did we forget your birthday?
Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784
to be included on our birthday list.

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 19th
On Good Friday, April 19th Cornerstone Community Church will host a joint worship service with The Village Church and New Life Four Square Church. All are welcome!

WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS



Do you have a special day you wish to remember - a birthday, an anniversary or a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service. Just sign up on the Flower Calendar for 2019 in the Lobby. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

Also, if you know how to arrange flowers, on the 2019 calendar there is a place that says flower arranger. Put your name next to the date that you would like to do the flower arranging.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES
APRIL 21st
We will be having a special 6:30 am sunrise service this year at Burnt Cedar Beach in Incline - weather permitting. We will have both our 8:00am and 10:00am worship services in our Sanctuary. He is risen indeed!" Invite your friends and family to join you in worship on Easter. And stay after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for brunch!



OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Through February 24, 2019:
Needed \$69,224
Given \$58,366
Difference -\$10,858

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

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A joyful place to grow



Church Leadership

Paul Ackerman - Deacon

Alfredo Amezaga - Elder

Doug Baker - Deacon

Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Elder

Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Jim Dykstra - Deacon

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Elder

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

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

Kira Neil - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Paul Twichell - Elder

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michelle Young - Women's Ministries Moderator