



## From Pastor Jeff

Why is there a church? Why do we exist? What is our mission? Knowing our mission would definitely make it easier to accomplish.

The first thing to note is that the church is a people not a place. The New Testament word we translate as “church” is *ekklesia*. It means “assembly.” We talk about “going to church”, but this is just a shorthand way of saying, “Going to the place where the church assembles.” Wherever God’s people assemble, there is the church.



As the people of God, we have a mission, to be fulfilled individually and corporately. Jesus laid out our mission in these words:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.*

As God’s people, our mission is to love God with all of our beings and care for our neighbors the way we care for ourselves.

How do we love God? He tells us: Believe in Jesus (John 12:44-46, 1 John 3:23) and obey his commands (John 14:15, 23; 1 John 5:3; see also John 15:9-14) How do we care for our neighbor? By showing mercy, forgiveness, understanding, and by being compassionate, speaking the truth in love, providing for those without food, shelter, clothing and taking care of physical and spiritual needs. This mission is worked out corporately as we fulfill the Great Commission, recorded in Matthew 28:18-20 (see also Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:45-48, John 21:30-31):

*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

The ultimate love we show to God and the World is when we tell the Good News that Jesus is Lord and has overcome sin and death and that all who trust in him will be forgiven and receive eternal life. We proclaim this Good News by our actions as well as by telling the story of how God saved us. Read the very first sermon preached by the newly born church, Peter’s sermon on Pentecost. It’s found in Acts 2:14-41.

Listen to the climax of Peter’s message:

*“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”*

Peter’s concern is that people would believe in Jesus and be saved. It must be our concern as well. To truly love God we must seek him, desire him, obey him and to truly love our neighbors is to desire that they share with us the joy of eternal life. This is our mission; this is why the church exists, so that those who don’t know Jesus, may be found by him and that the world may know that Jesus is Lord.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST

### CHURCH HIKES

**Saturdays at 8am**

Join folks from church and others in hiking some of the many beautiful trails. We will be hiking on Saturdays and meeting in the church parking lot at 7:50 a.m. Questions? Please contact the Church Office.

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship services on August 1<sup>st</sup>.



### RENO ACES BASEBALL FAITH NIGHT AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>.

Join us for a night of fun cheering on the Reno Aces on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> with the pregame activities starting at 5:00 p.m., the first pitch at 6:35 p.m., and then fireworks at the end of the game. The church has reserved group tickets in section 101 that are \$18.00 each. Optional food vouchers available for \$7 each. Email [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) to signup. Contact the church office with any questions 775-831-0784.

### SESSION MEETING

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**August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**The Session of**

**The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer.**

### DEACONS' MEETING

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The Deacons will be meeting on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.**



### CHURCH SOFTBALL GAMES

**Thursday Evenings**

Come play or watch our church softball team. Practices are on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the High School Upper Field with hotdogs served. Games are on Thursday evenings at the Middle School Upper Field or Preston. Check the bulletin and weekly email for specific times. For more info contact Tim Gilbert or the church office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have several ministry areas at the church where we need volunteers. We are in need of volunteers for Children's Sunday School teachers, ice cream servers, hospitality, nursery, thrift shop, etc. If you would like to volunteer at the church please contact the Church Office at 775-831-0784. Thank you!

**VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS**

**August 1<sup>st</sup>: Lord's Supper**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>: Church Softball Game 8:40pm Middle School Field**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>: Church Hike**

**August 8<sup>th</sup>: Deacon's Meeting**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>: Women's Paddle & Kayak**

**August 11<sup>th</sup>: Women's Small Group 10am**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>: Pray & Go**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>: Missionaries Jim & Anna Mensie visiting from Belize**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>: Women's Book Club meeting at Noon**

**August 17-20<sup>th</sup>: VBS held at Cornerstone Community Church**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>: Showing of The Jesus Film**

**August 21<sup>st</sup>: Church Hike**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>: Women's Small Group 10am**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>: Reno Aces Faith Night Game**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>: Church Hike**

**August 29<sup>th</sup>: New Covenant Partners Class (New Members Class)**

**Church Hikes Saturdays at 8:00am meet in Church parking lot**

**Church Softball Practice Sundays 12:30pm Games Thursday Evenings**

**Grief Share Group meets on Mondays at 8:30am & 5:00pm**

**Incline Small Group meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm**

**Women's Book Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at Noon**

**Men's Bible Study Every Wednesday at 6:30am**

**Women's Small Group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 10:00am**

REGISTER: [CORNERSTONECOMMUNITY.NET/VBS](https://cornerstonecommunity.net/vbs)

**MISSION:**

**DEEP SEA**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, Aug. 17 - Friday, Aug. 20 • 8:30-12:00 PM

AGES: Preschool (3 & potty trained) to 12

CONTACT: [JESSICA@CORNERSTONECOMMUNITY.NET](mailto:JESSICA@CORNERSTONECOMMUNITY.NET)



**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am**  
**Meet at the Church Parking Lot**



# **PRAY** **& GO**

**Pray & Go is a ministry where we walk around sections of our town praying for each house that we walk by. Then leave a doorhanger that says we prayed for them.**



# **GRIEF SHARE**

Weekly Grief Support Group

**Mondays at 5:00pm**  
**At The Village Church Fireside Room**



HIS LIFE. HIS DEATH. OUR HOPE.

# THE JESUS FILM

**Friday, August 20th 6:30pm  
At The Village Church**

**We will be showing The Jesus Film**

**Invite your friends, family, and  
neighbors to watch this film.**

**It is a perfect introduction to Jesus  
through the Gospel of Luke.**



A green leaf with water droplets on a dark, pebbly surface. The leaf is positioned on the left side of the image, and the text 'NEW MEMBER CLASS' is overlaid on the right side in large, white, bold letters.

# NEW MEMBER CLASS

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER (NEW MEMBER)  
INFORMATION MEETING**

**Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am in Pastor Jeff's Office**

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

**Join us for an meeting on  
Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**

**If you would like to attend or have questions contact the  
Church Office at 775-831-0784 or send email to  
apayne@thevillagechurch.**

**[www.thevillagechurchnv.org](http://www.thevillagechurchnv.org)**



## VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

### Operation Christmas Child

A Project of Samaritan's Purse A "Shoebox" Ministry

Samaritan's Purse is an evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world: victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine, while providing the soul-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child is directed to the most vulnerable of these needy people- the children- in the tangible form of a shoe box filled with gifts of simple toys, personal items and hygiene items along with easy-to-read tract "The Greatest Gift" ,which colorfully tells of hope and Jesus' love for them in their native language.

This simple idea has blossomed over thirty years, through God's grace and the work of participating evangelical churches, to reach out to over 130 countries with distribution of tens of millions of gift shoe boxes. More importantly the shoe boxes have included the Gospel message that has turned so many young lives to Christ.

Here at the Village Church we are designated as a central depot in this area for collection of shoe boxes in the third week of November for further distribution around the world.

The mechanics are fun and simple. We have supplies of the shoe boxes in plastic and card board. Just fill the shoe box with items for either boy or girl of age category 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Most importantly, as you are packing, pray for the boy or girl recipient who will receive your gift.

(Since my birthday is in November I ask all six of my grandchildren to pack a shoe box and pray for the recipient in lieu of giving Grandpa a present).

Include a personal note and picture if you like.  
Suggested gift items include:

**School supplies**

**Hygiene items:** combs, tooth brush, bar soap, wash cloth, etc.

**Toys:** balls, kazoo, harmonica, puzzles, yo-yo, dolls, etc.

**Personal items:** T-shirt, hats, hair clips, sun glasses, socks, flashlights with batteries  
No food, liquids, knives, & breakable items, etc.

Think of the joy this will bring to kids, many of whom have never received a gift of any kind in their lives.

You can also build a box on line with a personal note and photo or make a dollar contribution. Learn more at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).



Submitted by:  
Chuck Dowd  
Missions Committee

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

The church has Nursery Care & PreK-5th Sunday School in-person every Sunday for the 10:00 a.m. service. Sunday School is in Room C at the church. Nursery care is in the Nursery.

**Youth-Young Adult Bible Study**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10:15 a.m. In-Person and Online**

This is a Bible Study for youth and young adults. 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/98494686433pwd=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

**Grief Share Group - Mondays at 5:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join. In-person in the Fireside Room. Pastor Tony leads this group.

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

Everyone is welcome to join. In-person at the Ferrell's home and online via Zoom. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHIDdz09>

**Women's Book Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Noon**

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Karen Ferrell. In-person location TBD.

**Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.**

All men are invited for prayer and Bible study. In-person in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. Link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005?pwd=QVJ6SZZc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

**Women's Small Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

All women are welcome to join. Group Led by Annie Payne. In-person location Fireside Room

**Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (On hold for the Summer)**

If you would like to start a new small group/Bible study 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		

**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](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, You can contact Pastor Jeff Ogden at 775-624-4240 or Assistant Pastor Tony Conragan at 775-830-0566. If they don't pickup please leave a voicemail and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

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





# Outdoor Chapel Worship Services Sundays at 10:00AM



736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV  
Corner of Mt. Rose Hwy and McCourry Blvd.  
775-831-0784 | [www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)





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

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





# Women's Paddle & Kayak

August 10th

Meet at Ski Beach by 9AM

**Bring your paddle/kayak, hat, sunscreen, water, & snack.**

**IVGID picture pass or card pass required. Please contact 775-831-0784 if you don't have one and want to attend.**





# Village Christian Preschool Photos





**JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**





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**A Joyful Place To Grow**



**HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY TO  
JON & PAMELA FAY!  
Congratulations!! Their special day  
is on August 21<sup>st</sup>!**

**Church Leadership**

*Paul Ackerman - Deacon*

*Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff*

*Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor*

*Stephanie Conragan - Office Assistant*

*Chuck Dowd - Elder*

*Jim Dykstra - Deacon*

*Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder*

*Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator*

*Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Moderator*

*Tim Gilbert - Elder*

*Keith Hansen - Elder*

*Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff*

*Scott Johnson - Clerk of Session, Elder*

*Kira Kitzman - K Program Leader*

*Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director*

*Marilyn Merritt - Deacon*

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

*Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor*

*Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff*

*Ella Ogden - Preschool Staff*

*Steve O'Malley - Deacon*

*Annie Payne - Office Manager*

*Chris Peterson - Deacon*

*Lonny Reed - Custodian*

*Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff*

*Sharon Sigler - Deacon*

*Natalie Snyder - Preschool Staff*

*Jason Stanton - Accompanist*

*Annie Stenbridge - Preschool Staff*

*Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Sarah Warrington Jokinen - Preschool*

