



## Baptism at The Village Church

*“Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-21*

### **The Meaning of Baptism**

Baptism is the sign and seal of incorporation into Christ. In Baptism, we participate in Jesus’ death and resurrection. In Baptism, we are called to die to sin and to a new life in Christ. Baptism points us to the grace of God expressed in Jesus, who died and was raised for us. Baptism points us forward to that same Christ who will come again to make all things new.

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit binds the Church in covenant to its Creator and Lord. The water of Baptism symbolizes the waters of Creation, the Flood, and the Exodus from Egypt. Thus, the water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God’s creation and to the grace of God’s covenants with Noah and Israel.

The Prophets of Israel, amidst the failure of their own generation to honor God’s covenant, called for justice to roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. They envisioned a fresh expression of God’s grace and of creation’s goodness – a new covenant accompanied by the sprinkling of cleansing water. In his ministry, Jesus offered the gift of living water. So, Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ.



As circumcision was the sign and symbol of inclusion in God’s grace and covenant with Israel, so Baptism is the sign and symbol of inclusion in God’s grace and covenant with the Church. As an identifying mark, Baptism signifies:

- The faithfulness of God,
- The washing away of sin,
- Rebirth,
- Putting on the fresh garment of Christ,
- Being sealed by God’s Spirit,
- Adoption into the Church’s family,
- Resurrection & illumination in Christ.

Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God’s redeeming grace offered to all who believe. Baptism is God’s gift of grace and also God’s summons to respond to that grace. Baptism calls to repentance, to faithfulness, and to discipleship. Baptism gives the follower of Jesus his or her identity and commissions the church for ministry to the world.

Baptism signifies the beginning of life in Christ, not its completion. God’s grace works steadily, calling to repentance and newness of life. God’s faithfulness needs no renewal. Human faithfulness to God needs repeated renewal. Baptism calls for decision at every subsequent stage of life’s way, both for those whose Baptism attends their profession of faith and for those who are nurtured from childhood within the family of faith.



**Continued from Page 1****Who Is Baptized**

Both believers and their children are included in God's covenant love. Children of believers are to be baptized without undue delay, but without undue haste. Baptism, whether administered to those who profess their faith or to those presented for Baptism as children, is one and the same Sacrament.

**Baptism of Children:** The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.

**Baptism of Adults:** The Baptism of those who enter the covenant upon their own profession of faith witnesses to the truth that God's gift of grace calls for fulfillment in a response of faithfulness.

Baptism is received only once. There are many times in worship, however, when believers acknowledge the grace of God continually at work. As they participate in the celebration of another's Baptism, as they experience the sustaining nurture of the Lord's Supper, and as they reaffirm the commitments made at Baptism, they confess their ongoing need of God's grace and pledge anew their obedience to God's Messiah, Jesus.

**Do I need to be a church member for my child to be baptized at The Village Church?**

When a child is being presented for Baptism, ordinarily the parent(s) or one(s) rightly exercising parental responsibility shall be an active member of the congregation. Those presenting children for Baptism shall promise to provide nurture and guidance *within the church* until the child is ready to make a personal profession of faith and assume the responsibility of active church membership. The Session must approve requests to baptize children of parents who are not members of The Village Church.

For more information about Baptism and church membership for yourself, or to schedule a Baptism for your child, please call the church office at: 775-831-0784.

**Some Scriptural References to Baptism**

"Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and were all made to drink of one Spirit."  
1 Corinthians 12:12-13

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."  
Galatians 3:27

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6

**Article Edited by Pastor Jeff Ogden**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

### LAKE BAPTISMS

Lake Baptisms on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Burnt Cedar Beach at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in being Baptized in Lake Tahoe, please contact Pastor Jeff. The Madden/Dent Families children Hudson, Harvey, and Kimber will be getting Baptized. If unable to join in person it will be on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81790727542?pwd=MFRLRkIxSk5qeG5mNDQ0SGYyV0dvdz09>

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



**Operation Christmas Child** is here! It is time to start thinking about packing a box (or two) to help share the message of the gospel - and the joy of Christmas - around the world! More info to come on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Boxes are due at the church by November 21<sup>st</sup>. To build a box online please use this website <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/90a3cb6b-a080-456f-a06c-a196e5019227> We are also excited to be the drop-off location again this year.

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship services on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### SESSION MEETING

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**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer.



### DEACONS' MEETING

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Deacons will be meeting on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

### PRESCHOOL TRIKE-A-THON

**Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

The Village Christian Preschool will hold its annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon on Thursday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Each year we partner with St. Jude to teach the kids bike safety and to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Our fundraising goal this year is \$1,200. The fundraising efforts help St. Jude continue its lifesaving mission of helping children everywhere who are battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Because of donations from people like you, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for anything. Please help the Preschool reach its goal by donating to this wonderful cause. Contact Cindy Liggett for more info.



**The Church Office, Preschool & K-5 will be closed on Nevada Day, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

### ANN WORDEN'S MEMORIAL

Ann Worden's (Pastor Tony Conragan's Mom) memorial will be held on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

**VILLAGE CHURCH EVENTS**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Help Bakers Load Moving Pod 10am**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lord's Supper; Lake Baptisms**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>: Missions Committee Meeting 3:15pm**  
**October 9<sup>th</sup>: Pray & Go**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup>: Deacons Meeting; Operation Christmas Child Kickoff**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>: Women's Prayer Group meeting**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>: Women's Fall Hike 2pm**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Women's Mini Conference 2pm**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting**  
**October 28<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Trike-a-Thon**  
**October 29<sup>th</sup>: Nevada Day Preschool, K-5, & Office Closed**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>: Ann Worden's Memorial (Tony Conragan Mother's Memorial)**  
**October 31<sup>st</sup>: Reformation Sunday**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings Tim Ends; Lord's Supper**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Day**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Christmas Open House**  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: Operation Christmas Child Box Drop Off Week**

**Grief Share Group meets on Mondays at 5:00pm**  
**Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 6:30am**  
**Incline Small Group meets on Tuesday at 6:30pm**  
**Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm**  
**Women's Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at Noon**  
**Women's Prayer Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the Month at 2pm**

**Saturday, October 9<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.**



# Women's Fall Hike

## Sunday, October 17th

### 2:00pm

# Mountain Golf Course

**Meet at the Mountain Golf Course in Incline Village. All Ladies welcome on this lovely fall hike.**



**The Village Church Women's Ministries**  
736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV  
775-831-0784 | [www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)



# Christian Women's Mini-Conference Free Event

In-Person & Online  
Saturday, October 23rd @ 2pm  
The Village Church & Via Zoom

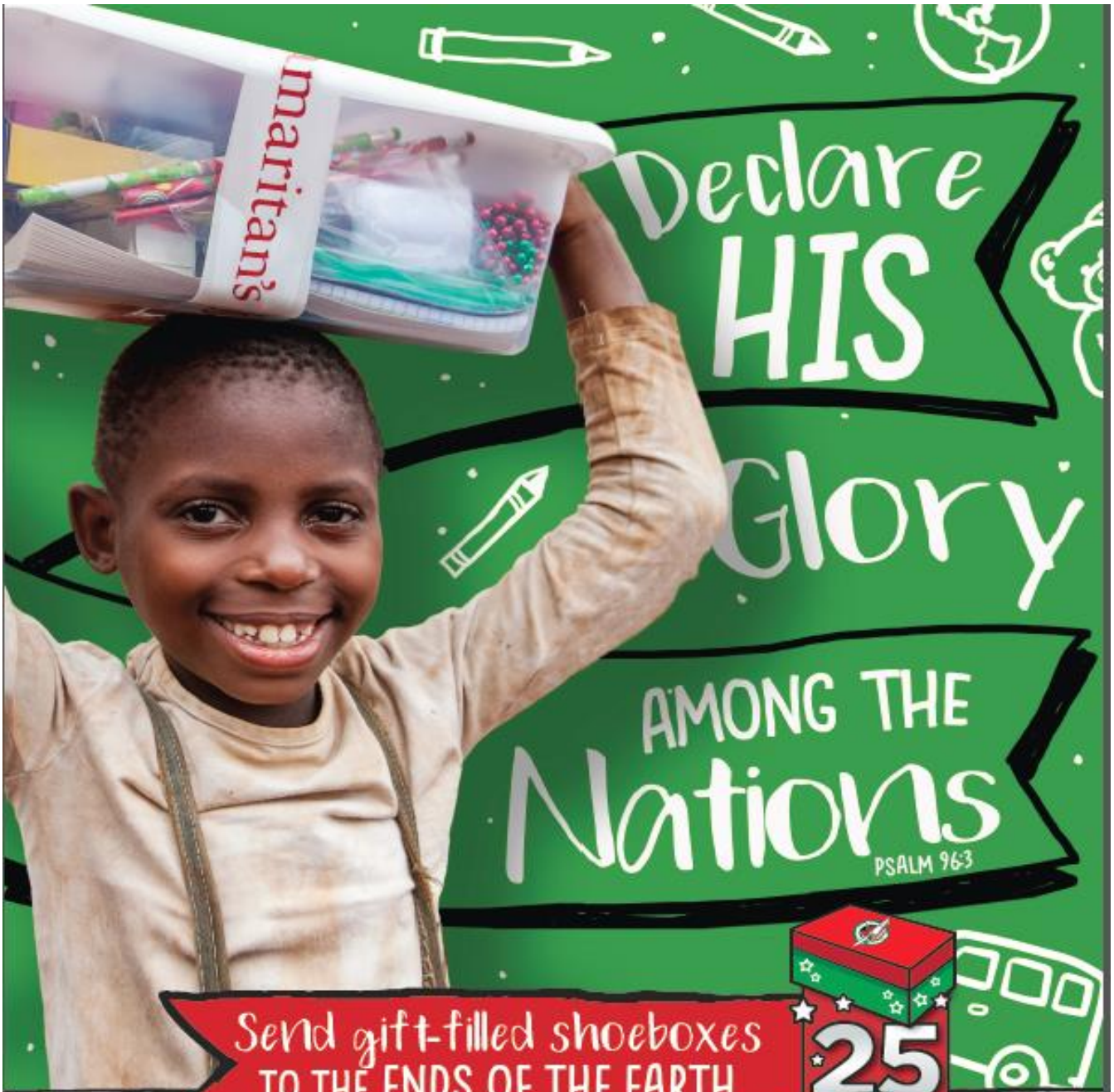


Guest Speaker: Mallory Morgan  
Topic: When Life Gives You Lemons  
Including Breakout Discussions/Prayer

Please RSVP to [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org)  
Include in RSVP if attending in-person or via Zoom.

The Village Church | 775-831-0784 | [www.thevillagechurchnv.org](http://www.thevillagechurchnv.org)





Send gift-filled shoeboxes TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



# Packed shoeboxes due at the Church on Sunday, November 21st



Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) and learn how to bless a child overseas through a gift-filled shoebox, given in Jesus' Name.  
08-18-215 View satellite disclosure information for Samaritan's Purse online at [samaritanspurse.org/disclosure](http://samaritanspurse.org/disclosure)







**Village Christian Thrift Shop &  
Tahoe Family Solutions Thrift Store**

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am to 4:00pm**

**799 & 797 Southwood Blvd in Incline Village**





## VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

### **Sower's Field Ministries** **Founded and led by Dr. Stanley Wood**

Our church through the missions committee has been supporting Sower's Field for many years because it is a very effective and successful church planting ministry.

Sower's Field exists to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ "to make disciples" through **identifying, equipping, and empowering** a new generation of leaders who plant new churches; and to help established churches become evangelizing communities of faith where believers are dynamic sharers of the Gospel.

**Sower's Field Online** provides learning options for laity, bi-vocational and full-time church leadership and for church leadership teams. Teaching options are offered in "short versions" through webinars, workshops, and seminars and in "longer versions" through courses that may be taken for undergraduate and graduate school/seminary credits.

#### **THE NEED**

In the last two decades there are more than 56 million more people in the US who attend no church

As this church attendance trend continues this means that only one or two people out of every ten people are attending a Christian church as of 2020

Vibrant church plants focus on people who have not received the saving grace of the Christ—the unchurched

Just to maintain the presence of the Christian Church in the US at our present percent of the US population, we need to plant more than 24,000 new churches every decade  
The largest unchurched populations in the North American mission field are the iGen and Millennials (late teens, 20s into early 30s)

#### **THE SOWER'S FIELD RESPONSE**

The response is found in our Lord's Great Commission "to make disciples"

The key to church planting is developing leadership

The Sower's Field response seeks to fulfill the Great Commission by focusing on new leaders for new churches

There exists today a church planter leadership development vacuum in theological education. Sower's Field provides such education.

Sower's Field equips established churches in recalibrating focus on God's mission—on becoming evangelizing communities of faith.

Contact information: Stanley Wood, PhD – Consultant, Coach, Professor  
415-419-4934 [www.sowersfield.com](http://www.sowersfield.com)





## 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/98494686433?pwd=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 Prayer Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00 p.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. All Adults Welcome

If you would like to start a new small group/Bible study please let us know the date and time.



10/3 Mike Barnes	10/17 Heather Liggett
10/3 Karen Kraft	10/18 Tom Ryan
10/3 Paul Twichell	10/18 Scott Snavely
10/6 Tom Clarke	10/19 Maximus Payne
10/11 Tara Madden-Dent	10/22 Bonnie Cella
10/15 Annie Olsen	10/23 Ronda McWhorter
10/16 Sherry Gray	10/24 Barbara Frederic
10/17 Edward Warren	

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



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).

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

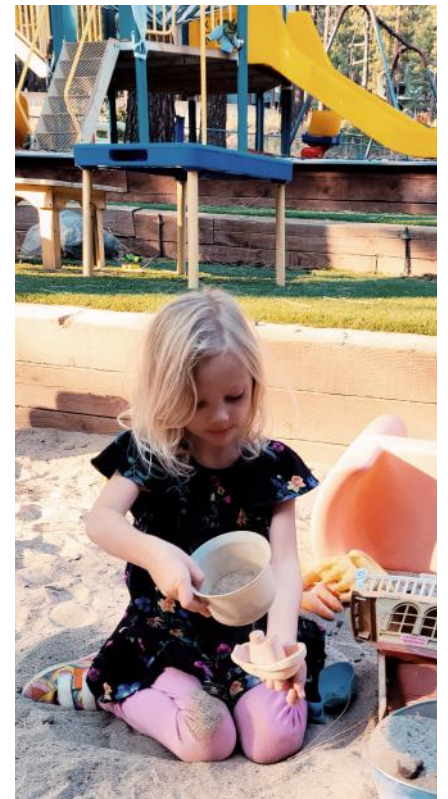
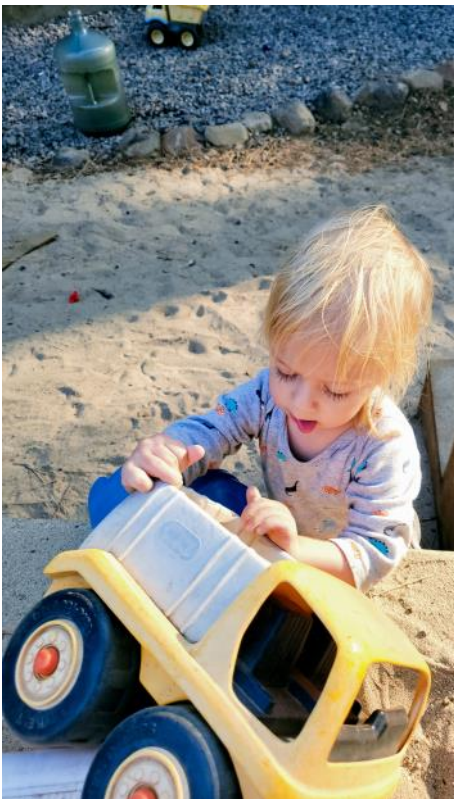
Our regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### 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 Christian Preschool Photos





**JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE**







# In-Person Indoor Worship Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:00AM

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

The Village Church  
a joyful place to grow



## The Village Church

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Village Christian Preschool:

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Website: [www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)

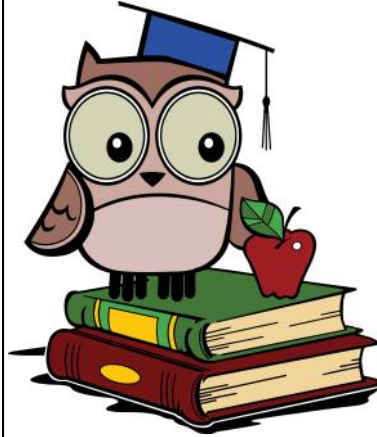
### A Joyful Place To Grow

And whatever you do,  
in word or deed,  
do everything in the name  
*of the Lord Jesus,*  
*giving thanks*  
to God the Father  
through him.

Colossians 3:17



### READING BUDDIES NEEDED



The Church is  
hosting a K-5  
schooling pod and  
could use volunteers  
to be reading  
buddies with the  
children. If you are  
interested in  
volunteering for this  
program please  
email the church  
office at

[apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org).

### Church Leadership

*Paul Ackerman - Deacon*

*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*

*Travis Holzner - Preschool & K-1 Teacher*

*Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff*

*Darlene Johnson - Elder*

*Scott Johnson - Clerk of Session, Elder*

*Tiffany Kenyon - Preschool Teacher*

*Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director*

*Marilyn Merritt - Deacon*

*Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor*

*Vicki 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*

*Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager*

*Sarah Warrington Jokinen - Preschool*



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