

## With Thankful Hearts...

As we approach the end of the year and look forward to next year, we at the Village Church have thankful hearts for all the blessings God has granted us.

As COVID concerns have lessened, we are once again meeting together in worship and Bible studies. We are enjoying all the mutual support and fellowship that provides. Potlucks, softball games, hikes, picnics, and Aces games are all back in swing. Pastor Jeff is in his sabbatical year and is currently in Europe, where he and Vickie will rest and study. Amply rejuvenated, Jeff will be back in November with new insights to fuel his already powerful preaching and teaching.

Importantly, we are driven by a new vision: to reach out to the children of the community with an alternative program of primary education that is based in Biblical and Christian values while also offering strong academics. We now have the facility to expand our very successful preschool by buying the house across the parking lot. That new house annex for our church is perfect for Bible studies, offices, meetings, prayer groups, and a host of other uses that will only grow going forward. We believe that the Village Christian Academy and our expanded preschool will glorify God and will be a blessing to our North Shore Community. Another indication of a dynamic opportunity with children is the highly effective VBS program run this summer with close to 100 attendees and a lot of youth and adult volunteers. "Best ever" would be a proper characterization. Great News Club has had outstanding success under the direction of Debra Ornelas. Overall, our outreach to children has added a new spirit of excitement and purpose to our church.



We ask for your prayers that these new initiatives are indeed "God's Plan" and that we may be good stewards investing his resources in ways that will glorify him more.

We also ask for your prayerful giving intentions for the coming year so that we can thoughtfully plan budgets to support our expanded activities.

Finally, we ask for your involvement in the many activities and service opportunities that we have available (listed on separate page). Be sure to let Annie Payne your areas of interest, so she can include you on the mailing lists for the activities.

Try some new activities that you haven't done before. You'll be glad you did.

In Christ,  
The Stewardship Committee

# 2024 Stewardship Card



In response to God’s love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His Church, I/We plan to do the following in 2024:

\_\_\_\_\_ Will participate in an activity or activities as checked on the attached list.

\_\_\_\_\_ Will estimate to give generously of **RESOURCES** by giving \$\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Per Week; \_\_\_\_\_ Per Month; \_\_\_\_\_ Per Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Will estimate to give through my Donor Advised Fund or Charitable Trust.

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*This estimate may be revised or cancelled at any time upon my request.*

# Village Church Volunteer Opportunities

## Sunday Worship Services Volunteers

- Praise Team
- Communion Servers
- Worship Assistant
- Nursery
- Audio/Visual (AV)
- Counting
- Summer Shade Sails
- Summer Ice Cream Servers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Worship Assistant
- Children's Message
- Sunday School Teacher or Aid
- Hospitality
- Flowers
- Summer Outdoor Chapel Cleanup

## Children's Ministries

- Sunday School Teacher or Aid
- Nursery Worker
- Preschool
- Preschool Events
- Vacation Bible School
- Great News Club
- K-6 (Skill or Recess Help)
- Youth Bible Study or Group
- Special Events/Activities

## Women's Ministries

- Women's Ministries Board
- Women's Events
  - Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Snowshoeing, Kayaking, etc.)
  - Women's Retreats
  - Other Gatherings
- Women's Bible Studies/Small Groups

## Men's Events

- Men's Events
  - Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Snowshoeing, Kayaking, etc.)
  - Gatherings
- Men's Bible Studies/Small Groups

## Bible Study/Small Group

- Leader
- Participant
- Host

## Prayer

- Pray & Go
- Email Prayer Group
- Prayer Group

## Thrift Shop

- Store Volunteers
- Furniture Pickup

## Church Maintenance/Upkeep

- Gardening
- Workday

## Holiday/Special Events

- Hospitality
- Advent Readers
- Candle Lighters
- Special Music
- Service Volunteers

## Missions Committee

## Vision Committee

## Fellowship Events (Hiking, Softball, Movie/Game Night, Kayaking, Beach Gatherings, etc.)

- Leader
- Participate



# CHRISTMAS COMES TO INCLINE

## THRIFT STORES HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE EVENT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 10-11TH  
10:00AM - 4:00PM

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN 799 SOUTHWOOD BLVD  
TAHOE FAMILY SOLUTIONS 797 SOUTHWOOD BLVD  
VILLAGE PET FOUNDATION 868 TAHOE BLVD  
TAHOE FOREST HOSPICE 893 TAHOE BLVD STE 1500  
PET NETWORK 760 MAYS BLVD STE 9 & 10

## VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

**The Open Door ministry** (formerly Nueva Vida, the Hispanic Foursquare Church in Incline Village), was last highlighted in The Village Church's February 2021 newsletter. Much has happened in their ministry since then!

Pastors Angel and Rubi Perez have been leading the growing community of believers from various Latin countries at the Open Door Church location (754 Mays Boulevard, Suite 12 - in the Village Center), and in March of 2021 they were able to open a second campus at 1927 N Carson Street, Carson City.



They hold services Sunday mornings (I.V.) and Friday evenings (C.C.), both campuses provide Sunday School for children 0-11 years old and Carson City has a Youth class for middle and high school-aged children. Bible studies and prayer meetings are also held during the week.



"Today more than ever, we are in the mission of advancing the Kingdom of God not only in Incline Village but around the Lake," wrote Pastor Rubi. The Lord has been faithful through the challenges of paying for leases on two locations and helping members as the housing crisis pushing the church families to relocate to different cities.



In an effort to be a continued support to the families that still commute to Incline to work, Pastor Rubi stated that have been blessed for a second year to provide household items and gasoline gift cards during the Christmas Season.

"We believe our best asset is our people and we are glad to invest in them, to serve them and provide opportunities for them, to grow their faith through discipleship classes, trainings and camps. We are so thankful for The Village Church, their prayers and financial gifts, that help us reach out to the local Hispanic community and beyond".

## Operation Christmas Child - 2023

A Project of Samaritan's Purse A "Shoebox" Ministry Samaritan's Purse is an evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world: victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine, while providing the soul-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child is directed to the most vulnerable of these needy people- the children- in the tangible form of a shoebox filled with gifts of simple toys, school supplies, and hygiene items along with an easy-to-read tract "The Greatest Gift," which colorfully tells of hope and Jesus' love for them in their native language.

This simple idea has blossomed over thirty years, through God's grace and the work of participating evangelical churches, to reach out to over 130 countries with distribution of over 209 Million gift shoeboxes over the last 30 years. More importantly the shoe boxes have included the Gospel message that has turned so many young lives to Christ. Over 50 Million children have been discipled so far through these study materials!



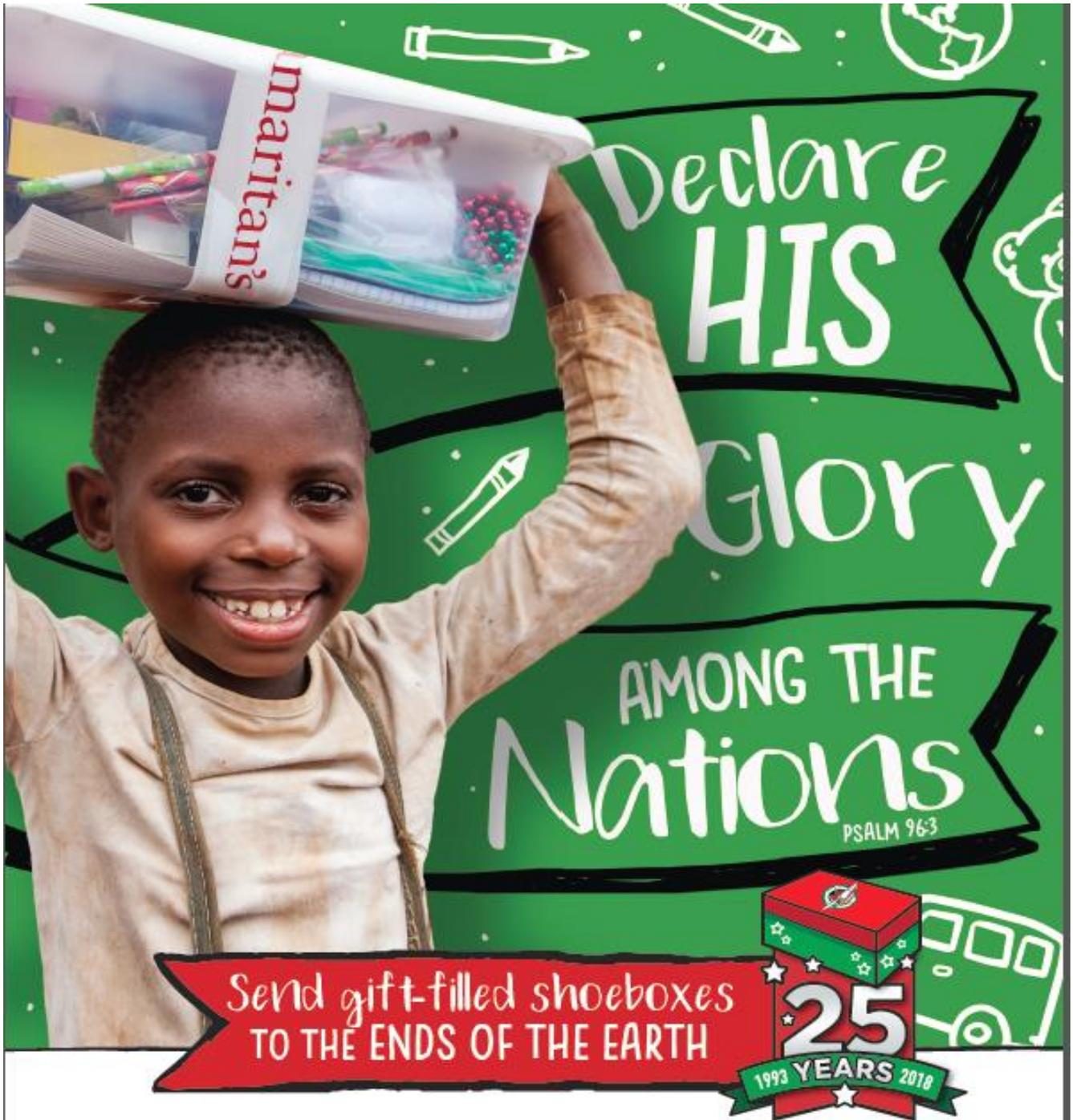
Here at the Village Church we are designated as a drop-off location in this area for collection of shoeboxes November 13-20 for further distribution around the world. The Church will pay the \$10 transportation fee for each box dropped off by our congregation.

The mechanics are fun and simple. We have supplies of the shoe boxes in plastic and cardboard. Just fill the shoebox with items for either boy or girl of age category 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Most importantly, as you are packing, pray for the boy or girl recipient who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and picture if you like to show your love for the child. Suggested gift items include: School supplies Hygiene items: combs, tooth brush, bar soap (in a plastic bag), wash cloth, etc. Toys such as balls, kazoo, harmonica, puzzles, yo-yos, dolls Personal items- Tee shirt, hats, hair clips, sunglasses, socks, flashlights with extra batteries (contained in a baggie). No food items, liquids, knives, breakable items, toothpaste, etc. A complete list of suggested items, along with prohibited items, can be found on the OCC web page at [Samaritanspurse.org](http://Samaritanspurse.org), on the brochures, and on the stick-on labels.

Think of the joy this will bring to kids, many of whom have never received a gift of any kind in their lives. You can also build a box online with a personal note and photo or make a dollar contribution. Here is the link to build the box online <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/goal/view/8370b0bb-846a-46b2-8c3c-bbd3d36fc9ec>.

Learn more at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Michele Grau-Young and Lynn Windham are available for questions.

Submitted by: The Missions Committee



**Packed shoeboxes due  
at the Church before  
Monday, November 20th**



Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) and learn how to bless a child overseas through a gift-filled shoebox, given in Jesus' Name.

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## **Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Location**

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

### **November 13th-November 20th**

**Mon, Nov. 13: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Tue, Nov. 14: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Wed, Nov. 15: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Thu, Nov. 16: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Fri, Nov. 17: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Sat, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Sun, Nov. 19: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Mon, Nov. 20: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**



# Shoebox Drop-Off Location



# Great News

# Club

**Wednesdays 2:35pm-4:00pm  
Incline Elementary School  
Meet in Classroom 154**

**Great News Club is an exciting, fun-filled, free after-school club**

- \* Dynamic Bible Lessons \* Creative Learning Activities**
- \* Life-Changing Scripture Memory \* Songs \* Fun Games**

**Hosted by: Debra Ornelas**

**Sponsored by: The Village Church**

**Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/hwY214n4FMb52ukD9>**

# Village Christian Preschool Photos



## VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS

**November 5<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Saving Time Ends; Lord's Supper; Burrito Potluck**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Jeff Back**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Closed for getting ready for event**

**November 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Christmas Open House**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>: Jason Stanton work anniversary recognition; Stewardship Sunday**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>-November 19<sup>th</sup>: Operation Christmas Child Collection Week**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>: Preschool OCC packing party and Thanksgiving potluck lunch**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: Preschool & Church Office closed for Thanksgiving**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>: WM Board Meeting; Mission Committee Meeting**

**Sunday Mornings**, Nursery, Preschool, & K-5 Sunday School (10:00am) in-Person.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mornings**, Village Sunday Youth Group (10:00am) in-person in the Church House & online via Zoom

**Monday Evenings**, Grief Share Group (5:00pm) in-Person Fireside Room.

**Monday Evenings**, Women's Bible Study (6:30pm) in-Person at the Church House.

**Tuesday Nights**, Incline Small Group (6:30pm to 8:00pm):in-person at the Ferrell's House

**Wednesday Mornings**, Men's Bible Study (6:30am to 7:30am): in-person the Fireside Room and via Zoom

**Wednesday Mornings**, Children's Chapel at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Afternoons**, Middle School Girls Group: 1:45-4:45pm at the YL Incline Clubhouse – 924 Incline Way Suite F.

**Wednesday Afternoons**, Great News Club (2:35pm to 4:00pm) at Incline Elementary

**Wednesday Nights**, Adult Bible Study at 5:00pm in the Fireside Room.

**Thursday Mornings**, Women's Bible Study. Joining with Cornerstone at 9:30am at Cornerstone Community Church.

**Thursdays at Noon**, Prayer Time for the Church and Schools

**Thursday Nights**, AA meets in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm



**11/2 Paul Leonhart**

**11/3 John Paulson**

**11/3 Pam McQueen**

**11/4 Carole Averkin**

**11/5 Tom Payne**

**11/9 Mark Lee**

**11/15 Linda Robins**

**11/23 Paul Ackerman**

**11/24 Joannie McNulty**

**11/24 Tony Conragan**

**11/26 Chuck Dowd**

**11/30 Mike Lacey**

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

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**A Joyful Place To Grow**



**November 2023**



## Village Church Leadership

Amber Anderson - Preschool Staff

Alissa Bird - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon's Food Distribution

Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder

Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator

Krissy Flynn - Teacher

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Tim Gilbert - Elder, Church Project Manager

Jenna Hilton - Office Assistant

Travis Holzner - Preschool Staff

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Gabby Lara - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Gina Longhi - Preschool Staff

Yancy Lopez - Preschool Staff

Marilyn 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

Sharon Sigler - Deacon Moderator

Lisa Snavely - Deacon

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Ellie Vigil Lopez - Preschool Staff

Ed Windham - Elder