



## From Pastor Jeff

We live in frightening times. Whether one fears the coronavirus or economic collapse or authoritarian overreach by the government or some mixture of all three, there is a lot to cause anxiety out there today. As Christians how do we respond?

First, I think we need to hear again Jesus' words from his Sermon on the End of the World. It is found in Mark 13, Matthew 24, and Luke 21. In it, Jesus predicts that the age between his First Coming and his Second will be marked by all kinds of evils and disruptions:

"When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven." Luke 21:9-10

Notice he tells us not to be frightened by fearful events (in Greek the word literally means "terrors")! Don't get upset when these kinds of bad things happen, they are par for the course in this fallen, evil age "while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13). How is this possible? How can we not be afraid in the face of terrors and horrors? This leads to my second point.

How do followers of Jesus respond in frightening times? By trusting God to do all things well. In his Sermon on Mission found in Matthew 10, Jesus tells his disciples: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31

God knows the minutest detail about us (and loves us anyway!). He knows every molecule, every stray electron in our bodies. He will give us grace to make it through. He promises us, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." (Heb 13:5b-6a)



So trust that God has got you no matter what happens. Trust Jesus and his words: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Social Distancing Volunteer Opportunities**

**Church Workdays**

As we are unable to have our normal church workday in the usual fashion, we have an opportunity to complete the workday tasks using social distancing and sanitizing protocols. We will have specific days and times for people to sign up, so that we only have two people working at a time. The tasks needed are outside work. Masks and gloves mandatory. Tools and sanitizer supplied. The bathrooms near the Fireside Room will only be open to the volunteers and that side of the church will be closed off. If you would like to volunteer, please email Tim Gilbert [timgilbertsr@aim.com](mailto:timgilbertsr@aim.com) to schedule your time.



**Sierra Community House Food Box Packing**

The Sierra Community House needs volunteers to pack food boxes. The food box packings are adhering to social distancing protocols. They need our help on Wednesdays with two shifts with three people per shift. The two shifts are Wednesdays at 9:30am-11:00am and 12:00pm-1:30pm. The location of these food box packings is at the Boys & Girls Club in Kings Beach. Please contact Jim Dykstra [redtahoejim@gmail.com](mailto:redtahoejim@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY**



**SESSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Online meeting. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer.



**DEACONS' MEETING**  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Deacons will be meeting on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom Online meeting.

**PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early church and for us today.



Memorial Day  
May 25<sup>th</sup>



## LIVE-STREAMING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us online. Watch our 10:00 a.m. worship service on our YouTube Channel, which can be found at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxkLpF6IPmZSf5b-SJEXA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxkLpF6IPmZSf5b-SJEXA?view_as=subscriber). Please subscribe to our channel while you are there. The more subscribers we have the more content we can upload.



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Some of our Bible Studies and Small Groups have temporarily converted to Zoom online group meetings. Here are the info and links for the groups:

### **Youth Bible Study - Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

This is a Bible Study for Middle & High Schoolers. Group Led by Tim Gilbert. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnSlF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

### **Incline Village Small Group - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join. Group Led by Tim Gilbert. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHIDdz09>

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

All men are invited for prayer and Bible study. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005?pwd=QVJ6SzZzc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

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

This group is for all adults. Group Led by Pastor Jeff Ogden. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/366324920?pwd=UVR3UU40K1RKNzk5YnRtamJyTkZnUT09>

### **Upper Room Youth Group - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**

This is a youth group for Middle & High Schoolers. Group Led by Tony Conrigan. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87621458505?pwd=c0FmL283QWtUbHFNR2JaRWNTc0VrZz09>

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

**FOOD RESOURCES**

**The Village Church** – We have food boxes available. Come Tuesday - Friday 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. If unable to come at those times please call the Church at 775-831-0784.

**Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe** – Dinner service days are Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Incline Elementary School, Upper Bridge in lower parking lot/Curbside. Meals include “Grab & Go” or “Take & Bake” style.

**Sierra Community House (formerly Project Mana)** – to receive a non-perishable food box leave a message at 775-545-4083 or email [food@sierracommunityhouse.org](mailto:food@sierracommunityhouse.org).

**Sierra Senior Services/Meals on Wheels** – provides lunchtime meals for people over 60 years old. Call 530-550-7600 to sign up or for more info.

**For more information, if you need help, or want to talk to a pastor, contact our church office at 775-831-0784 or Pastor Jeff at 775-624-4240.**



## MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

### Every Orphan's Hope



This year, The Village Church Missions fund is supporting Every Orphan's Hope. Every Orphan's Hope (EOH) creates widow-headed family homes in Zambia, because a child's past should not dictate his or her future. What orphaned children need most is a safe and loving family to belong to. That place of security provides for their other needs.

God is a Father to the fatherless and intends for children to be raised in families, but in a fallen and broken world that does not always happen. Orphanages are a temporary solution, but they cannot replace the loving care of a stable family. Just as God adopted us into His family when we were alone and without hope, every orphan deserves to be brought into His family too.

Every day, thousands of orphans "age out" of institutional care with no family to belong to and no place to call home, but God never intended for us to "age out" of our families. Children need to be assured that they are and will always be valued and loved. Thankfully, God revealed another way to model the family of God to orphans in need: My Father's House. By pairing eight orphans and a widow together, EOH has built and sustained 12 My Father's House family homes since 2004. Orphans and widows are forging a new life and new family together in Christ, in a home and in a community where they are known and loved.

#### The Hope Restoration Cycle

Every Orphan's Hope helps restore hope and a sense of belonging to the fatherless of Zambia. Each student goes through three phases to become difference-makers in the world. Abandoned and orphaned babies who are in need of care are *rescued* through Bethel Home ministry. Orphaned children who have no family to care for them are *raised* in My Father's House family homes. Young adults are *prepared* to navigate the school-to-work transition by being mentored in the life skills needed to become self-sufficient adults.

This ministry is committed to the long-term care of children. Donations from Zambian and U.S. churches, such as The Village Church, assist the ministry's funding needs. Financial resources also come from their business-as-mission enterprises: a bike shop and a poultry farm. The enterprises also provide opportunities for the children interested in animal husbandry, bicycle mechanics, and marketing to learn and be involved.

The Every Orphan's Hope ministry team consists of committed followers of Jesus Christ in both Zambia and the U.S. The Zambian headquarters is located in the capital of Lusaka, and the U.S. headquarters is in Dallas, TX. There are twelve mamas for the widow-headed family homes, without whom the ministry could not exist or thrive.

For more information, go to [everyorphan.org](http://everyorphan.org)

**YOUTH NEWS**

*“We have not stopped praying for you since the first day we heard about you. In fact, we always pray that God will show you everything he wants you to do and that you may have all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. Then you will live a life that honors the Lord, and you will always please him by doing good deeds. You will come to know God even better. His glorious power will make you patient and strong enough to endure anything, and you will be truly happy. I pray that you will be grateful to God for letting you have part in what he has promised his people in the kingdom of light. God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son, who forgives our sins and sets us free.”*  
*Colossians 1:9-14*

What a crazy time we all are going through! I hope everyone has been staying healthy and getting by ok. When Paul wrote to the church in Colossae, he said a lot of things that are true for the hopes of the church today. Even though we all have had to modify our lives because of the virus there are some things that have not changed. Including, being thankful to God and praying for the church. Right now, the youth has been going through a lot and need to be kept in prayer. It is a scary time, and the lack of good answers we have about all this doesn't make it any better. Paul reminds us about some things we can ask God for regarding the youth, and probably ourselves too.

- I. That God will give His spirit, understanding, wisdom on how to get through these difficult times.
- II. That they can endure everything, know God better, and be thankful to Him.
- III. That they might have patience, strength and to always remember everything we have in Christ.

Since we have not been able to physically meet for youth groups and Bible studies for the last several weeks, I've been busy working in the youth room painting and cleaning. I felt like after all of this a fresh start would be nice, so we made some color changes in the youth room and it now has a much brighter look. Once allowed, I invite you to come up and see the room and I welcome use of the room for activities beyond the youth when available.

I very much look forward to when we are able to meet again. We will be exploring new ideas on how to make up for lost time when this all passes. Please continue to keep the Incline youth and their families in prayer, as well as all those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

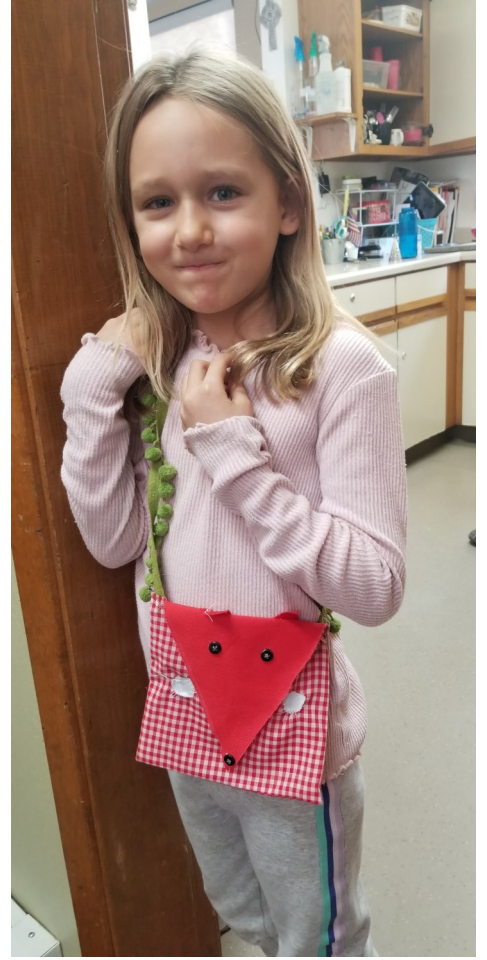
*Pastor Tony Conragan*



**JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**



VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS







5/1 Laura Vogus	5/16 Roxanne Fernandez
5/5 Lynn Bandaruk	5/17 Debi Moore
5/5 Debbie Richter	5/18 Niki Ogden
5/7 Jim Ashbrook	5/22 Jane Dykstra
5/7 Lewis Orłady	5/24 Bill Ferrall
5/8 Linda Brown	5/31 Robin Barnes
5/8 Terri Nielsen	
5/15 Charlene Rodman	

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

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

### 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 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 or if you have a prayer request.

### 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).



SATISFY US IN THE MORNING  
 WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE,  
 THAT WE MAY REJOICE AND  
 BE GLAD ALL OUR DAYS.

PSALM 90:14, ESV

### 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.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 7TH



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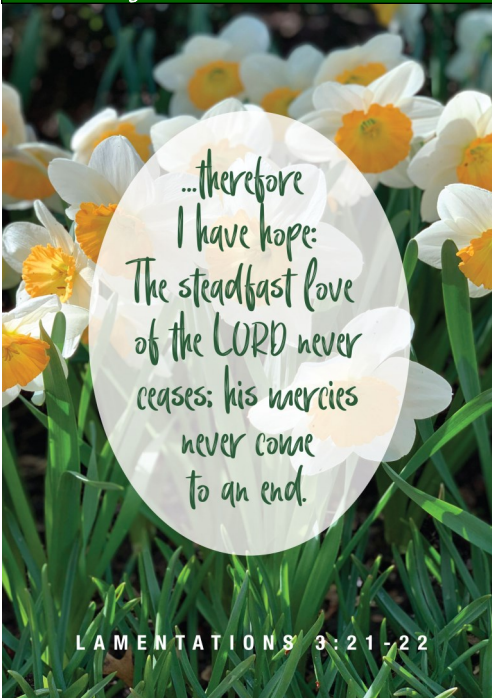
*Village Christian Preschool: 775.831.1184*

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## May 2020



### Church Leadership

*Paul Ackerman - Deacon*

*Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff*

*Alfredo Amezaga - Elder*

*Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon*

*Ted Bandaruk - Elder*

*Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor*

*Jim Dykstra - Deacon*

*Jon Fay - Choir Director*

*Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator*

*Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon*

*Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian*

*Patti Hanczarek - Preschool Staff*

*Keith Hansen - Elder*

*Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff*

*Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff*

*Scott Johnson - Elder*

*Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director*

*Miriella Melara - Deacon*

*Marilyn Merritt - Deacon*

*Darlene Nilsson - Elder*

*Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor*

*Steve O'Malley - Deacon*

*Annie Payne - Office Manager*

*Chris Peterson - Deacon*

*Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff*

*Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder*

*Jason Stanton - Accompanist*

*Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon*

*Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Paul Twichell - Elder*

*Debby Wiens - Pianist*