

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

November 2014

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



Tahoe Community Church Thanksgiving Food Ministry

2014

Goal: To hand out 150 Thanksgiving meals to community families in need.

Please share your bounty by bringing any or all of the items listed below to the Multipurpose Room no later than **noon on Monday, November 24th, 2014**

Turkeys or Ham	Cranberry sauce
Gravy, mix or can	Stuffing mix
Potatoes or canned yams	Frozen pies
Chicken broth	Rolls
Cubes of Butter/Margarine	

Preparation of bags will be on **Monday, November 24th at 1:00pm** and Distribution of meals will be on **Tuesday, November 25th at 3:00pm**

Volunteers are needed for both days. Everyone is invited to participate!

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- Worship Service in Sanctuary
- Adult Bible Study "Crazy Love" in Church Office
- Adult Bible Study "The foundations" in MPR
- Children's Sunday School 1st -6th grade in Annex
- Preschoolers in Nursery
10:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship Time in MPR
10:30 a.m. Full Family Worship (Nursery and Children's Church Available)

Weekly Church Activities

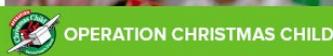
Monday 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible in the Church Office
Tuesday 6:00 Young Adults Home Group
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Fellowship at Lakeside upstairs restaurant.
3:30 p.m. Awesome Kids
5:30 p.m. Awesome Families Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study
Friday 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By Carol Borsos

Tahoe Community Church will be collecting a special Christmas offering for International Missions starting Sunday November 30th. We will also make available the 'Week of Prayer' brochure which serves as a prayer guide for International Missions.

Lottie Moon, the namesake of the IMB special offering, was a missionary to China for 39 years. Upon her urging the Baptist Women's Missionary Union began collecting funds for international missionaries. Special offering envelopes will be available or you can designate on your check "Lottie Moon." Please be reminded this sacrificial offering should be above your regular tithe. You can read more about IMB and Lottie Moon at www.imb.org.



Operation Christmas Child The Time is Now!

By Karen Beverage

I'm reading Franklin Graham's book on the 20 year history of Operation Christmas child and I wanted to encourage you with words of one recipient named Alex:

"I had lost all hope. I was standing in the school yard one day with 250 other orphans when brightly colored boxes were given away, one for each orphan. I'll never forget it. The moment I opened the gift I realized that it was mine. Someone, a stranger I didn't know, had packed it for me and I remember the joy that day. Answers to the Question, "Why am I still alive?" started to crystalize when I comprehended that someone did care; I just don't know the person's name.

To this day I can visualize that box and some of the things in it: a hair comb, candy cane and smarties (the little cellophane wrapped candies that I thought were pills-but how could pills look so happy?) If packers could only comprehend what the least little gift means, it would give them a deeper awareness of the value receivers place on these hope-givers. Empty hearts need hope to point them to the Savior."

Wow! Over 100 million stories like this can be told and hopefully in heaven we will have a chance to hear them all. God is working in mighty ways through these simple gifts. Invite Him to be a part of packing your shoebox. Fill your box with prayer. Pray as you shop and make selections, pray as you pack, pray as your box is sent, pray as it is delivered and received, and pray as it is used. That's a lot of praying but the bible says **"Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."** Colossians 3:17

Please bring all your shoe box missionaries to church on or before November 23rd. The boxes leave Lake Tahoe on Monday November 27th and begin their journey to reach a child in need.

Women's Morning Bible Study

By Tootie O'Malley

The Thursday Morning Bible study group will be starting a new series starting November 13th. The series, based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, is called "Joy of Living." The commentator for this study is Ray Steadman. The group will continue to meet in the MPR Thursday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. This lesson series is scheduled to run through May, 2015. Please plan on attending and bring a friend or two with you! Feel free to contact Kathy Pavich (775) 588-7996 or myself (775) 588-0503 for more information.

Tootie

When We Pray, God Works

"Continue earnestly in prayer"

—Colossians 4:2

A Prayer Request from Operation Christmas Child

Prayer is at the heart of Operation Christmas Child as we work to share the Gospel with children all over the world. As faithful people like you pray for the project, the Holy Spirit prompts people to pack shoeboxes, pairs those gifts with just the right child, and softens hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Join thousand of prayer partners by signing up to pray during National Collection Week as we lift up every aspect of this Samaritan's Purse program, from the shoebox collection and processing to distribution, asking the Lord to prepare children around the world for the life-changing message of the Gospel.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us, God is able to do **"exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"** (Ephesians 3:20 NKJV)

Collection week is November 17 - 23



Basic Creation Training Course

On Saturday, November 8, 29014 , Creation Training Initiative (CTI) will be coming to Tahoe Community Church to present it's course on Basic Creation. This one-day course is designed to prepare Christians to speak about and defend the biblical account of creation with confidence and be better equipped to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Students will learn how to respond to the claims of evolution in the workplace, in school, and by their peers.

CTI is a biblically-based education and apologetics ministry dedicated to equipping and training Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ effectively.

1 Peter 3:15 " *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*"

The Instructor will be Mike Riddle (Founder and President of CTI) Mike is an international speaker and teacher on biblical creation and apologetics. He has been teaching creation for over 30 years.

When: November 8th

Where: Tahoe Community Church MPR

Time: 8:30 am—5:30 pm

Cost: \$45

Cost includes lunch and a 100 page manual.

To register, contact Bill Kolstad at (775) 901-0860 or Jonathan Blose in the Church Office (775) 588-5860



Sharing Jesus while Breaking Bread with a Neighbor

A thought from Samaritan's Purse

One of the simplest ways to make disciples and be on mission with unbelieving friends is by eating with them. Eating brings discussion and discussion leads to relationship which then leads to spiritual conversations.

Did you know that the average American eats 90+ meals every single month? What could happen if we started sharing just two of those 90 meals with our neighbors? Could God use us in this way? Go to the Samaritan's Purse web site and read how some CSBC church starters are sharing meals and reaching the lost.



Are You Ready for Advent?

By Ted Beverage

Advent is the four-week period that precedes Christmas. It is a time when we wait for the coming of Christ. We observe Advent by setting up a wreath in the front of the church which has four candles around it and one in the middle. We light one candle every week and reflect upon its meaning to us. Finally, on Christmas eve we light the candle in the middle, the Christ candle.

This year we would like to have one family each week light the candles. That family would share briefly on their Christmas traditions, light the candle, and read a short script and prayer that I will provide. My family will do the first week as an example. If your family would like to participate please let me know. Advent begins on November 30th.



Attention Prayer Warriors

If you would like the Church to pray for you, or anyone else on your heart, here's how to do it:

1. Prayer Request Cards:

Complete a prayer request card on Sunday Morning and

place it in the offering bag during offering time.

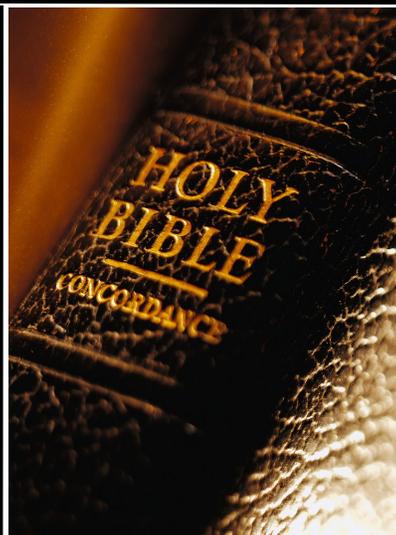
Please be sure to indicate who you would like to see this request: Pastor only, Staff, Prayer Warrior E-mail, and/or Congregation.

2. Prayer Warrior e-mail: Ted is now sending out the prayer warrior e-mails. Contact him by phone at the Office or by e-mail at Ted.Beverage@Gmail.com.

All prayer requests will go out as quickly as possible. We would also like to know when your prayers have been answered so we may rejoice together!

3. Contact any staff member, Elder, or Deacon:

Feel free to contact any staff member, elder or deacon and we will be glad to pray with you, or for you.



Psalm 100, A psalm for giving grateful praise.

Submitted by Elder Bob

Psalm 100: "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he

who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

What are you thankful for? Sure we could list a bunch a material things God has blessed us with, and that is worth while to be thankful for. But consider what this passage says about "generations" yes we can leave an inheritance of material stuff to our children, but will that endure forever? Do you realize that our church is God's chosen way to pass on his ultimate act of love to the future generations in this community? Become a part of God's plan, to increase gratefulness towards God's grace, invite your friends and family to church. The number one way to increase a person's joy is the gospel of Jesus Christ, Tahoe Community Church is a gospel centered church where an unbeliever can hear the good news, and learn about God. Do you believe that God is using TCC to accomplish his mission to release our friends and family from darkness? We have a testimony of being used by God, not a perfect tool in his hand, but willing to step out in faith.

Pray about those you want to invite to church, tell others to pray with you, then step out in faith and invite them to church. Trust God's plan, by using the church as His instrument to draw the lost out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Bob Daly

Did you Know?

Did you know we now have a Monday night Men's Bible Study? Yes we do! They meet in the Church Office from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm. For more information please contact Elder Jeff Brumbach at (775)-450-1692. Don't forget about the Wednesday Morning group at lakeside Inn from 7:00 am-8:15 am.

Sunday School and Nursery Workers Needed

Submitted by Jacky Daly

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" Hebrews 10:24

Would all you faithful servants of Christ please pray for our children's ministries that happen Sunday mornings. These are very important ministries and we need to always be ready for the family that walks in the door . So if anything stirs in you or nudges you or kicks you regarding 9am Sunday school, nursery 9 am and 10:30; please contact me or Jonathan.

I stepped into this ministry because it is a very important part of our church service that we must not do without. It was 7 weeks ago that Pastor Paul came into our women's study and asked for help. I said i would do it and organized the material for both nursery and Sunday school. This is not babysitting this is pre-school level being taught in the nursery and 1st-6th being taught in the annex. So prep is needed. We will develop a rotation schedule.

Please pray for healing and revival for our church family and for new young families to see the love of Christ as they walk through our church door. Pray for kids to come!

2 Theslonians.1:11 "To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power. Not by might not by power but by my Spirit says the Lord."

Thank you all so much for your service and dedication i appreciate you all. Maybe the Lord is calling you to children's ministry.

Jacky



Do you like to beat your own drum?

During the Advent season we give you the opportunity to do just that. We call it our "Little Drummer" season. Time is planned into the 10:30 service each week for anyone who would like to give a special presentation. It could be singing, telling a story, reading a poem, or simply reading a scripture God has laid on your heart related to Chtristmas.

If you would like to participate in our "Little Drummer" season please contact Ted Beverage.

Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meals :** There will be no Fellowship Meal in November. Join us on December 7th for a meal prepared by Mary Bischoff.

- **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:** Volunteers for the Food Pantry, are needed. Talk to Jonathan if interested.

- **Volunteers are needed** to help with Children's Church and Nursery for both 9:00 am and 10:30 am service times. Contact Jonathan.

- **Good News Club:** Anyone interested in helping in this ministry should contact Tootie O'Malley.

Memory Verses for the Month:

- November 2nd "Z" Luke 19:5
- November 9th Review A-M
- November 16th Review N-Z
- November 23rd None
- November 30th None

Upcoming Dates to Mark Down

November 2nd: Daylight Savings time ends. Set your clocks back 1 hour.

November 8th: Basic Creation Training Course, 8:30-5:30

November 9th: Veterans Day Sunday. We will pray for and honor our veterans during the 10:30 Service

November 15th: Shoebox Packing Party; 1:00 p.m., MPR

November 23rd: Shoebox dedication, both services.

November 24th: Food Pantry Thanksgiving dinner bag preparation. 1:00 P.M. in the MPR

November 25th: Distribution of Thanksgiving Dinners 3:00

November 30th: 1st Sunday of advent.

December 7th: Fellowship meal following 10:00 service

December 20th: Christmas Caroling at 5:00 p.m.

December 21st: Special Children's pageant during 10:30 service

December 24th: Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

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; Jonathan Blose, Director of Young Adults and Food Pantry; Ted Beverage, Music Director; and Office Assistant. **Preschool Staff:** Beth Peterson, Director/Teacher. Teachers: Franca Tracy, Maria Areola, Monica Chan.

Teacher Assistants: Rosy Martinez, Harpreet Singh, and Lauren Marshall.

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