

## From Pastor Jeff

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are times and seasons in the lives of every individual, family, organization, and nation. Since COVID hit, we at The Village Church have been seeing a time of transition and change, and not just in how we conduct and experience worship. I want to use this newsletter article to let you know about other transitions happening here.

#### YOUTH

Tony Conragan has let us know that he has been feeling called out of youth ministry and towards grief and visitation ministry. Session has approved Tony to move into this new role starting August 1st. This new position is approved for one year and will be evaluated next Summer. We are currently working on a job description for a new youth leader and hope to advertise soon.

#### **MUSIC**

COVID has required many changes from us. Due to the need for consistency in our YouTube streaming, Jason Stanton is playing contemporary music at both the indoor (8 a.m.) and outdoor (10 a.m.) services. We hope in the Fall to be able to offer Traditional and Contemporary services. Also because of Covid, Session has voted to suspend choir practice and performances through the end of the year at least.

Session has also recognized the need for a Music Director who can unify and strengthen our program at both services by leading the praise team and the vocal ensembles in worship. This has led us to phase out the Choir Director and 8 a.m. piano player positions. I want to thank John and Pam Fay and Debbie Wiens for their many years of faithful service and contributions to our worship program. To thank them and show your appreciation, cards and letters can be dropped by the office.

#### **STAFF**

There have also been a few changes on a staff level as well. After many years as our head of custodial services, Tim Gilbert has taken a new job and Lonny Reed has taken over in this roll. We have created a Summer K-5 Recreation Program and hired Ryan and Kira Kitzman as leaders. This Program may transition into a Fall After School or School Day Program. Your prayers are appreciated as we discern what the need may be. Lastly, Annie Payne, our office manager, needs an assistant. We will be posting the position description soon.

As you can see, there is a lot happening and many changes. I know that no one likes change and even good change can be stressful. None of these decisions were taken lightly and my hope is that each one can help our church move forward in mission to the lost world around us.

#### Dear Village Church,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve this church as Choir Director for the past 24 years. I have had the pleasure of working with three different full-time pastors, one interim pastor, and numerous members of the Choir during my tenure and have enjoyed every moment. Pamela and I feel so blessed by all of you and all the people we have had the pleasure to call friends during this time. As the Village Church moves forward into the future, and works to embrace new and exciting changes, we pray for your future growth and the new direction to carry you onward. Blessings to all of you.

Sincerely, Jon and Pamela Fay

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST



### MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 3rd
The Village
Church mission
committee will be
meeting on
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at 2:30 p.m. via
Zoom online
meeting.

## SESSION MEETING

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Wednesday, August 19th
The Session of
The Village Church will

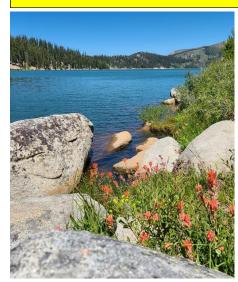
be meeting on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Online meeting. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer.

#### **DEACONS' MEETING**

Sunday, August 9th
The Deacons will
be meeting on Sunday,
August 9th at 11:30 a.m.
via Zoom Online
meeting.



#### **CHURCH HIKING PHOTOS**





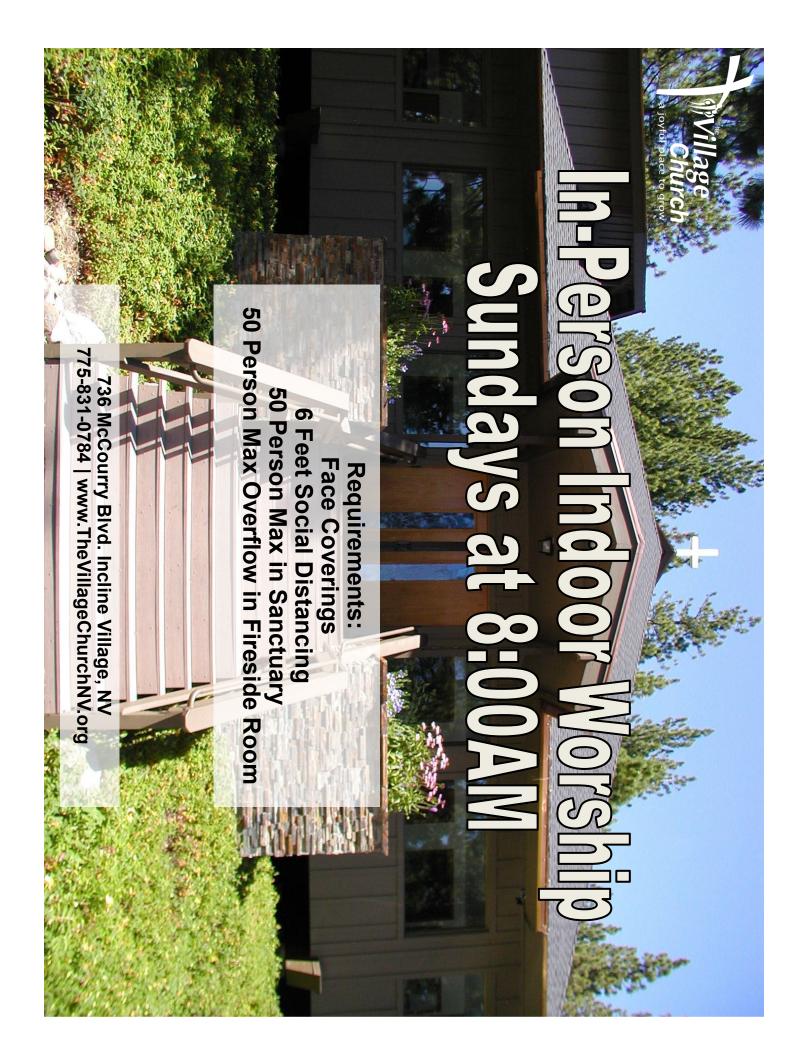




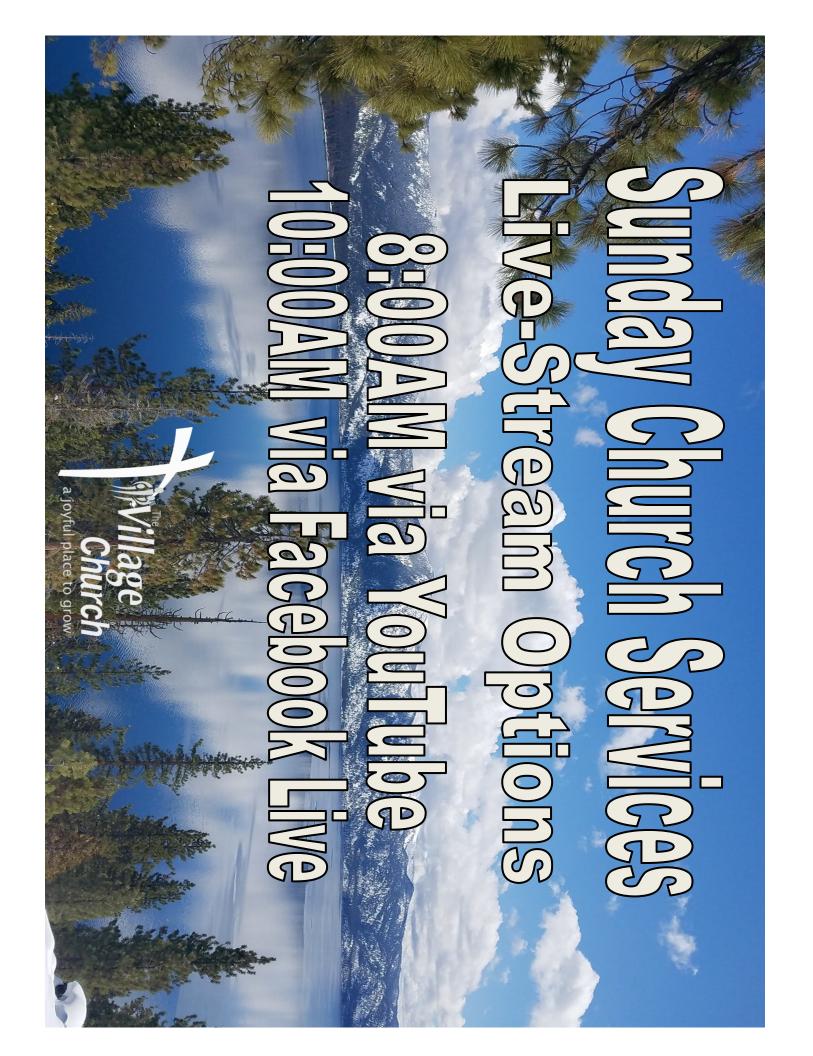
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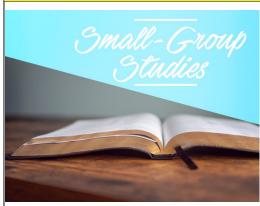
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#### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**



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

The church will have Nursery Care and Sunday School in-person every Sunday for the 10:00 a.m. service. Sunday School will be in Room A at the church. Nursery care will be in the Nursery.

#### Youth Bible Study - 2nd & 4th 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

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#### 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

#### 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/ i/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.



8/1	Ben Barnes	8/21	Sharla Baker
8/2	John Kraft	8/25	Christopher Orlady
8/4	Steve Wiens	8/25	Vern Tyerman
8/8	Michelle Young	8/26	Steve Jensen
8/10	Ellen Castator	8/27	Gloria Ulrich
8/14	George Frederic	8/30	Nancy Manter
8/14	Stephanie Conragan	8/30	Mark Sarsycki
8/21	Erika Hamner	8/31	Suzy Farrell
8/21	Rich Caviness		•

Did we forget your birthday? Call us at the church office - 775,831,0784

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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



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.

#### **VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP**

### The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm.

Thrift Shop is seeking volunteers to help out on a regular basis (including seasonal volunteers). The Thrift Shop days of operation are Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm. We need men and women volunteers to help out on any of the days that we are open.

#### Thrift Shop Requirements:

- Masks are required for all volunteers and shoppers.
- Sanitizing stations are set up and required at entry.
- Volunteers will be wearing gloves.
- The number of people allowed in the shop at any time will be limited to allow for easier movement and social distancing.

Thank you for your prayers and support. To volunteer please call one of the below managers.

Linda Robins 775-831-5200 Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 Tony Conragan 775 830-0566









#### **VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS**



# Partners International – Working in Remote Places, Even During the Pandemic

One of the international mission organizations our church missions committee decided to support this year is Partners International. "You have a heart for the lost. Yet the lost in the darkest places on earth seem out of reach. Partners International is a nonprofit Christian ministry with a mission to extend your influence to places you can't go. With your help, we come alongside indigenous ministries and assist them in fulfilling the vision God has given them."

The vision of Partners International is that local ministries in the least-reached, least resourced nations will be proclaiming the Gospel to every person and building a thriving church for every people. Their mission is building the Church in the least reached places by partnering with indigenous ministries and connecting followers of Christ.

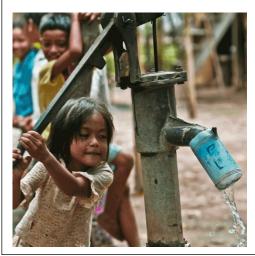
In working with indigenous ministries, they go far beyond providing just financial resources. They foster ministries' growth through training, leadership development, planning, and ongoing counsel that helps their partners become successful, sustainable organizations that are transforming their communities and nations for Christ.

They have found that reaching people with the Gospel message in the least reached places is most effective when physical needs are met. Their key strategy to impact lives is holistic witness, which means reaching out to the "whole" person, addressing physical, spiritual, and socio-economic concerns with the Gospel message of hope.

Partners International works in 58 nations in partnership with more than 110 indigenous Christian ministries.

During the pandemic, these indigenous ministries are distributing food and supplies such as masks and hand sanitizer or soap. Each person helped by relief provides an opportunity for a ministry worker to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every food package, sanitation kit, training session, or community outreach event is planned to share the love of Christ and build the Church in the least reached places.

Here is a short movie on their current work: <a href="https://www.partnersintl.org">https://www.partnersintl.org</a>







# Village Christian Preschool Summer Fun













Congratulations Tasia. Baby Jackston is here!



## Village Christian K-5 Program

Hello Church Family,

We are astounded to say that we have just completed week four of the Summer K5 Program! We have been having a blast singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and learning about Jesus.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed covering topics such as the Leave No Trace Principles, baking techniques, fun facts about sea creatures, and reading comprehension. We are currently reading The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe together.

Throughout our Bible lessons, we have memorized the Lord's Prayer, The Great Commission, and have discussed the meaning and implications of redemption extensively. We are amazed at the thought-provoking questions the children have been asking about the Gospel!

Mark and Anita Lee have been so generous as to volunteer two hours of their time every Tuesday and Thursday. They have taught the children wonderful skills such as using a compass, using a balance scale, mathematics with the older children, and more! They have been a tremendous help to us and have enriched this program greatly. If there is a skill, game, or craft you would also like to share with the children, please let us know as we are still seeking out volunteers (either for drop-in or on a regular basis).

Thank you for your continued prayer and support as we invest in these precious children. We

could not do this without you!

Blessings, Kira & Ryan Kitzman Village Christian K-5 Program Leaders









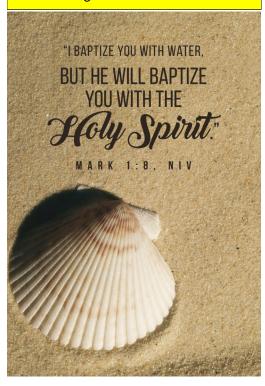




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### A Joyful Place To Grow



### Church Leadership



August 2020

Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Elder Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV& Grief Minister 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

Paul Ackerman - 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

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon