



From Pastor Jeff

Well, after 31 weeks we finally have come to the end of The Story. From Creation to the New Creation we have gone on a journey through God's Story in the Bible. We've met a diverse cast of characters, and gotten a taste for the grand sweep of God's plan of redemption in Jesus Christ. We learned a lot, but there is a lot that got left out. I want to encourage you to not give up reading the Bible for yourself. Now that you have a sense of the sweep of the narrative, go back and do more in depth study of the individual books. We barely scratched the surface of the Wisdom books like Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. The prophetic books contain powerful testimonies of God's saving judgement and redeeming love. Paul's letters are worthy of serious study and thought.

Some tools that can help you in your deeper study of God's Story are a good study bible, like the ESV Study Bible (2008, Crossway), and a Bible dictionary, like the IVP New Bible Dictionary, edited by I. Howard Marshall (1996, InterVarsity Press). There are helpful websites like the Biblegateway.com, that let you search across multiple versions, and read different translations of the Bible in English. We live in a time of great abundance of resources to make sense of God's word, but they are all useless if we are not reading the Word for ourselves.

So at the end of the Story, don't give up, keep reading and learning. God's word has great treasures for those who seek them!



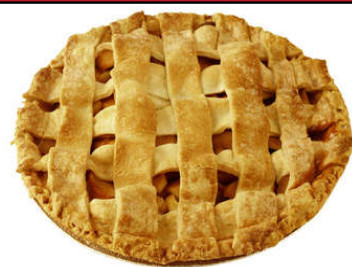
SEPTEMBER EVENTS



OLD-FASHION PICNIC POTLUCK

Sunday, September 2nd

“OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC” THEME POTLUCK! On September 2nd 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, your 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 2nd

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on September 2nd. 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 2nd

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 2nd

On Sunday, September 2nd 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 you 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 9th



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

during our 10:00 a.m. service starting Sunday, September 9th. 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 12th

The Session meeting for September will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at 4:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.



DEACONS' MEETING

September 9th

The Deacons meeting for September will be held on Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. in Room A.

LABOR DAY

September 3rd

The Office and Preschool will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.



THRIFT SHOP & WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 11th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

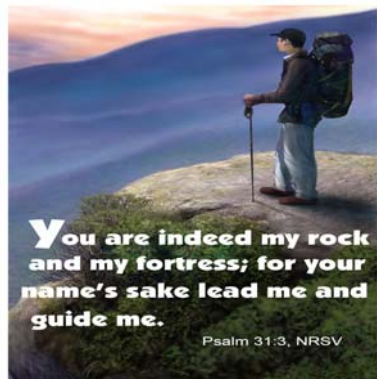
THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Village Christian Thrift Shop is open for your donations during business hours 11:00a-3:00p, Monday through Saturday. You may also call the Thrift Shop for furniture pickup (831-3902). Our customers shop at Village Christian Thrift Shop for the good deals and caring atmosphere. BUT we need more people (men & women) from our church who see the shop as an ministry opportunity. (No knocking on doors - people come to us!) If you are interested in being a part of the Village Church's outreach by volunteering, please contact **Linda Robins (775) 831-5200** or **Vickie Twichell (775) 534-5830**.

Thank you for your donations and prayers as we endeavor to honor Christ and reach souls for the Kingdom through the Village Christian Thrift Shop.



CHURCH NEWS



MOUNT ROSE HIKE

Saturday, September 22ND

Would you like to see the spectacular views from the top of Mt. Rose? We will be hiking Mt. Rose on Saturday, September 22nd, 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.



HIKING



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.

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ECO is committed to growing and planting flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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.

YOUTH S.F. MISSION TRIP PHOTOS

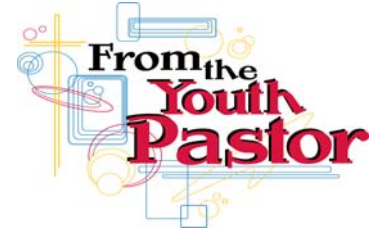


YOUTH NEWS



Back To School!

It sure seems like Summer went by faster than usual, but the last couple months were amazing as well as short. In July our youth went to San Francisco and spent six days doing all different types of outreach and service ministry with YWAM. This was our 6th year going on this trip, and we made a difference in people's lives. Everyone who attended this mission trip were impacted by God. Also, in July I took some youth to Wild Island water park in Sparks for a goodbye to Summer day on waterslides. We had some younger folks join in and even a few other church folks. It was a very fun day and I found that I am especially gifted at being stuffed into small tubes full of water and screaming at young people in 100-degree weather.



Our first youth group of the 2018/2019 school year was on August 29 and had over 20 kids! The Upper Room Group is for all middle and high school youth to enjoy. We meet in the youth room on Wednesdays from 6-8pm and follow the Washoe county school schedule. That means when there isn't school, we aren't meeting, but if there is school we are. We will be starting up some Bible study groups this fall and they will be an excellent way to go deeper in your faith and Gods word, so be watching for specific days/ times on those groups. On Sundays, the youth will continue to visit homeless and senior citizens in Reno with our group called "Special Ops", which meets Sundays from 12-3pm.

I would like to invite any of you adults to come and help out or hang out with us at any of our youth 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. Please remember to keep the youth in prayer this year and if you are interested in helping out in any or all of our events please contact me, or Annie in the church office.

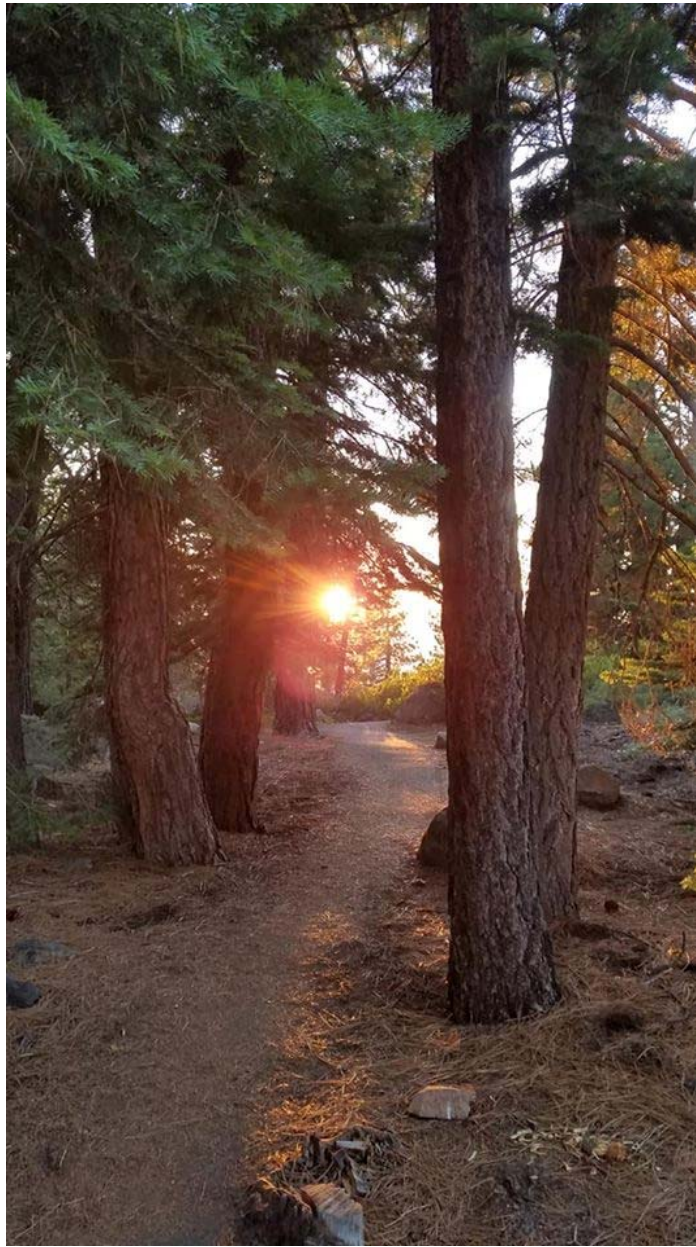
Thank you, *Pastor Tony*



CHURCH BARBEQUE PHOTOS



JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the Gospel accounts, Jesus acknowledged the great value of children. In a culture that tended to ignore and otherwise devalue children, Jesus made it clear that he viewed children as people with great value in God's sight. Jesus reached out to children, welcoming them into his presence and blessing them (Matthew 19:14-15). On several occasions Jesus went out of his way to heal children (Luke 8:49-56). He was willing to be "bothered" in order to minister to children.

Five love languages

How can we reach out with Jesus' love to bless the children in our homes, neighborhoods, churches and communities? Love is like a language—it must be spoken (expressed) and understood (received). Learning how a child perceives and receives love is essential for those who seek to bless children with Jesus' love.

Not every child speaks the same love language. In *The Five Love Languages of Children*, Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell identify five love languages for children: appropriate physical touch, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service and quality time. The book explains how an adult (such as a parent) may liberally extend love to a child using one love language, only to find that the child does not feel loved because he or she does not "speak" that particular language.

Perhaps a child's dominant, or preferred love language is appropriate physical touch, but the parents, though liberal in gift giving, are physically distant with the child, and as a result he or she feels unloved. We have to figure out how a child receives love and then reach out using that love language. One of the ways the authors give to discern a child's dominant love language is to observe how the child expresses love to others.

When working with a group of children, we will need to speak love in multiple love languages. While spending extended, quality time with them we'll offer words and actions that convey this vital message: "we care about you—you are accepted and loved by us." We can provide the children with snacks (the love language of gift giving). At times we can involve them in service projects (the love language of acts of service). We also can extend careful and appropriate physical affection (the language of physical touch), such as a pat on the back or shoulder or an appropriate, non-sexual hug. In various ways, using multiple love languages, each child can receive the blessing of Christ's love extended from a safe, caring and supportive adult.

Of course, such Christian love has to be given unconditionally. If the only time children receive attention and affirmation is when they have done something to please us, they quickly learn that our love is conditional, based on their performance. In *The Gift of the Blessing*, Gary Smalley and John Trent point out that affirmations should be given to a child based on who the child is (a valuable and worthwhile person whom Jesus accepts and loves) rather than on what they have done, or not done. It is particularly important not to withhold our blessing when a child's performance is disappointing. In this way we model God's unconditional grace and love that is in Christ.

Excerpt from www.gci.org Grace Communion International

BLESS CHILDREN WITH JESUS' LOVE

Author: Ted Johnston

Mary Gilbert, C.E. Director

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Reno Small Group Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Reno small group on Mondays at 2:00pm. Location is at Tanamera Clubhouse 900 S. Meadows Parkway in Reno. Led by Betsy Garfinkle and her friend. The study is on "Living on The Edge" by Chip Ingram.

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. Starts Back in October

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 Tim Gilbert for more info.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

September 2nd Communion Servers:

1. Karen Ferrell
2. Don Ferrell
3. Lynn Bandaruk
4. Ted Bandaruk
5. Joannie McNulty
6. Tim Gilbert

Worship Assistants:

- September 2: Norma Kilbourn
September 9: Logan Hoopes
September 16: Nancy Manter
September 23: Linda Robins
September 30: Millie Clarke

Ushers:

- September 2: Joannie McNulty
September 9: Ted & Lynn Bandaruk
September 16: Don & Karen Ferrell
September 23: Paul & Vicki Twichell
September 30: Gary & Patti Boxeth

Children's Message:

- September 2: Pastor Jeff Ogden
September 9: Need Help
September 16: Need Help
September 23: Cindy Liggett
September 30: Don Ferrell

Hospitality Teams

- September 2: Team 4
September 9: Team 5
September 16: Team 6
September 23: Team 7
September 30: Team 8



Vacation Bible School - Preschool



Vacation Bible School - Elementary



Village Christian Preschool Photos





September Birthdays

9/5 Mark Nielson	9/21 Jenny Kerry
9/7 Kathi Bredesen	9/22 Jim Turpin
9/8 Lynne Swingley Donat	9/24 Jean Klein
9/11 Debby Wiens	9/25 Bryan Heinzer
9/13 Cheryl Turpin	Paula Townley
9/16 Joann Fortier	9/28 Scott Johnson
9/20 Mary Lee Sheridan	

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	\$290,938
Given	\$291,758
Difference	\$820

OCTOBER TRIALOGUE DEADLINE

Friday, September 14th

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 utilize 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.



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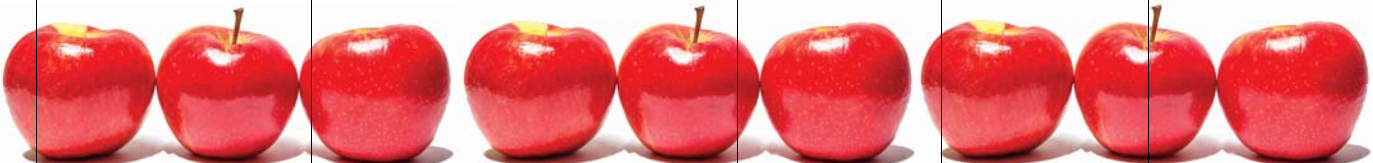
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September 2018



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
						1 Belize Mission Trip Packing Day
2 <i>Lord's Supper & Last Outdoor Worship</i> 8:00am Worship in Sanctuary 9:15am Praise Team Practice - Outdoor Chapel 10:00am Worship Chapel in the Pines 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fried Chicken Potluck 12:30pm Softball Practice	3 <i>Office & Preschool Closed</i>  LABOR DAY	4 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home	5 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Room A 6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	6	7	8 7:50am Hike - Meet in Church Parking Lot 
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A joyful place to grow

"The tree
is known by its
fruit."



Matthew 12:33, NRSV



**September
2018**

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

Church Leadership

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