



### From Pastor Jeff

There's a story about a man who, leaving church one Sunday, complained to the pastor about the music. "I didn't like the songs you chose today," he said. The pastor simply replied, "That's okay; we weren't singing them for you."

The pastor may have been too blunt, but he made a good point. In our consumeroriented world, we sometimes think church services are just for us. But we aren't spectators attending a show; we're participants in the greatest and most uplifting enterprise in the universe -- worshiping God. On Sunday morning God meets with us as we worship Him.

The late William Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, put it well in his definition of worship: "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God."

Biblical worship, like biblical love, is primarily an act of the will before it is a feeling. So real worship takes effort and determination. We get out of a worship service what we put into it. Take time before the service to center your thoughts and pray. Pray for yourself, the congregation, the children, the Sunday School teachers, the pastor, the singers. During the service give yourself to the songs and the prayers. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you through the message. Be expectant. Jesus wants to meet with you.





July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Pray & Go Ministry; Helping raise the shade sails following pray & go. July 27<sup>th</sup>: Church Softball Game at 7:20pm at the Middle School Upper Field July 28th: VBS Volunteer Dinner 5:30pm July 29<sup>th</sup>: Church Hike; Church Picnic at Preston August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Church Softball Game at 6:00pm at the Middle School Upper Field August 7th-11<sup>th</sup>: VBS here at the Church August 12th: Incline Village Churches Blood Drive Rec Renter 10am-2:30pm August 20th: Village Christian Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony August 21st: Village Christian Academy First Day of School August 27<sup>th</sup>: Service for Healing Some info on our Bible Studies and Small Groups: Sunday Mornings, Nursery, Preschool, & K-5 Sunday School (10:00am) in-Person. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mornings, Village Sunday Youth Group (10:00am) in-person in the Youth Room & online via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433? pwd=MzZnS1F3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09 Monday Evenings, Grief Share Group (5:00pm) in-Person Fireside Room. Tuesday Nights, Incline Small Group (6:30pm to 8:00pm):in-person at the Fireside Room and via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313? pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09 Wednesday Mornings, Men's Bible Study (6:30am to 7:30am): in-person the Fireside Room and via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005? pwd=OVJ6SzZZc2VDN1ZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09 Wednesday Mornings, Prayer Group (10:00am to 11:00am): Meets at the church. Wednesday Afternoons, Great News Club off for the Summer Wednesday Afternoons, Praise Team Practice at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. Wednesday Nights, Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room Thursday Mornings, Women's Bible Study 10:00am Thursdays at Noon, Prayer Time for The Church's Vision Thursday Nights, AA meets in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm Saturday Mornings, Church Hikes meet in Church parking lot at 7:50am 'illage hurch 2 I F F **GRIEF RECOVERY** SUPPORT GROUPS Mondays at 5:00pm in the Fireside Room 736 McCourry Blvd | 775-831-0784 | www.thevillagechurchnv.org

Village Church

#### Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am Meet at the Church Parking Lot

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.

# CHURCH PICNIC IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, JULY 29 AT NOON AT PRESTON FIELD

All are welcome to join! The church is providing hotdogs and hamburgers. We are requesting that people bring side dishes and/or desserts.

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# VILLAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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### You are cordially invited to the Ribbon Cutting event for:

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 736 McCourry Blvd, Incline Village vca@thevillagechurchnv.org 775-831-0797

# AUGUST 20, 2023 11:30 AM



## Pack Your Bags For An Epic Summer Camp!!

5 local churches are coming together to bring you a FUN vacation bible school! Get your passports ready to travel to Jerusalem, India, Scotland, Mexico, and the Philippines to discover Jesus in

every culture. Play epic games, create beautiful art, try ethnic snacks, and make new friends! We cannot wait to see you there! Registration is required and registration is free! VBS will be held at The Village Church 736 McCourry Boulevard | Incline Village NV



Scan here to register!

Have a question? Email the camp director debra@thevillagechurchnv.org

## Village Christian Preschool Photos



# Service for Healing

## August 27th at 5pm The Village Church

All are welcome

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#### THRIFT SHOP PHOTOS



Do you need prayer? Contact our Church office with your prayer requests. We have a mighty team of prayer warriors.





7/1 Carl Cross
7/2 Ginny Batistic
7/6 Mary Gilbert
7/6 Cindy Critchfield
7/8 Sue Hart
7/9 Jane McCarty
7/17 Vicki Ogden
7/19 Janet Goodman

7/20 Betsy Garfinkle 7/25 Steven O'Malley 7/27 Craig Young 7/28 Bob McQueen 7/28 Pam Fay 7/29 Karen Ferrell

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: <u>www.TheVillageChurchNV.org</u> or <u>www.eco-pres.org</u>.

#### **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.

#### **VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS**

#### **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is one of the organizations The Village Church Missions Committee supports on behalf of the congregation. After World War II, a few veteran pilots in the US and UK dreamed of a way they could use their flying skills to reach isolated people with the gospel. They founded MAF a few years later, and for more than 75 years now men and women have been using aviation to share Christ's love in the most remote places on earth. MAF is one of several mission aviation groups that support missions around the world.

There are people in remote areas of the world who, simply because of where they were born and live, will never have the chance to enjoy a life where their children can go to school, they can get medical care or help when disaster strikes, and where they can experience the love of Jesus. Geographic barriers, like jungles, mountains, and deserts, or social, political, or religious barriers separate millions of people around the world from things we in the developed world take for granted. Therefore, MAF's vision is to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.

MAF/US operates a fleet of 39 airplanes and serves in 12 countries around the world, including four restricted-access countries. Last year, MAF flew over 6 million pounds of cargo and 52,686 passengers. Here is an example of a MAF mission from last November: two MAF aircraft touched down in the remote village of Long Punjungan in the heart of Borneo (Kalimantan, Indonesia). The MAF planes were carrying the doctors, nurses, and pastors pictured



below. In addition, the planes transported medicine and supplies for several local Indonesian churches that have partnered with MAF to serve the small Dayak Punan community of Belaka by providing medical care and addressing the spiritual needs of the community alongside the local pastor.

After the one-hour MAF flight to Long Punjungan, the team traveled by boat upriver for an additional 2 hours to finally reach Belaka. Over the following two days, the medical team treated around 200 people. The entire village was presented with biblical teaching on the message of the gospel and given the opportunity to respond. MAF teams look forward to future trips to Belaka to continue working alongside the pastor there as he disciples the growing body of local believers.

The Missions Committee asks our congregation to pray for MAF pilots, mechanics, their families, doctors, nurses and the people they serve – for safety and fruitful ministry aimed at growing God's Kingdom through the spreading of His Good News! More information about MAF can be found on <u>www.maf.org</u>, or you can contact Holly Syreen, Donor Relations <u>hsyreen@maf.org</u>, <u>208-498-0771</u>.

#### **VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS**

#### Cyclone Freddy 2023

#### Passion Center for Children, Malawi



Photos of the destruction of some our Passion kids' houses; some completely destroyed, some with partial damage and the challenges of driving out to assess the families during the rains.



Photos of food and hygiene distributions at a local relief camp where one of our families was staying, as well as out at Jali church to our Passion families. Also, photos of VBS outreach at Likangala Emergency Camp.

#### VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS





Some houses of our Passion kids that are being rebuilt due to the prayers and support of our partners in the States. We thank God for providing the funds for 15 houses and keep trusting Him that He will make a way for the other 25.

**Passion Center** was founded in 2004 as a ministry designed to reach out to orphan children in Malawi with the good news of Jesus Christ and to provide basic survival and developmental needs to them in child headed and surrogate households. Sponsors included a variety of evangelical churches, including Baptist, Evangelical Lutheran, and Bretheran. Our Mission Committee has been providing support to them over the last two years after having received a request in our suggestion box by the Mission bulletin board. (Be sure to use this new feature with your own candidates for consideration!).

Since its founding Passion Center's Ministry scope has grown dramatically to now include:

- 500 Orphans, Special Needs Children (They call them "Champs"), and vulnerable children receiving care, meals, education, medical attention and gospel education on a daily basis.
- Five Passion-connected churches planted in their own buildings with expanding community ministries.
- Establishment of an indigenous Community Health Network serving and impacting 150 villages.
- Five Adult Literacy Programs.
- 63 adults completing the final year of the school of Ministry and Missions.
- A church based Vocational Training Program started in 2022 for Masonry, Carpentry, Welding, Tailoring
- Additional self-help groups for girls, mothers, health providers, all based on gospel principles and prayer.
- A distributed Passion Center for Pastors Program (PCP) providing three year Bible training for 1400 + rural pastors throughout Malawi.

A key feature of this Christian outreach is that it is distributed rather than centralized. It goes to the villages, where the people are. For example, the orphans are placed in the villages, where an aunt, grandmother, cousin or older sibling can act as head of household and then Passion Center supplies food, school uniforms or supplies, medical support, scholarships, tutoring or other needs to promote stability and personal development for the children.

The need for support is especially acute just now as Cyclone Freddy roared throughout the region this March, killing 500, with almost a half million people displaced and 500 still missing. The cyclone has caused untold trauma, loss and hopelessness to the Nation and to Passion Center's orphans, families, churches, and to the surrounding communities they serve. Please, above all, be in prayer for Passion Center as they turn their attention to restoration and rebuilding in the wake of this disaster and continue to spread the hope that the love of Christ provides.

Submitted by, The Mission Committee

#### The Village Church

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#### A Joyful Place To Grow



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

Village Church



#### Village Church Leadership

Amber Anderson - Preschool Staff Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor Chuck Dowd - Elder Jim Dykstra - Deacon's Food Distribution Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Tim Gilbert - Elder, Church Project Manager Jenna Hilton - Office Assistant Travis Holzner - Preschool Staff Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff Cindy Liggett - Preschool Staff Colleen Malley - Preschool Staff Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Patricia Moser Morris - Deacon Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Debra Ornelas - Family Ministries Director Hal Paris - Elder Annie Payne - Office Manager Chris Peterson - Deacon Lonny Reed - Custodian Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder Sharon Sigler - Deacon Moderator Lisa Snavely - Deacon Jason Stanton - Accompanist Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Ed Windham - Elder