

# The Village Pumpkin Patch



# From Pastor Jeff

This Fall we are looking at the practice of Prayer in the Christian Life. Over the last several weeks we have been studying the Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings. Jesus gave us this prayer as a model of how we should pray. I want to share another model of prayer that has been around the church for a while. I don't know who developed it, but I learned it from Pastor Don Baird of Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento. Here is a reprint of an article he wrote explaining the A.C.T.S. model of prayer. As he says, this is just a suggested format, but I have found it helpful.

"To keep our prayers meaningful and directed, I would suggest that we divide our prayer time using the letters of the acronym **"ACTS."** This is just a guideline and not a new requirement to follow each time you pray.

<u>A</u> might stand for **Adoration**. This is how Paul suggests to Timothy to begin, with "**prayers.**" This word can refer specifically to requests to God alone. We need to remind ourselves to whom we are talking. We are talking to the Lord of the Universe, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our personal Savior. The Lord's Prayer begins "Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name..." This praises the name of God and opens us up to His Greatness.

One of the greatest benefits of Adoration is that it focuses us upon God and not ourselves. If we have a big God, then any problems we have will be little. No matter how big your problems on this earth may be, God is bigger yet. If we have a little god, then our problems will always seem overwhelming...even for God. God's Peace comes when we get our mind off ourselves and onto God.

<u>C</u> might stand for **Confession**. This is the second direction the Apostle gives to Timothy. "I **urge first of all that ... intercession...be made for everyone...**" Prayer is a personal interview with God. The privilege of having a sacred interview with God is great, but this is an interview on behalf of others. This opens our relationships up for review. We need to come before God clean. All of us have a dark side to our lives. The Bible says, "**All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.**" The "**all**" includes both those who have made Jesus Christ their Lord as well as those who have yet to do so. We can afford to be open with God. Our closest relationships are always with those people who know the most about us and love us anyway. In fact, we must be honest and completely open with God if this conversation is to mean anything. So be specific about which sin you are confessing.

<u>made for everyone...</u>" This completes the circle, so that the blessings that come from God return to Him again in the form of expressed gratitude. This is not only the things you are grateful to God for, but also for the people God gives you to live with. Again, be specific about those things you are thankful for. Sometimes it is easy to thank God, our families, our beautiful city, our great nation, our individual talents - ideas just jump out about the things we have to be thankful for. Yet, there are other times when it is easy to forget that there is anything to be thankful for. The pain or anxiety we feel just drives all the thankfulness right out of us. When our health or vocation or families are being tested, we can be so overwhelmed with pity and sorrow, that we are blind to those things we still have to be thankful for. Consider Paul who even thanked God for the thorn in his flesh, saying, "For when I am weak, then I am strong." (II Cor. 12:10). So, be specific when you give thanks to God.

<u>S</u> might stand for **Supplication**. This is the time we go to God with all those things we help-lessly feel in the need of. When the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy he urged, "**first of all, that requests...be made...**"

#### OCTOBER EVENTS



#### ITALIAN THEMED POTLUCK Sunday, October 7th

ITALIAN THEMED POTLUCK! On October 7<sup>th</sup> we will gather for a potluck after 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring lasagna, spaghetti, ravioli, antipasto, or your favorite Italian dish. The church will be providing salad and bread. Please join us for good food and fellowship.





# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 7th

The Lord's Supper this month is also part of World Communion Sunday. It will be celebrated at both our Sunday morning

worship services. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.

# DEACON'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

October 7th

Please support 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.

#### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2019**

Our church Nominating Committee is continuing their ministry tasks of discerning leaders for our Lord's church called The Village. The Committee will be meeting in the near future. If you sense a member of our congregation may have the depth of faith and gifts to serve in leadership, there are nomination forms on the counters in the Narthex and enclosed. Please complete a form and drop it by the office. Your prayers for our Nominating Committee would be appreciated.

# SESSION MEETING October 10th

The Session meeting for October will be held on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

#### **DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, October 14h

The Deacons will be meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Room A.

#### PRESCHOOL TRIKE-A-THON

October 31st at 10:00 a.m.



The Village Christian Preschool will hold its annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon on Wednesday, Oct. 31st at 10:00 a.m. Each year we partner with St. Jude to teach the kids bike safety and to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Our fundraising goal this year is \$1,500. The fundraising efforts help St. Jude continue its lifesaving mission of helping children everywhere who are battling cancer and other lifethreatening diseases. Because of donations from people like you, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for anything. Please help the Preschool reach its goal by donating to this wonderful cause. Contact Cindy Liggett for more info.



EPIC LIFE AT INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL On October 21st at 5:30pm Epic Life, a free event with food, fellowship, worship and teaching, is returning to Lake Tahoe Sunday, October 21st at Incline High. Thank you to the local churches, including The Village Church, Cornerstone Community Church, and New Life Church for coming together once again to host this incredible event! While the event is FREE, to ensure there is enough food, we ask that you register online ahead of time, so please get your ticket(s) today! Childcare is available! Learn more about Epic Life: www.epiclife.org



BIBLICAL PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS. We will be starting a new four week class on Biblical person finances taught by Elder Paul Twichell. Starting October 8th, the class will be held on Mondays at 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Fireside Room. This is a free class. Childcare and snacks provided. Please join us for a time of learning about how to handle personal finances through Biblical principals.

# Calling All Ladies!



Join us for a hike up to the Snowflake Overlook at Diamond

Peak on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Meet at the Diamond Peak upper lot at 11:30am. Bring your lunch. ~~~~~ Come enjoy the view and fellowship ~~~~~



\*\*Note: Weather permitting - if it's raining or snowing we'll reschedule.

For information call the Church Office or Michele Young at 908-768-1822

# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

The Incline Village small group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jim & Jane Dykstra's House. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Tim Gilbert for more info.

### Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

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

### Adult Bible Study Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a Bible study on Wednesdays evenings. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word, to fellowship together and enjoy snacks. Meet in the Fireside Room.

### Reno Small Group Second & Forth Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

The Reno small group meets at the at Tanamera Clubhouse 900 S. Meadows Parkway in Reno. Led by Betsy Garfinkle. The study is on "Integrity: Living the Truth'" by Carolyn Nystrom.

# OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

#### October 7sh Communion Servers:

- 1. Rob Robins
- 2. Linda Robins
- 3. Miriella Melara
- 4. Alfredo Amezaga

#### Worship Assistants:

October 7: Miriella Melara

October 14: Norma Kilbourne

October 21: Joannie McNulty

October 28: Millie Clarke

#### Ushers:

October 7: Joannie McNulty

October 14: Don & Karen Ferrell

October 21: Craiq & Michele Young

October 28: Gary & Patti Boxeth

### Children's Message:

October 7: Tony Conragan

October 14: Darlene Nilsson

October 21: Village Christian Preschool

October 28: Need Help

#### Hospitality Teams

October 7: Team 1

October 14: Team 2

October 21: Team 3

October 28: Team 4





# Packed shoeboxes due at the Church on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>





#### YOUTH NEWS



#### Hello Fall!

Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the Fall they "let It go" and in the Spring, they "turn over a new leaf".

But seriously folks, this month we will be carving out the most fun ever with Bible studies, youth groups, and outreach missions. During this time of year, the weather changes and outdoor activities move a little more

indoors and we have fall covered with our youth groups.

God calls us to be strong and courageous, help the weak, and be patient as we follow Him, love your enemies and your neighbors. Something in me is drawn to the contrasts in the Bible and how God takes people and asks them to turn everything upside down to do things His way. It's a fact that "Gods way" just about always means us moving outside of our comfort zones. Seeing this has affected how we do all youth activities. This is one of the big reasons we have a broad range of ages in our groups (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Younger youth can be like puppies with their energy, but no one needs the older dogs around more than they do. Also, the older youth are in a position to be leaders now and the young folks badly need to see what it looks like to be a teen following Jesus. I Just want everyone to know mixing a broad range of ages in our youth groups is not a mistake, but a caring effort to bring the youth together as one family, in exactly the same way the church is one family.

One fantastic way to feel uncomfortable is outreach. Sundays youth travel to Reno from 12-3pm to visit senior citizens or reach out to the homeless in the Reno area. Visiting senior citizens in assisted living facilities is what the special ops outreach did in the beginning and it is exciting to be able to go back to that ministry and reach out to seniors again. Lunch is provided and we will leave by 12, so come a little early, especially if you want to have lunch.

The Village Church Youth Groups:

Bible Study - info coming soon

Wednesdays - The Upper Room Youth Group, 6-8pm, meets in Church Youth Room (snacks included)

Sundays - Special Ops (Outreach Group), 12-3pm, meets at the Church (lunch included)

Thank you, Pastor Tony



#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary classes have resumed using the Kids Sunday School Place curriculum. Elementary children will be *Discovering Jesus*. This five-lesson series allows them to discover who Jesus is and how they can have a relationship with Him.

In Lesson 1, We Can Believe in Jesus, the children will understand that truly believing in Jesus means to believe He is who He claims to be, and that He is the Lord of all. During Lesson 2, We Can Know Jesus, children will learn that truly knowing Jesus means to have a trusting relationship with Him. Lesson 3, We Can Obey Jesus, teaches that we can obey Jesus, because He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the truth. Lesson 4, We Can Live for Jesus, reveals that apart from Jesus, we have no life, and when we are living for Jesus we can bear much fruit. For the final lesson, 5, We Can Love and Adore Jesus, the kids will see how they can truly show their love for Jesus by worshipping and praising, and by loving others.

Preschool children will study the Book of Ruth through mid-October, then learn about King Solomon. The four-lesson series on the book of Ruth shows how God cares for those who put their faith in Him. It focuses on how Ruth Follows God, Ruth Works for God, Ruth Follows Directions, and Ruth Finds New Life. The children will discover that they belong to God. They discover how God shows kindness and provides for them in many ways. They will learn that working to please God is better than working only to please people! They will also learn the importance of listening and following directions given by God and parents. Jesus is our redeemer. He paid the price for our sins, so we can be part of God's family.

A four-lesson series about the life of King Solomon, known for his great wisdom, begins in November. Children will learn that our Lord gives us many talents and blessings, but we must always use them in ways that honor God. Children will learn that godly wisdom benefits others and is not self-serving. God gives His children true wisdom when they seek it according to His will. Our talents should be used to worship and honor God. They will discover that wisdom and blessings come from the Lord. They will also learn to appreciate the many blessings they already have. Our children will learn that they need to keep their lives focused on God. If not, there is a risk of other things creeping in and becoming more important.

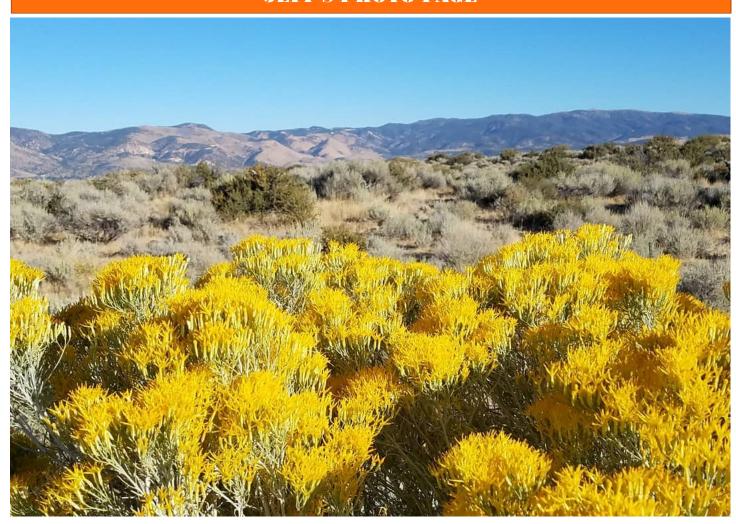
It is important for parents to talk to their children at home about the lessons they are learning in Sunday School. Begin a discussion around the dinner table at some point this week and discuss the key points from the lesson. Because parents are with their children at the most opportune times, they are encouraged to integrate biblical instruction at teachable moments. Make it a point to read Scripture to your children when they are little and help them develop personal daily Bible reading habits once they learn to read for themselves.

# Mary Gilbert,

C.E. Director



# JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE





# Village Christian Preschool Photos

Preschool News: Our Preschool Children will be sharing a few of the songs they learned from VBS on Sunday, October 21st during the 10am worship service.



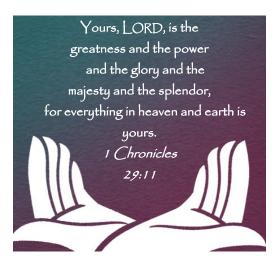








#### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019



#### **GROWING IN GENEROSITY, ROOTED IN FAITH**

This has been an exciting year here at The Village Church. Our understanding of God's Word has deepened as we collectively studied "The Story." This fall, we will continue to grow in our faith and practice as we study prayer in the Christian life.

Along with prayer, we are called to service. Service at The Village Church is manifested in numerous ways. We serve with our time, talents, and treasure. Although committing support through financial resources may be a touchy subject, Christ showed no reservation. Numerous verses throughout the Bible state unequivocally that God owns everything and we need to hold our possessions with an open hand. Other verses tell us that we are stewards of what God has entrusted to us. An owner (God) has rights, but a steward (us) has responsibilities. Society says, "I possess, I own, and I'm in control." The Bible says, "God owns, God's in control, and we are only stewards of what he has entrusted us."

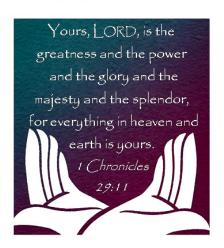
There are several creative ways to financially contribute to our church. These include setting up auto-pay with your bank, making gifts of appreciated assets with favorable tax advantages, naming the church as a beneficiary in your will or trust, donating your IRA required minimum distribution and creating Charitable Remainder Trusts.

Enclosed you will find a pledge form. As faithful stewards, we hope you will prayerfully consider increasing your financial and time commitment to The Village Church for 2019 to help maintain and expand our service in our church, community, and the world at large. Dedication Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 11th.

Thank you for your support of our Lord's ministry through The Village Church and for living your faith through your commitment.

# 2019 Stewardship Commitment Card

### GROWING IN GENEROSITY, ROOTED IN FAITH



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 2019:

	Will participate in a small group or Bible study. Will invite two new people to church.								
<u>-</u>	Will commit to give generously of RESOURCES by giving \$ ☐ Per Week; ☐ Per Month; ☐Per Year								
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This commitment may be revised or cancelled at any time upon my request.



10/3 Mike Barnes 10/3 Karen Kraft 10/3 Paul Twichell 10/6 Tom Clarke 10/15 Annie Olsen 10/16 Sherry Grav 10/17 Edward Warren 10/17 Heather Liggett 10/18 Tom Ryan 10/19 Maximus Payne 10/22 Bonnie Cella 10/24 Barbara Frederic 10/28 Lili Arpino

Did we forget your birthday? Please let us know. Call the church office at 831-0784.

### REMEMBER YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Year To Date Through** September 30th:

Needed \$333,723

Given \$355.540

**Difference** \$21,817



# HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE? NOVEMBER TRIALOGUE DEADLINE

Wednesday, October 17th Send your news to:

apayne@TheVillageChurchNV.org

## THE VILLAGE CHURCI PRAYING CHURCH!

OF PRAYER we provide opportunities during and after our wor-

Our Lord has placed on the hearts of the leaders of The Village to pray. As a church

ship 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.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Church needs your help. There are many ways to get involved with the church. We are seeking volunteers to do the children's message, help with the counting, be a worship assistant, usher, or prayer warrior. If you are interested in volunteering with any of these areas, send an email to apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org and put what you are interested in volunteering for.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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



The Church Office and Preschool will be closed on Nevada Day, October 26th



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO: A Covenant Order of **Evangelical Presbyterians.** For more information about ECO. visit our website:

www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or 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.

#### ELDER & DEACON NOMINATING FORM

From Your Nominating Committee: Elders: Gary Boxeth & Tim Gilbert Deacon: Betsy Garfinkle

Members-at-Large: Bob Rappaport, Jane Dykstra, Ann O'Keefe, Tom Payne

The Nominating Committee is requesting your participation in nominating and electing members to the Session and Board of Deacons for 2019. We encourage you to nominate yourself or someone else who you know is willing to serve. Please fill in the name/s below and check the appropriate line. Completed forms should be returned to the church office by October 21, 2018.

Thank you,

Your Nominating Committee

I suggest the name of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_\_

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for the office of: Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Deacon \_\_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_\_

I have considered the qualifications below, prayed about my consideration, and asked the person I am nominating for his/her permission.

#### Qualifications to consider when nominating someone:

#### Christian Living

- · Evidence of grace and compassion in common life in the family, at work and in the world
- · Evidence of maturity and effectiveness of ministry in the world

#### Church Commitment

- · Regular worship attendance
- Participation in other church activities
- Offices held, services rendered
- · Financial support of the church
- · Commitment to the church's mission

#### Personal Characteristics

- · Leadership abilities
- Spirit of cooperativeness
- · Willingness to learn; readiness to listen
- · Open to new ideas; abilities to express own ideas
- · Maturity of judgment
- Availability to attend monthly Session/Deacon meetings and other committee meetings as called

Please Return to the Church Office

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Scripture for the Month:

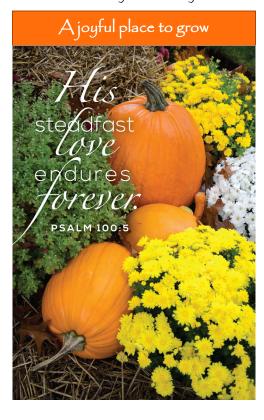
"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;"

2 Corinthians 9:10

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# October 2018

# Church Leadership

Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Doug Baker - Deacon Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Elder Patti Boxeth - Deacon Gary Boxeth - Elder Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV& Youth Pastor Iím Dykstra - Deacon XIoderator Ion Fay - Choir Director Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff Don Ferrell - Elder Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian Patti Hanczarek- Preschool Staff Janet Howell - Preschool Staff Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Miriella Melara - Deacon Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Darlene Nilsson - Elder Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon Annie Payne - Office Manager Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, Clerk of Session, Elder Brooke Spanial - Preschool Sftaff Jason Stanton - Accompanist Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Paul Twichell - Elder Debby Wiens - Pianist Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer, Women's Ministries Moderator