

# Pumpkin Pamphlet



## A Life OF Stewardship

This has been an unprecedented year with the COVID pandemic. We are reminded how totally dependent we are on God's providence. How fitting it is that Pastor Jeff has been preaching through Revelation this summer. Our focus was directed to the slain lamb who was worthy to open the scroll. All attention is on our future kingdom with Jesus as our King.

My father who was a student of eschatology would continually remind me to focus my time, talents, and treasure to supporting Christ's kingdom. He had the gift of evangelism, sharing his faith with anyone who would hear. His favorite saying was "send your treasures ahead". My parents faithfully tithed their Social Security, their only source of income. In addition, my dad walked their local roads picking up cans and bottles for redemption and contributed it to missions. He taught me that God owns it all and I am a steward of what he has entrusted to me. My focus needs to be "sending it ahead".

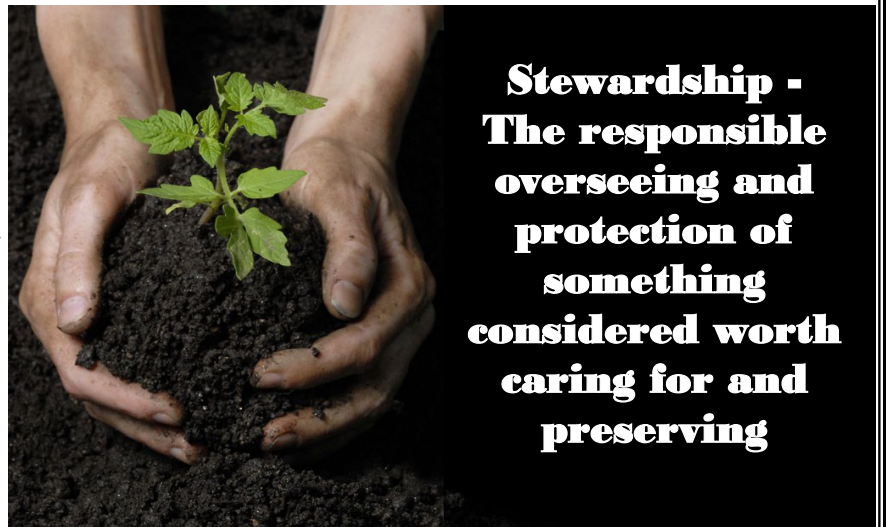
We are grateful to all who have faithfully given this year of their time, energy, and treasure in so many ways despite the unanticipated challenges. The COVID pandemic has not greatly affected the financial health of The Village Church. For this we feel very blessed. This year the LORD has provided new opportunities to serve Him and our community through online worship and Bible studies thereby reaching many who otherwise are not able to worship with us in person. Looking ahead, the LORD has also opened the door for a new K-5 education ministry. Through it all, by placing our trust in our Lord and Savior, The Village Church has been led to expand its ministry.

As you consider and pray about how the Lord wants to use you to bless our congregation and community, 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 a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) or Charitable Remainder Trust. Last year I shared how a DAF can be used to more effectively give in light of the new tax law. Due to COVID, Congress has modified tax law again encouraging charitable giving above the higher standard deduction. Call me at (805) 813-6903 if you have questions in this area.

Enclosed you will find a pledge form. As faithful stewards, we asked you to prayerfully consider increasing your financial and time commitment to The Village Church for 2021 to help maintain and expand our service in our church, community, and the world at large.

Thank you for your support of our Lord's ministry through the Village Church and for living your faith through your commitment. As you prayerfully give, you are also offering yourself.

In His Name,  
Elder Paul Twichell



## 2021 Stewardship Commitment 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 2021:

\_\_\_\_\_ Will commit to reading through the Bible in 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ Will invite two new people to church.

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

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

## OCTOBER EVENTS



**The Church Office,  
Preschool & K-5 will  
be closed on  
Nevada Day,  
October 30<sup>th</sup>**

### SESSION MEETING

**Wednesday,  
October 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Online meeting.

**Operation Christmas Child** is here! It is time to start thinking about packing a box (or two) to help share the message of the gospel - and the joy of Christmas - around the world! More info this Sunday's Minute for Mission - boxes are due at the church by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### DEACONS' MEETING

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### PRESCHOOL TRIKE-A-THON

**October 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon**



The Village Christian Preschool will hold its annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon on Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon. 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 \$1,200. The fundraising efforts help St. Jude continue its lifesaving mission of helping children everywhere who are battling cancer and other life-threatening 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.

## SAVE THE DATES

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on November 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is called to receive the report of our church nominating committee and to elect elders and deacons to serve in leadership for 2021. We will also be electing members-at-large for our 2021 nominating committee. Members are encouraged to participate in this brief but very important meeting.



**Remember to set your watches  
and clocks back one hour before  
you go to bed on October 31<sup>st</sup>**



# In-Person Indoor Worship Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:00AM

**Requirements:**  
**Face Coverings**  
**6 Feet Social Distancing**  
**100 Person Max in Sanctuary**  
**100 Person Max Overflow in Fireside Room**

**736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV**  
**775-831-0784 | [www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)**



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



## VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

The Village Church has been supporting *Reno Adolescent Boy's Teen Challenge* since 2017. The ministry is part of *Adult & Teen Challenge*, an international organization with over 200 residential treatment programs in the United States and over 1000 around the world. They have been guiding students through addiction recovery for over 60 years. The program offers a Christ-centered approach, helping students discover and triumph over the underlying causes of their addiction and find the love and grace of Jesus Christ.



In 1958, David Wilkerson, the founder of the organization, made a great step of faith from his rural Pennsylvania pulpit to the streets of New York City, where a murder trial of seven teenage boys churned society's antipathy toward them. Even Wilkerson was bewildered by his sense of compassion but, in spite of doubt, he followed the Spirit's prompting to help the boys. Wilkerson's outreach to gangs in New York led to the development of Teen Challenge, and his street ministry is the subject of the book (and movie) *The Cross and the Switchblade*, which he co-authored.

The belief that addiction destroys more than the body, has led *Adult and Teen Challenge* to develop programs that consider all aspects of their students' lives. Understanding that addiction starts as a way to fulfill a void that only God can fill, has made a strong relationship with the Lord a foundational tenet to the program. This foundation is built in the students by teaching them the Word of God and by encouraging them to bond with other growing disciples. One example of this is that as supporters of the program, The Village Church receives handwritten notes from teen boys in the local program, sharing their personal stories.

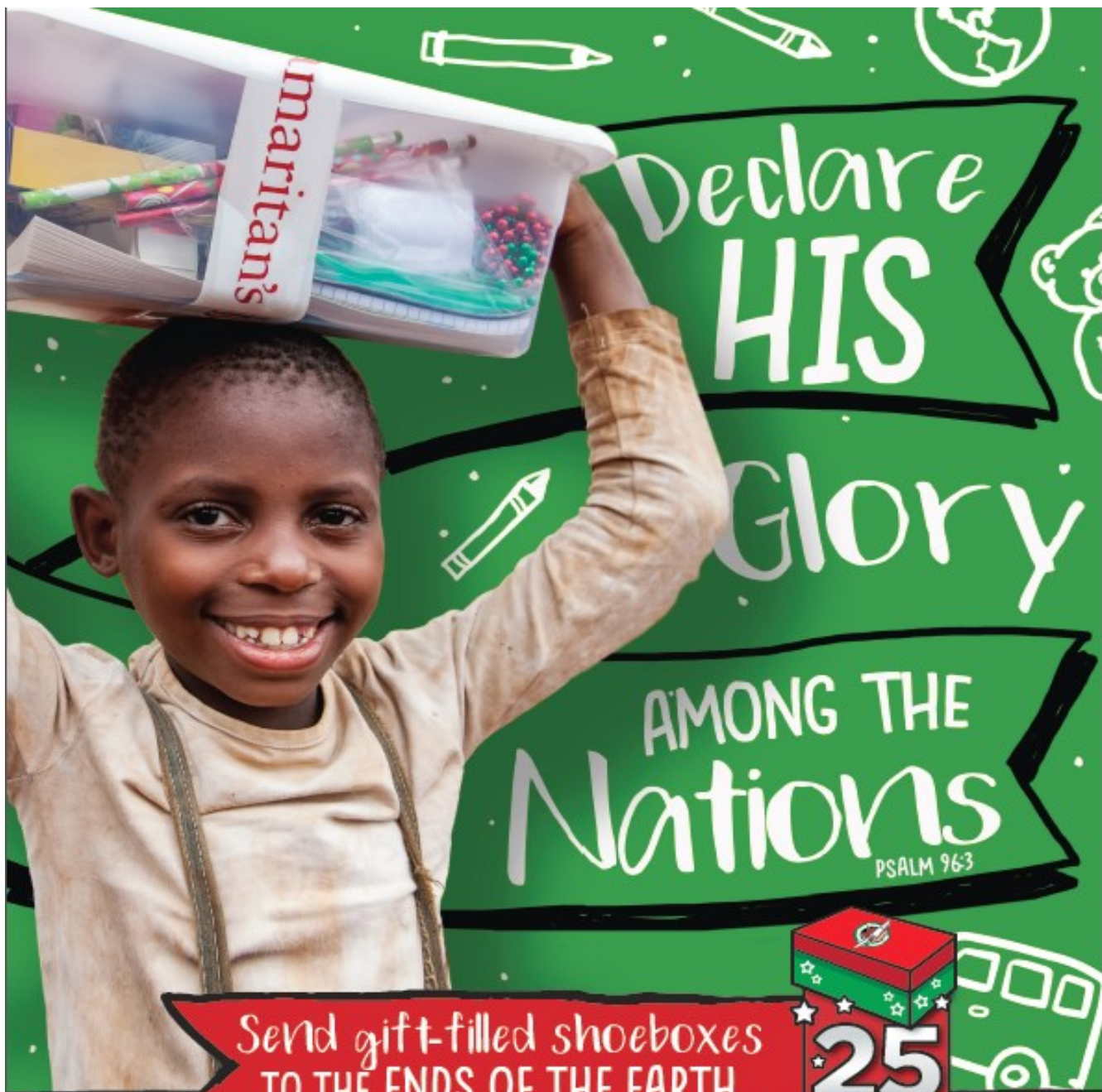
Locations offer a variety of services (for example, the Reno/Sparks location we support works with adolescent boys) that provide help for people struggling with drugs, alcohol, and other life controlling issues. There are also programs for adults, couples, and families. Admission requirements, fees, and tuition costs vary from program to program.

The programs usually last 12-18 months. This gives the students the time they need to reconnect with God and form a strong connection. The combination of Christian values and a long recovery period makes all the difference - another big reason that the students avoid relapse.

Our Reno-Sparks facility is a part of the NorWestCal Nevada branch of the *Adult and Teen Challenge* ministry. The NorWestCal Nevada mission statement is:

... to **provide successful recovery** for men, women, teens, children, and families with destructive, abusive, and addictive lifestyles through mentoring, education, training, and spiritual direction.

There is much more information, including powerful testimonials and statistics on both the local group's website (<http://www.teenchallenge.net>) and the national organization's website (<https://teenchallengeusa.org>). We encourage you to visit these sites if you have questions or are interested in finding out more about the organization.



**Packed shoeboxes due  
at the Church on  
Sunday, November 22nd**



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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# NEW MEMBER CLASS

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER  
INFORMATION MEETING**  
Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Noon Via Zoom

**Are you interested in learning more about becoming a  
Covenant Partner of The Village Church?**

**Join us for a online meeting on  
Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83017498835?  
pwd=NFFDQ11OZjRPZXIPbWxuVVZLbWZlQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83017498835?pwd=NFFDQ11OZjRPZXIPbWxuVVZLbWZlQT09)**

**If you would like to attend contact Pastor Jeff or the  
Church Office 775-831-0784.**

**JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**





# Village Christian Preschool Photos



# Village Christian K-5



## VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP

**Exciting News! Our Thrift Shop has expanded! We are so excited to announce that we have expanded The Village Christian Thrift Shop. Come by and check out the new space and find some great shopping deals. All proceeds support local, national, and international missions.**

**With the expansion, the Thrift Shop needs more volunteers (men & women) to support the ministry. To volunteer please contact Linda Robbins 775 831-5200, Vickie Twichell 775 434-5830, or Tony Conragan (775) 830-0566. The Thrift Shop days of operation are Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm.**



# The North Pole Comes to North Tahoe

**North Tahoe Thrift Stores  
Holiday Open House  
Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am to 5:00pm**

- The unveiling of all Holiday gifts and decorations each store has for sale
  - Wrapped treats for the kids
  - Santa sightings between the stores

**Pet Network  
Thrift Store  
760 Mays Blvd  
Suites 9 & 10  
Incline Village, NV  
775-548-5049**

**Tahoe Family  
Solutions Thrift Store  
797 Southwood Blvd  
Incline Village, NV  
775-833-4414**

**Tahoe Forest Hospice  
Gift & Thrift Store  
893 Tahoe Blvd  
Suite 1500  
Incline Village, NV  
775-298-7901**

**The Village Christian  
Thrift Shop  
799 Southwood Blvd  
Incline Village, NV  
775-831-3902**

Join your local **community**  
Thrift Stores as we ring in the holidays and  
celebrate the North Pole in North Tahoe!

**Masks & Social Distancing are Mandatory at All Stores**

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



### Nursery & Sunday School - Sundays 10:00 a.m.

The church will have Nursery Care in-person every Sunday for the 10:00 a.m. service. Sunday School is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Sunday School will be in Room C at the church. Nursery care will be in the Nursery.

### Youth Bible Study - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:15 a.m. In-Person and Online

This is a Bible Study for Middle & High Schoolers. 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=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

### 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=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09>

### 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>

### Prayer Group - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join our prayer group. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81423073885?pwd=ZTJsQVFcjFic3RaNEl3UUJyeUVpUT09>

### 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>

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

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



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



**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.

Did we forget your birthday?  
Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784

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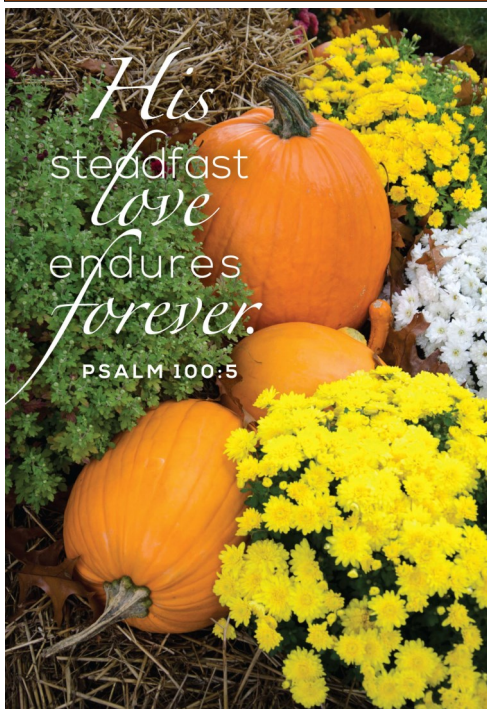
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**October  
2020**

Church Leadership

*Paul Ackerman - Deacon*

*Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff*

*Alfredo Amezaga - Elder*

*Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon*

*Ted Bandaruk - Elder*

*Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Grief Minister*

*Stephanie Conragan - Office Assistant*

*Jim Dykstra - Deacon*

*Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator*

*Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon*

*Tim Gilbert - Elder*

*Keith Hansen - Elder*

*Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff*

*Scott Johnson - Elder*

*Kira Kitzman - K-5 Program Leader*

*Ryan Kitzman - K-5 Program Leader*

*Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director*

*Miriella Melara - Deacon*

*Marilyn Merritt - Deacon*

*Darlene Nilsson - Elder & Children's  
Ministry Director*

*Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor*

*Ella Ogden - K-5 Program Staff*

*Steve O'Malley - Deacon*

*Annie Payne - Office Manager*

*Chris Peterson - Deacon*

*Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff*

*Lonny Reed - Custodian*

*Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff*

*Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder*

*Jason Stanton - Accompanist*

*Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon*

*Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Paul Twichell - Elder*