

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders
January/February 2014

A friendly Nevada Church, Teaching the Word of God, Sharing the Love of Christ, and Building Stronger Families.



A Happy New Year Through Prayer and Thanksgiving!

Our Church service on January 5th was dedicated to prayer. During the sermon time

we split up into groups and prayed in three areas: Current Ministries, Missions we support, and the future of the Church. This edition of the newsletter will be set up in a similar fashion. As you read through the articles, I encourage you to pause and pray for each ministry, praise God for what he has done, and give Him the Glory for what He will do!

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Milestones and Significant Church Events in 2013

Let's praise God and thank Him for what he did through our Church in 2013.

- January 6th Prayer Service
- January 27th Church Sanctuary 10 year anniversary
- March 24th Special Easter Service: Out of Darkness and into the light!
- April Community Home Groups launched.
- June 24th-28th VBS: Colossal Coaster World. We "Faced fear and Trusted God"
- June TCC Mission Committee announced financial support for Hannah Daly, Micro and Nada Andrev, and Abdalla and Amal Hawatmeh
- July 28 Baptism
- July 15-20 Centrifuge
- August Bob and Kathy Step down as leaders of the Food Pantry after over 20 years of service
- October 6 Church Sanctuary 10 year Anniversary Banquet and debt reduction kick off
- November Awesome Families changes name and shifts focus to "Family Bible Study"
- November The food pantry gave out 270 meals
- November Elders decide to hire new staff member. Jonathan came on board in January, 2014.

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Everyone meets in Sanctuary for Opening Prayer, Music, and Memory Verses.
 - 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 - 9:15 a.m. Prayer group in the Annex
 - 9:15 a.m. Message in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Full Family Worship (Nursery Available)

God's Provision

Philippians 4: 19 *"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

Praise God for meeting all of our financial needs and then some! Even though offering was up and down, the Lord provided. This church was able to meet operating expenses, provide support to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, and contribute generously to both the Annie Armstrong and Lot-tie Moon special missions offerings. We supported several other missionaries as well. In addition to all that, we were able to reduce our church debt by over \$60,000 thanks to generous matching contributions made by Church families. Pray for God's continued financial blessings and provision.

Benevolence: Pray for God to continue to provide, and for those who hear the gospel to respond to the love God shows. Pray for wisdom and discernment in distributing funds.

Food Pantry: Pray for those who hear the message every week, to respond in love back to God. Pray for Paul and Jonathan and their leadership this year.

Parents' Night Out

Need a break from the kids? Parents night out is scheduled for January 24th, February 14th, and February 28th at 6:00 p.m. Remember, PNO is a Youth Camp Fundraiser!



God Blessed the Shoebox ministry!

Tahoe Community Church donated over 300 shoeboxes this year. That's 300 children that were reached with the gospel of Christ! If count the families and friends of these children only God knows the impact that these boxes had! Pray that God will continue to bless his ministry in 2014! The following is a letter Karen received from a Sunday School that received some of our boxes. (I cleaned up a lot of the grammar)

Hi Auntie

I am very glad to get your gift. (shoe boxes) Thank you for sending your gift to our Sunday school's Children. I got this letter before 9 months but I can't write letters, sorry for that. Finally Jesus Christ give the impression heartily. That's why I want to write letter to you.

My name is Mahendra Ghalan. I am 21 years old and I live in Nepal called by Hetauda. I am doing ministry in my church. I will in pastor's ministries youth fellowship, Sunday school, lead the choir group and play the guitar etc. I have one younger sister and brother. They also help me with church's every ministry. We live with my mom and dad very happily. We go to church every Saturday. Our church is small but nice. I will lead the choir group and play the guitar in our church and Sunday school children enjoyed with me because will teach the bible study and sing a song. And finally I will say our Sunday School children had enjoyed the your gift that's why again very-very thank you. Now I am ending my letter. If you want to make me friend. you can send your letter. I will be waiting for your letter and blessing. I will always and every day pray for your family, church member and all your family job.

*your new friend
Mahendra Ghalan*

Good News Club

The Good News Club is starting up at Zephyr Cove School! This is an after school activity designed to be an outreach to share the Gospel with children. If you are interested in participating In this program contact Wendy at (530) 544-7055.

Family Bible Study

Praise be to God for what He has done. Pray that this ministry continues to draw others in and that the children can stay focused during the study.

Focus on Missions

Tahoe Community Church is excited to welcome

Reverend, Bruce Farra

Executive International Director for

Forgotten Missionaries International

Sunday February 9, 2014

9:00 a.m. Worship (Weather Permitting)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Luncheon

Forgotten Missionaries International is supported by TCC through prayer and financial giving. This mission agency is devoted to empowering national believers for church planting and leadership to effectively reach their own countrymen with the gospel. In recent months Bruce has served alongside local FMI staff in Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

Bruce will be teaching and sharing what the Lord is doing through FMI and the pastor in Pakistan whom TCC helps to support.

We pray you can make time to stay after the service for a potluck and meet personally with Bruce. We also encourage you to bring a dish of food to share as we fellowship together.

Understanding the Spiritual Gifts

All believers have been given at least one spiritual gift. Do you know what yours is? What is its purpose? What is the difference between a talent and a gift? To discover the answer to these questions and a lot more come to our Spiritual gifts class.

When: Saturday, February 8, 2014

Where: Tahoe Community Church

What Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

To Sign up in Advance contact :

Church Office: (775) 588-5860 or

Elder Leonard O'Malley: (775) 588-4102

(775) 588-0503

Men's Steak and Crab Feed

Attention Men who like to Eat! Mark your calendars for the annual Capital Christian Center Steak and Crab feed Fundraiser. The date for this men's only event is March 1st at 6:00 p.m. The speaker is unknown but is always fun and uplifting. And don't forget the great door prizes! The cost is \$200 for a table of 8 or \$30 a piece at the door. Contact Leonard O'Malley for more info and to sign up.

GIVE TO A MISSIONARY



Prayer request for our Missionaries and the Mis-

sions groups we support

By Carol Borsos

Hannah Daly:

Please pray for the thousands of people who received coats and movies about Jesus over Christmas. Pray they will watch the DVD and that God will draw them to himself.

- Hannah has a new relationship with a Pakistani Muslim woman, Sara. Hannah gave her a Urdu gospel of John. Sara said she would read it. Pray Jesus will reveal Himself to her and that God would bring her whole family to NYC from Pakistan.
- Rejoice! We have a new sister in Christ! Hannah has been meeting with Joy, one of several Chinese students, for Bible study. Pray Hannah has wisdom in discipling Joy and that Joy will become an evangelist back in her home town in China.
- Continue praying for the Nepalese Church in Jackson Heights, NY.

Ryan & Danielle Stauffer:

- Praise and Thanksgiving to our Lord that they received their work visas. This allows them to stay in the country and not be required to leave every 3 months.
- Pray for strength and energy getting back into teaching.
- Ryan is mentoring a student 2 times a week and Danielle has started a Discovery Family Bible Study. She is also leading an English Club for parents. Pray for opportunities to share who Jesus is with those God puts in their paths.
- God has opened dialogue between the Stauffer's and a Syrian diplomat and his family. The father asked "who is Jesus?" Pray for future conversations.

Hawatmeh's: (Advancing Native Missions)

- Pray for Abdalla's safety. He was recently called into the police and questioned, which is a common occurrence for him. The northern church was raided and they said (in a weak voice) they wanted Abdalla to stop ministry. After a few more questions they let Abdalla go. Abdalla says he was praising the Lord for this meeting. Abdalla will not stop ministry. He knows God has called him to evangelize and teach the Gospel to his countrymen.

Macedonia: Micro and Nada Andreev (Advancing Native Missions)

Believers shared their faith boldly and are encouraged by family members and local people coming to several evangelistic outreaches in the Fall. They saw true repentance and faith in Jesus.



- Pray for discipling new believers and being an example of what it means to belong to the family of God; that there is sacrifice. In Macedonian culture to stand for Christ means that one almost has to denounce family since they cannot take part in family rituals or pagan traditions. They also take it as a burden to go to church every Sunday.
- Pray the Lord changes their hearts to rejoice and take joy to be with the Lord worshipping Him with family in Christ.
- Pray for Dime, a single parent and his daughter Angela who is 12 and diabetic. Marino, assistant to Mirco Andreev is witnessing to Dime and believes Dime is close to receiving Christ as Savior. Pray also for healing for Angela. She takes insulin.

Kevin & Pamela Sigsby: (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

- Praises to God their Canadian Visas were renewed for 2 more years. Kevin leads Bible studies with small groups and Pamela leads Children and Family ministries. Pray all those involved grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the homeless and low income people of Vancouver as Cityview Church reaches out to them with the love of Christ and the Gospel.
- Pray that a church in Louisiana will again be able to come to Vancouver and help with the Ki' Motion Kidz Summer Camp this year.

TCC Also supports and Prays for:

- North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong)
- International Mission Board (Lottie Moon)
- Samaritans Purse (Operation Christmas Child)
- Church Family Missions: Children's program, building and medical. This is the group that Jacki Wright and Elizabeth Cordero take part in each year.
- Forgotten Missionaries International: This organization was featured on the previous page.

Matthew 28: 19-20 "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."



Why I like living in NYC

By Hannah Daly

Awake o sleeper and rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you. Why, why do I like NYC? Because everyday I am faced with the reality of gospel poverty. If the city were rich in the gospel then the hungry would be fed, the homeless would have a bed, and the foreigner would worship Jesus instead. But this is clearly not the case, and so it is my ambition to preach Jesus and His grace, until all have seen his resurrected face.

This is the gospel poverty I see as I walk through the park; trash on the ground, every person wearing a frown, homeless homed on every bench. Gosh what is that stench? Human waste waffling into the air. A woman holding her child, homeless stare. Graffiti muraling the walls, loops and letters, a lost artist highlighting man's fall. Out of the park now on to the street, a woman walking bare feet, clothes torn, and haven't showered in a week, domestic violence leaving her destitute and weak. And then there is that brothel masked as a hotel in which every night women go through hell because the gospel Christians refuse to tell. International street venders selling trinkets trying to make ends meet, bartering for money to bring home some meat. Muslim women covered from head to toe, eyes only darting to and fro. A Quran being read, Muslim men hair died red, the uptown mosque calling all to prayer, those who enter show their devotion and care. This is all a result of gospel poverty, the city is full of deception and depravity. I like the city because it doesn't allow me to sleep, I am constantly aware of man's need for Jesus, and declaring Satan's defeat.

Now look! Idols being carried down the street by Hindus, many followers coming with their incense to pay their dues. Oh ha. And I haven't ever mentioned downtown yet, with all them rich driving their corvettes and smoking cigarettes.

They go to jazz bars to listen to clarinets, hoping all that entertainment will let them forget their bags of regret. They think they are rich but they are really in debt because eventually they will loose this game of Russian roulette. Their wealth is just a silhouette of death choosing to play solo instead of duet with Jesus who died and was resurrect.

The People in the City are so lost, the only thing they need is Christ and His cross! Now! Everyone who calls themselves Christian, listen. I pray you will consider the cost, of being silent with the gospel, for with silence souls are lost.

This is my prayer; that the constant siren we hear howling down the street, a banner of pain, destruction, and defeat, will be rearranged. No! Completely changed into songs of worship at Jesus' feet. A song of praise from that man at the park snorting cocaine, he left that pain the day Jesus came, when he heard the gospel proclaimed! And to the woman at the store who has been twisted getting a tattoo that says love is wicked, oh that she will be listed in the lambs book of life, because love died for the wicked.

And to the homosexual couple who think love is them as a double, that they would no longer mingle, but find true love in Jesus as a single. And for the man from Pakistan, praying five times a day hoping he is good enough for heaven's stay. Oh that someone would love him to tell, Isa is the only way. Oh the joy that would fill his heart, assurance of salvation before he departs. And to the West African who has come to find the American dream, working 12 hours a day just like a machine, that acts 17:27 would be her promise to find heaven. That God has brought her to this city in order to find Him, and find forgiveness in Jesus for every sin. And for the Hindu who came from abroad, that he will worship Jesus the one true God, and cast away all his idols and fraud.

Lastly Lord, I pray for the churches I see on every block, that they will have flocks, who rise up to preach the gospel until poverty stops. O Lord hear my prayer for your glory alone. Exalt yourself and let every man worship at your throne. Lord I see now that the harvest is plentiful, but workers few, send out workers to do what only you can do. Let New York be that city on a hill in which the burden soul can find peace and be still. And no longer this city gospel impoverished Lord, because the gospel has come to nourish. O Lord listen! O Lord forgive! O Lord hear and act! For your sake o my God, do not delay! Amen!

Hannah Daly,
December 2013

Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meal:** February's fellowship meal will be a pot luck on Sunday the 9th. This is will be a special luncheon for Reverend Bruce Ferra.
- **Workers needed:** Workers are needed in a variety of ministries for the Lord at this local body. Check out the clipboards in the sanctuary foyer for details.
- **Need:** A lady in our community needs help in the home, 3 hours/3 days a week. Please see Rachela.
- **Need:** Family Bible study needs meals for Wednesday nights. Please talk to Jacky Daly.
- **Parents Night Out:** January 24th, February 14th, and February 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Memory Verses for the Month:

- February 2nd Review Week
- February 9th Purity: Ephesians 5: 3
- February 16th Purity: 1 Peter 2:11
- February 23rd Honesty: Leviticus 19:11

Other Current Ministries

- Children's Sunday School: Pray for more children!!
- Ladies Bible studies: The Thursday Morning Group is studying Hebrews and the Tuesday night group is in Ephesians
- Men's Bible Studies. The Thursday evening group is studying Hebrews.
- Preschool: Pray for the teachers and for the current and future students.
- Awesome Kids: We are down to 6 kids, pray for more!
- VBS in June:
- Youth Activities: Youth group and Centrifuge. Pray for renewed interest and rejuvenation in our youth.
- Home groups: Pray for direction, development and outreach to our communities
- Music Ministry: Pray for the music selection for Easter. Pray for the health of our ministry team.

Editor's Note: Please submit anything you would like included in this publication to me no later than the 15th of the month. All feed back is appreciated. In Christ's service, Ted Beverage

Here to Serve You:

Elders: Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Leonard O'Malley, Mark Peterson, Pastor Paul Tracy, Gerry Wright

Deacons/Deaconesses: Susie Brumbach, Jacky Daly, Jerry Klosterboer, Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich, Tootie O'Malley, Suzette Waite, Ted Beverage

Church Staff: Pastor Paul Tracy; Rachela Fazio, Women/Children's Ministries; Ted Beverage, Music Director, and Jonathan Blose

Preschool Staff: Beth Peterson, Director/Teacher. Teachers: Franca Tracy, Maria Arreola, Monica Chan. Teacher Assistants: Rosy Martinez and Maria Tracy.

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