

TURKEY TALK



From Pastor Jeff

There came a point in the history of Israel when they felt that they had been abandoned by the Lord. They had been sent into exile. All their prayers seemed unanswered, Jerusalem remained desolate and the Temple, a ruin—their hopes dashed, their future bleak. Isaiah recorded this moment in the middle of chapter 49 of his book. Isaiah 49:14 reads, "But Zion said, 'the LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." Notice the small capital letters of that first Lord. That is the way most English translation signify that the name used in the original Hebrew text is YHWH, the Covenant name of God. So, here Israel is saying, "YHWH, the covenant-keeping God, has forsaken his covenant people." What terrible anguish must have led them to the place of making such an accusation! Can the covenant-keeping, almighty, all-knowing God forget his covenant people? God forbid!

Listen to the Lord's reply in Isaiah 49:15-16, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion for the child she is born? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me."

God says to his people in their doubt and distress, "I love you more than a mother loves her nursing baby. I can never forget you!" God uses the graphic image of carving the remembrance of his people on the palms of his hands to reinforce how close and dear his people are to him. Clearly behind this image are the nail-scarred hands of Jesus. God loves his frail, feeble, wayward people so much that, far from forgetting them in their exile and distress, he himself has atoned for their sins and, for eternity, wears the scars of their redemption in his flesh. No matter how we feel in our present pain and sorrows, remember that God has not forgotten you and his love is forever!

Back in 1707, Isaac Watts paraphrased these verses from Isaiah in the last 3 stanzas of a poem, titled "Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise." The whole poem is worth reading but I will leave you with these:

Can a kind woman e'er forget The infant of her womb, And 'mongst a thousand tender thoughts Her suckling have no room?

"Yet," saith the Lord, "should nature change, And mothers monsters prove, Zion still dwells upon the heart Of everlasting love."

"Deep on the palms of both my hands I have engrav'd her name; My hands shall raise her ruin'd walls, And build her broken frame."



NOVEMBER NEWS OF OUR CHURCH

POTLUCK LUNCH November 3rd



Following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on November 3rd, we will be sharing a potluck lunch following our 10:00 a.m.

worship service. Our food theme is soup. Bring your favorite soup, chili, or your favorite salad or dessert to share. The church will provide the rolls. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to get to know each other.

DEACON'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

November 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, November 24th

A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on November 24th. This meeting is called to receive the report of our church nominating committee and to elect elders and deacons to serve in leadership for 2020. We will also be electing members-at-large for our 2020 nominating committee. Members are encouraged to participate in this brief but very important meeting.



back one hour before you go to bed on November 2nd

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER November 3rd



The Lord's Supper will

be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship services on November 3rd. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff at the church to arrange for home Communion.

SESSION MEETING Wednesday, November 20th

Our Session will be gathering on Wednesday, November 20th at 4:00 p.m. for study and business.

DEACONS' MEETING November 10th

The Deacons meeting for November will be held on Sunday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m. in Room A.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Deadline is November 17th

This is a reminder that you and your family have the

opportunity to make a big difference in the life of a child in a third-world country this Christmas by packing a shoebox-size box full of things such as small toys, a toothbrush, school supplies, hard candy, jewelry, hand sanitizer or a t-shirt. Help bring joy into the life of a less fortunate boy or girl. Michele Young is organizing this ministry for The Village Church this year. To participate, all you need to do is pick up a sheet of instructions and a box in the lobby of our church, fill the box with goodies, and bring the packed shoebox to our church by Sunday, November 17th. We will deliver your shoebox to an Operation Christmas Child distribution center that week. For more information, please call the church office at 775.831.0784.



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (CURRENT OR INTERESTED IN BECOMING ONE)

Coffee & Donut Meeting Sunday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

If you are a current Sunday School volunteer or would like to become one, please come to the Sunday School Volunteer coffee and doughnut meeting Sunday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in Room A. For more information please contact Darlene Nilsson.





BABY SHOWER FOR ANNIE & TOM PAYNE Sunday, November 10th

Please join us for a baby shower on Sunday, November 10th after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Youth Room to celebrate the upcoming arrival of baby Rex Payne. Lunch provided.

HYMN SINGING GROUP Sunday, November 17th

Do you enjoy singing old time Hymns and Christian songs from the 60s-80's? Please join Mark and Anita Lee for an hour of singing praises at their home located at 595 Rockrose Ct. in Incline Village at 3:00 p.m.





DEDICATION SUNDAY Sunday, November 24th

Dedication Sunday is when we will dedicate our gifts of time, talent, and finances to our Lord.

ADVENT IS COMING! Beginning Sunday, December 1st

Advent is the season of the Church year which begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. The Advent season starts this year on December 1st. Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and the focus of the entire season is the celebration of the first coming of our Lord as a baby in Bethlehem, and the anticipation of our Lord's return as King at the end of time.



Advent Devotionals will be available in the Narthex soon. Also, there will be Advent calendars for our children.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING Tuesday, November 12th 9:00 a.m.

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

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Kings Beach Small Group -Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group is at 6:30 p.m. at the Ackerman's home. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Judy or Paul Ackerman 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 different homes in Incline Village. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Tim Gilbert for more info.

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

Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited for prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls.

Adult Bible Study -Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a study based on his sermon series. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word and to fellowship together.

Women's Bible Study -Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible study is at Cornerstone Community Church. The study is on the book of Daniel and meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All women of our church are invited to join them

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

November 4th Communion Servers:

- 1. Marji Hansen
- 2. Keith Hansen
- 3. Tim Gilbert
- 4. Joannie McNulty

Worship Assistants:

November 3: Joannie McNulty November 10: Linda Robins November 17: Millie Clarke November 24: Keith Hansen

<u>Ushers:</u>

November 3: Keith & Marji Hansen November 10: Paul & Judy Ackerman November 17: Need Help November 24: Need Help

Children's Message

November 3: Cindy Liggett November 10: Don Ferrell November 17: Need Help November 24: Darlene Nilsson

Hospitality Teams

November 3: Team 1 November 10: Team 2 November 17: Team 3 November 24: Team 4



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.

The North Pole Comes to North Tahoe

North Tahoe Thrift Stores Holiday Open House Saturday, November 16th 10:00am to 5:00pm

 The unveiling of all Holiday gifts and decorations each store has for sale
 Treats for the kids
 Santa sightings between the three stores

Tahoe Family Solutions Thrift Store 797 Southwood Blvd Incline Village, NV 775-833-4414 The Village Christian Thrift Shop 799 Southwood Blvd Incline Village, NV 775-831-3902 Pet Network Thrift Store 401 Village Blvd Incline Village, NV 775-832-4404

Join your local community Thrift Storgs as we ring in the holidays and celebrate the North Pole in North Tahoe!

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VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our goal this year is to fill more than 200 boxes and break last year's record! When you fill a shoebox remember that the Church will pay for the shipping and all you need to do is bring the box to the Church by Sunday, November 17, 2019. Also, remember to remove all the packaging on the items in the box as many of the kids don't have anywhere to put the garbage. Thanks you for your generous giving to Operation Christmas Child - sharing the Good News of Jesus throughout the world one child at a time. No time to shop then you can easily pack a box online for a child. It only takes 5 minutes and \$25.00. Here is the link www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline" If you have any questions please contact Michele Young at 908-768-1822.



Dear friend,

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected more than 168 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun items by people like you, and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world in partnership with local churches.

Sampil who has cerebral palsy received one of those shoebox gifts. Volunteers in his hometown of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for disabled children like him, but he was sick that day. Not wanting him to miss out, a volunteer visited Sampil's house to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him and give him a gift-filled shoebox. Sampil was delighted to find, among other fun items, a towel, toothbrush, and various school supplies inside.

"After I got a shoebox, I became a Christian and my relationships with others changed," Sampil said. He hadn't been to school in years, but the notebooks in his gift inspired him to enroll in a school for the disabled where he made many friends. Aware of Christ's forgiveness of his sins, Sampil also forgave his father who left his family more than 10 years ago. Today, Sampil has since graduated and serves as an assistant teacher at a camp.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. Millions of boys and girls have participated in this dynamic course so far.

Would you consider joining us in spreading Good News and great joy this year by packing a shoebox?

> Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

Christmas

Sampil



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DECEMBER EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 1st

The Advent season and Christmas are just around the corner. We will be decorating

the church after our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent. Please plan on joining us as we prepare the Sanctuary and church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

There are a great number of organizations in the North Lake Tahoe area that are working together to help those struggling in these



economic times. The Village Church is glad to do its part through the Deacon's Food Closet Ministry. After church on Sunday, December 15th, we will be setting up for the food box packing including organizing the food and folding boxes. On Wednesday, December 18th, at 5:00 p.m. we will be packing food boxes. The distribution will be on Saturday, December 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the church and we can use help hosting applicants and loading items into cars. Volunteers - please be at the church at 9:15 a.m. The Deacons thought it would be fun to wear Christmas attire, hat, sweater, jingle bells, etc. We'll have some tunes! Also, if anyone speaks Spanish and wants to act as an interpreter, please let Jim Dykstra know.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the outstanding help throughout the year!



Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia plants bring to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant and dedicate it



in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may take your plant home after the last Christmas Eve Service.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to the church. Deliver the form and your check to the church or mail to:

The Village Church 736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV 89451 (775) 831-0784

The deadline for all orders is Sunday, December 1st

Poinsettia Order Form

Name

Phone Number

No. of Plants _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

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Saturday, December 21st At 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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FREE Admission Join us for a fun time of singing Christmas songs. Ugly Christmas sweater contest!

Cookies and hot chocolate following the sing-along in our Fireside Room.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Good News Club® is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in which trained teachers meet with groups of children just about anywhere the children can easily and safely meet with their parent's permission. Each week

the teacher presents an exciting Bible lesson using colorful materials from CEF Press. This action-packed time also includes songs, Scripture memory, a missions story and review games or other activities focused on the lesson's theme. The purpose of *Good News Club* is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and disciple them in the Word of God. Each club includes a clear presentation of the Gospel and an opportunity for children to trust the Lord Jesus as Savior. Every club also includes strong discipleship training to build character and strengthen moral and spiritual growth. All children are encouraged to attend a local church.

Darlene Nilsson, and her GNC crew meet weekly on Thursday at Incline Elementary School from 3:15 – 5:00 PM in room 218. This fall, GNC is focusing on David: having a heart for God, and Daniel: having courage when you are the only Christian among your circle of friends. The lessons are tailored to meet the needs of the group and include many means of engaging the children through movement, games, silliness, giggles, and fun.

The 2019-20 calendar year for Good News Club started in October, and God has already brought many blessings to this ministry. The Lord has blessed GNC with children! There are seventeen children currently attending regularly, and we expect more to join the group as the school year progresses. One child has already made professions of faith and accepted Christ as her savior.

It is a welcome blessing that Incline Elementary has generously provided GNC with a spare classroom for its use. This classroom provides more space for children to move about and get their wiggles out.

Statistics show that the great majority of people who accept Christ do so between the ages of four and fourteen – when they are children. There are several opportunities to be involved with *Good News Club*. You can pray for the children and teachers in the club, or become a club teacher or helper by contacting Darlene Nilsson at <u>dac0857@gmail.com</u> and asking about training or other opportunities.





YOUTH NEWS

Happy Thanksgiving Season,

This month will be "stuffed" with the word of Christ, thankfulness, and fun! This is the time of year we really think about being thankful. All through November we will talk about being thankful people in The Upper Room youth group and have some amazing fun. All of our groups promote loving Jesus, friendship and are for youth in 6th-12th grade.

The Trail of Treats and the Halloween outreaches were a big success! It was amazing to be apart of this, and it showed off Jesus and our church in a **HUGE** way. The trail of treats was a massively visible time for our church in the community. This year we brought we brought our game called the Frog Flinger and it was a huge hit! Collectively for both events we gave away 300 light sticks and a bunch of candy. I wish I had pictures of the hundreds of kids spread out through Mill Creek waving light sticks that had Jesus and our church name on them, or lined up to play games in the rec center filing past our church signs, but take my word for it, it was spectacular. Most importantly, **God was glorified** and glorified on a day when death and darkness usually get the glory. Part of John 1:5 was on each light stick (Thanks Pastor Jeff) The light shines in the darkness. The rest of that verse fits very well with the holiday-"and the darkness has not overcome it."

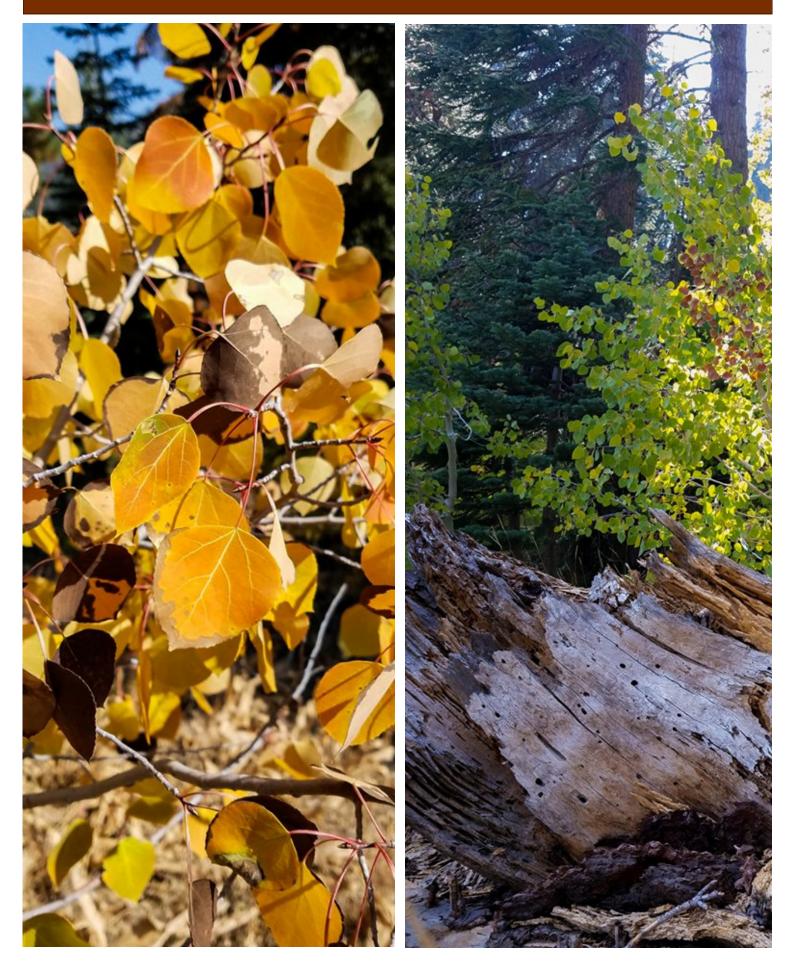
A big big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out at these events and to all of the people who donated candy!

The Village Church Youth Groups:

Wednesdays – The Upper Room Youth Group, 6–8pm, meets in Church Youth Room (snacks included) Thursdays – Youth Bible Study 4–5pm, meets at Starbucks in Incline Village (coffee included) Sundays – Special Ops (Outreach Group), 12–3pm, meets at the Church (lunch included)

Thank you, Pastor Tony











2020 Stewardship Commitment Card



In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His Church, I/We plan to do the following in 2020:

_____ Will participate in a small group or Bible study.

_____ Will invite two new people to church.

Will commit to give generously of RESOURCES by giving \$_____

Per Week; Per Month; Per Year

Name(s)		
Phone		
Email		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip

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This commitment may be revised or cancelled at any time upon my request.



11/2	Paul Leonhart
11/3	John Paulson
11/3	Pam McQueen
11/4	Carole Averkin
11/5	Tom Payne
11/8	Darlene Nilsson
11/9	Mark Lee

- 11/10 John Morris
- 11/21 Bill Florentine
 11/23 Paul Ackerman
 11/24 Joannie McNulty
 11/24 Tony Conragan
 11/26 Chuck Dowd
 11/26 Sam Harris

11/15 Linda Robins

Did we forget your birthday? Please let us know. Call the church office at 775–831–0784.



 Year To Date Through October 27, 2018:

 <u>Needed</u>
 \$ 372,079

 <u>Given</u>
 \$ 412,470

 <u>Difference</u>
 +\$ 40,391



Remember those who served Veteran's Day November 11th

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Church needs your help. There are many ways to get involved with the church. We are seeking volunteers to do the children's message, help with the counting, be a Sunday school teacher, worship assistant, usher, or prayer warrior. If you are interested in volunteering with any of these areas, send an email to

<u>apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org</u> and put what you are interested in volunteering for.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS AT THANKSGIVING

This is a reminder that the Church Office and the Preschool will be closed November 28th and 29th to celebrate Thanksgiving.



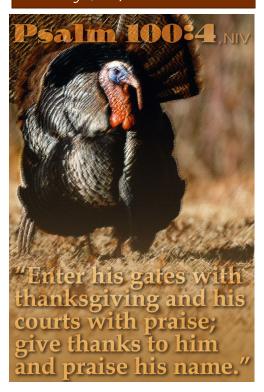


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A joyful place to grow





Paul Ackerman - Deacon Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Doug Baker - Deacon Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Elder Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV& Youth Pastor Jim Dykstra - Deacon Jon Fay - Choir Director Don Ferrell - Elder Linda Florentine - Elder Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian Patti Hanczarek- Preschool Staff Keith Hansen - Elder Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Church Leadership

Miriella Melara - Deacon Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Darlene Nilsson - Elder Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Vicki Ogden - Deacon Annie Payne - Office Manager Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder Jason Stanton - Accompanist Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Paul Twichell - Elder Debby Wiens - Pianist Michele Young - Women's Ministries Moderator