



From Pastor Jeff

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.” Jude 1:3

This month marks my three year anniversary as pastor here at The Village Church. A lot has gone on in that time, in my own life, as a husband, and father, and in the life of the Church. When you look at the changes in the larger world, it’s remarkable. Since September of 2014, same-sex marriage and recreational marijuana use have been legalized, a new President has been elected, violence on the far left and right has become commonplace—our culture is changing faster every month it seems. All the old ways and old sureties seem to be called into question.

As I have thought about these changes and the increasing darkness and hostility in our culture, I have looked again at what I believe and what I think Jesus calls His Church to stand for. And I find that, as fast as the culture changes, rushing to embrace each new wave of so-called “progress,” my calling and that of the Church remains unchanged. I am called to proclaim Jesus Christ as Messiah and Lord, the Son of the Living God, ruler of Heaven and Earth, Judge of the Living and the Dead. The Church is called to be a refuge for the lost, a hospital for sinners, an outpost of the Kingdom of God, where the Good News of the Kingdom is proclaimed and lived, where the love of God is offered to all who repent and believe.

Love God, love Jesus, love our neighbors, preach the Good News, teach the Truth; it’s not rocket science—it is our calling.



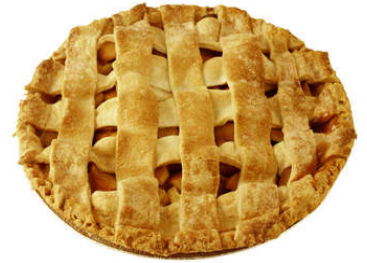
SEPTEMBER EVENTS



OLD-FASHION PICNIC POTLUCK

Sunday, September 3rd

"OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC" THEME POTLUCK! On September 3rd we will gather for a potluck after 10:00 a.m. worship with a "Mom and Apple Pie" theme. Bring watermelon, corn on the cob, you favorite kind of pie or other picnic items. The church will be providing fried chicken and ice cream! Join us for good food and fellowship.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

September 3rd

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on September 3rd. 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

September 3rd

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.



LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 3rd

On Sunday, September 3rd will be the last opportunity of the year to worship outdoors in our Chapel in the Pines. We've had a blessed season of outdoor worship in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with many guests and members of our Village Church family. Our Lord is truly using our summer worship times to further His message. Thank yous go to staff and many volunteers for facilitating our outdoor worship services: Tony Conragan for setting up and running our sound system each Sunday morning; Tim Gilbert and his crew for setting out cushions for worship and cleaning the chairs and Chapel area; Ann Schofield for planting and maintaining the beautiful flower pots and gardens; Jason Stanton and others for leading our worship music; our ushers and hosts for quickly adjusting to whatever situation was presented; those who helped with initial clean-up of the chapel and setting up and taking down the shade sails each week; to everyone for helping take down the chapel after each service; and our hospitality teams and volunteers for providing goodies, ice cream, and other refreshments after worship.



OUR CHOIR RETURNS

September 10th



The choir will again begin sharing their musical gifts with our congregation

during our 10:00 a.m. service starting Sunday, September 10th. All who are interested in singing with the choir are invited to participate. The ability to read music is NOT a requirement. A heart willing to worship our Lord is! Our choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. in our Fireside Room. If you have questions, please contact Jon Fay, our Choir Director.

SESSION MEETING

September 13th

The Session meeting for September will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.



DEACONS' MEETING

September 17th

The Deacons meeting for September will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 11:30 a.m. in Room A.

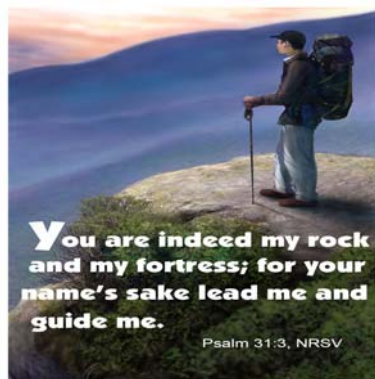
CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, September 9th

We will be gathering at 9:00 a.m. in our Fireside Room for coffee, prayers and assignments as we begin our Fall Church Workday on Saturday, September 9th. We will prepare our church for winter with painting and other tasks. Our hope is to complete our tasks by 12:00 p.m. and enjoy a barbecue lunch together.



CHURCH NEWS



MOUNT ROSE HIKE

Saturday, September 23rd

Would you like to see the spectacular views from the top of Mt. Rose? We will be hiking Mt. Rose on Saturday, September 23rd, leaving the church parking lot at 6:50 a.m. and starting the hike at 7:00 a.m. from the Mt. Rose parking lot. The hike is over ten miles with a net vertical gain of around 3,000 feet. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff or Michele Young.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING

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

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

THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help out at the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and we need men and women volunteers to help out on any of the days that we are open. Please contact Linda Robins at 775-831-5200 or Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 to volunteer or for more information.



SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We need your help with our Children's Message. Connect with our youngest by sharing a story about God's Word. Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a volunteer provides a special message for our children before they are excused for Sunday School. You don't need to come up with your own material, the church can provide it to you. If interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

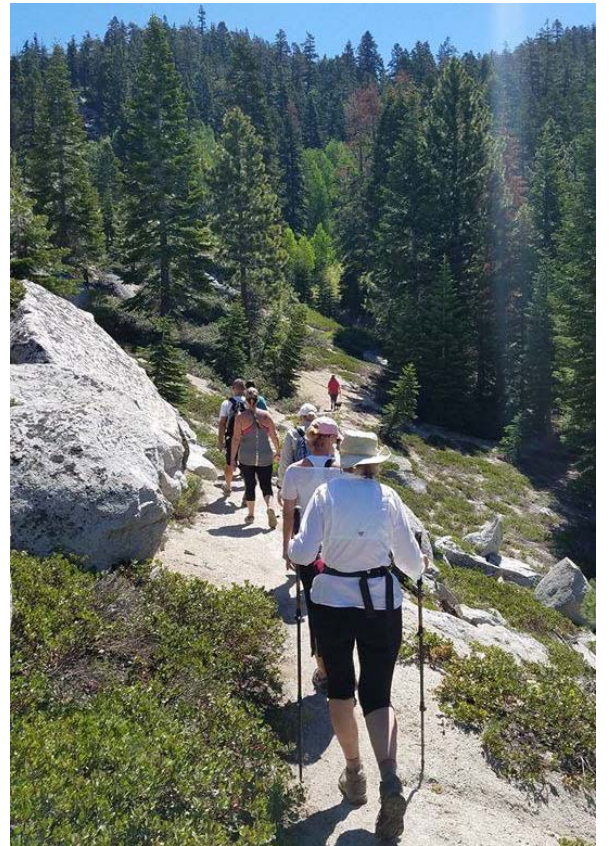
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We need people to teach Sunday school to our young people. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry. Mary Gilbert, Christian Ed. Director, will provide the lesson plans and crafts. Contact Mary Gilbert if you would be available to help.

COUNTERS

We are looking for folks from our congregation who would be willing to be on two person teams to count the weekly offerings on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Counting is easily taught and takes fifteen minutes to thirty minutes from start to finish. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

SUMMER PHOTOS

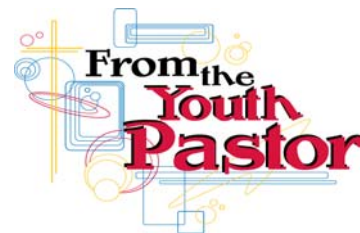


YOUTH NEWS



Back To School

This month all the kids are back in school and trying to refocus after an amazing summer. I couldn't wait for this school year to start, so the Upper Room youth group started back in early August.



I have big plans for the youth this 2017/2018

school year, including Bible studies and outreach. A few main goals for all of our groups is to encourage and grow faith with Jesus Christ in the youth and provide opportunities to practice their faith. Last year we saw young people asking for Bibles, going on mission trips, participating in outreach, worship, and various church activities throughout the year. My hope for this year is that it will be even better!

This Fall I would like to have a weekend youth retreat on the coast. In the past, these trips have been a place where God moved in a very powerful way in the hearts of the youth. We are looking for a place to hold this weekend youth retreat. To help keep cost down, we are asking if anyone has a house/property near the California coast that they would allow us (youth group) to use for a weekend for a retreat. This would be an amazing opportunity to support our youth. We are hoping for a weekend in October.

Another exciting addition/change for this new school year is in our Special Ops outreach group that meets on Sundays from 12-3pm. This year we will be doing adding other outreach activities besides homeless outreach, including visiting seniors in assisted living facilities and community outreach activities (more details to come). We are very excited about expanding this ministry to reach out to more people.

To the youth, I want you to be encouraged knowing that you are being lifted up in prayer daily and with Jesus on your side, you can have courage and peace as you face this new exciting chapter of your life.

The Village Church Youth Groups:

Mondays - Youth Bible Study, 4-5pm meets at Starbucks in Incline Village (coffee included)

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)

I appreciate your prayers and support for these groups and I also invite any of you to come and help out or hang out with us at any of our groups. My vision is for our whole church to be involved with the youth and help raise them up to be men and women of faith. It might sound scary, but it is very rewarding.

Thank you, **Pastor Tony**





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

While students and parents are busy with beginning of the school year activities, the new Sunday School year curriculum is well underway. The new curriculum year began June 4th and will fluctuate between lessons from the New and Old Testament and Spiritual Life.

The elementary program is taught by dedicated and seasoned teacher volunteers to students in grades 1-5. The lessons began with the miracles Jesus performed while on Earth, moved through Godly wisdom and commands from Proverbs, and into the Parable of the Sower. Currently, this class is focusing on our blessings from the Lord. The second quarter, which will run through late November, will feature helpful people in the Bible, which lessons do not usually cover, and a study on the book of Philippians.

Preschool classes also began the new season with a series of lessons covering some of the best known miracles performed during Jesus' ministry. Youngsters then learned about interesting and special men and women of the New Testament. They have recently concluded studying the life of Joseph, learning how important it is to trust and follow the Lord in all circumstances. This class, too, will learn about helpers in the bible and hear stories from the book of Philippians.

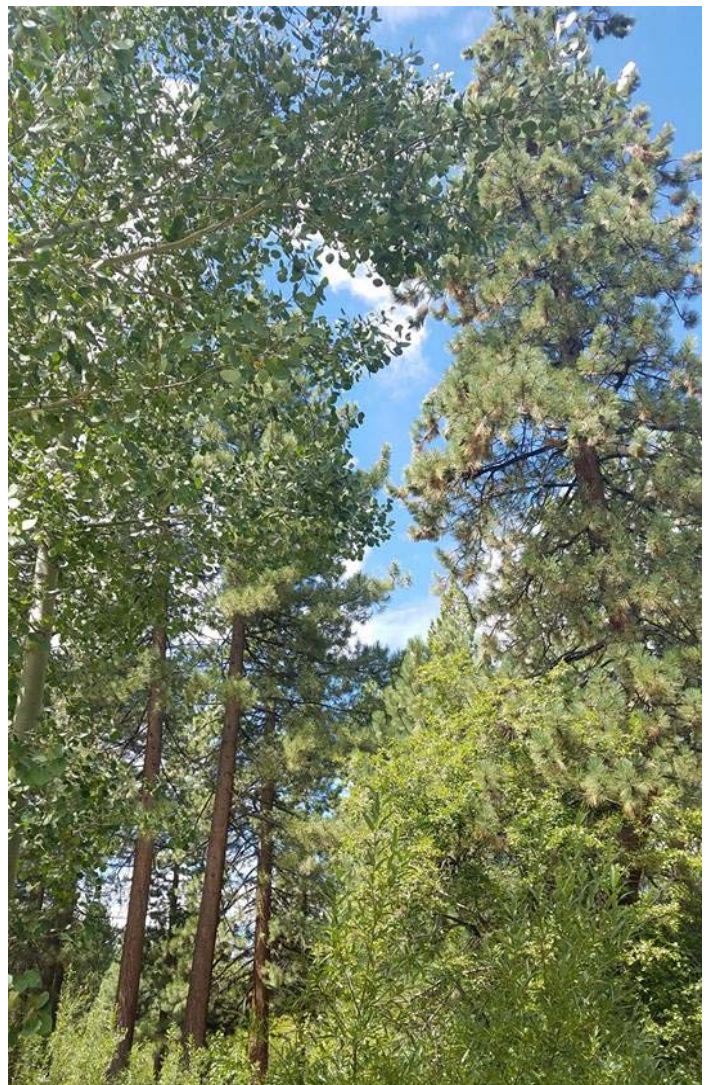
The website for our Sunday School curriculum is kidssundayschool.com. If you are volunteering to teach on Sundays, please take the time to check it out so you can be prepared with specific questions to ask your children. If you are considering volunteering to assist with Children's Ministry as a Sunday School teacher, this website will give you an idea of how easy the program is to implement!

We are very thankful to all our volunteers. Teaching God's word to children is very important but also very rewarding. If you would like to start volunteering as either a Sunday School Teacher or Aide please let me know.

Mary Gilbert, C.E. Director



JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Our afternoon men's study is meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

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. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

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

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

Kings Beach Small Group First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Boxeth's. This group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and Third Thursdays of the month. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Patti or Gary Boxeth 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 Jim & Jane Dykstra's House. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Annie Payne or Tim Gilbert for more info.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

September 3rd Communion Servers:

1. Karen Ferrell
2. Don Ferrell
3. Linda Robins
4. Rob Robins
5. Michele Young
6. Craig Young
7. Patti Boxeth
8. Gary Boxeth

Worship Assistants:

- September 3: Nancy Leonard
September 10: Logan Hoopes
September 17: Kristen Ferrell
September 24: Rich Caviness

Ushers:

- September 3: Ted and Lynn Bandaruk
September 10: Joannie McNulty
September 17: Chris and Carla Peterson
September 24: Bill and Nancy Leonard

Children's Message:

- September 3: Don Ferrell
September 10: Darlene Nilsson
September 17: Cindy Liggett
September 24: Need Help!

Hospitality Teams

- September 3: Team 8
September 10: Team 1
September 17: Team 2
September 24: Team 3



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.

Village Christian Preschool Photos





9/5 Mark Nielson	9/16 Joann Fortier
9/7 Kathi Bredesen	9/20 Mary Lee Sheridan
9/8 Lynne Swingley Donat	9/21 Jenny Kerry
9/11 Debby Wiens	9/22 Jim Turpin
9/13 Cheryl Hollingsworth	9/24 Jean Klein
Cheryl Turpin	9/25 Bryan Heinzer

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

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Year To Date
Through August:



Needed	\$289,240
Given	\$276,646
Difference	-\$12,594

OCTOBER TRIALOGUE DEADLINE

Friday, September 15th

Send your news to:

apayne@TheVillageChurchNV.org



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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 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.

Please pray for the teachers and the students as they begin the new school year.



“EASY LISTENER” SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that our Sanctuary and our Chapel in the Pines have assisted listening systems available. These systems utilizes a small receiver to allow for individually adjusted volume control within our church’s sound system. This equipment is available from Pastor Jeff or Tony before each service. Please return the headsets at the end of each service. If you have any questions about the operation of this system, please check with an usher or Pastor Jeff.



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.



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Scripture for the Month:
 "He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams
 of water, Which yields its fruit in its season
 And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever
 he does, he prospers." Psalms 1:3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 <i>Lord's Supper & Last Outdoor Worship</i>  8:00am Worship in Sanctuary 10:00am Worship Chapel in the Pines 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fried Chicken Potluck	4 <i>Office & Preschool Closed</i>  LABOR DAY	5 2:37pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - F/R	6 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 6:00pm Pastor Jeff's Adult Bible Study - F/R 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	7 6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Gary & Patti Boxeth's Home	1 <i>Preschool Closed</i> <i>Teacher Workday</i>	2
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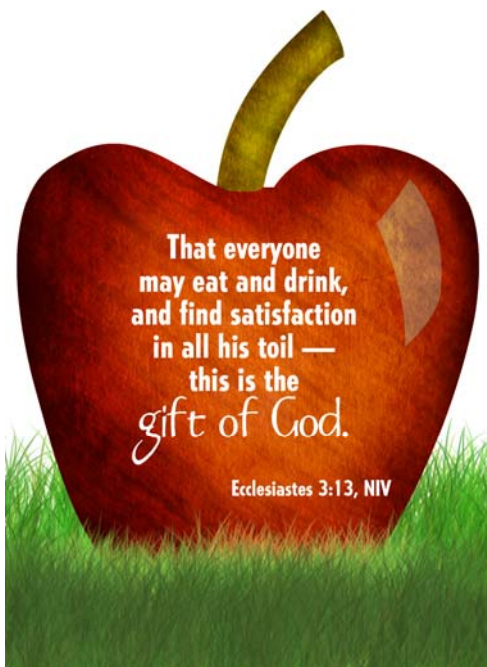
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Church Leadership

Doug Baker - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Deacon

Patti Boxeth - Deacon

Gary Boxeth - Elder

Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jane Dykstra - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Custodian & Elder

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Ann O'Keefe - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Tom Payne - Deacon

Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director

Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, & Elder & Clerk of Session

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder