

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders
December 2014

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



Ten Guidelines For Keeping Christ in Christ- mas:

TAKE time to be alone
and ponder your rela-

tionship with Christ.

READ the story of Jesus' birth and note how people responded- Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna.

PRAISE God at Christmas. Join other Christians in celebrations of music and praise.

HELP those in need at Christmas. Follow the example of Jesus whose heart was filled with compassion for those who were suffering.

KEEP your TO DO list as short as possible. Limit your social obligations so there is time for reflection.

USE cash when you buy gifts to avoid holiday debt.

TELL others about the Savior. Find opportunities to give a tract or a Bible.

REMEMBER Christ's church around the world.

LIVE like Christ in this season. Be compassionate, forgiving and sensitive to people.

BE JOYFUL at Christmas! You are celebrating the greatest event in the history of the world—the arrival of God in human form.

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.

Happy Birthday Jean!!

One of our beloved church members, Jean Dahlinger, turned 100 on November 12th, 2014.

Jean is our oldest Church member. Congratulations Jean and may the Lord continue to bless you.



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The Daly Report

"I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18

Good morning church!

I often find myself saddened when I think about the masses of people who don't know Jesus. I become discouraged when I share about Jesus and those listening are not listening. I think things like, "Lord, why won't they believe? Why are their hearts so hard? Lord, why aren't you doing your job? My questions can give

birth to doubt, doubting God's goodness and power. I easily find myself on a downward spiral of doubting God, until I hear that voice of truth again. "Remember Hannah that your enemy is titled the Father of Lies? He hates you and has come to steal your joy, kill your life, and destroy the good work Jesus is doing in you. (John 8:44, 10:10).

Church maybe this is where you are at. Our foe has been whispering his smooth talk into your ear and you're believing it. Its time, we as a church, doubt our doubts and meditate on the promises of our Truth speaking savior. If you're struggling with doubts or discouragements, speak these out to trusted brothers and sisters, meditate on the truth, and you will be set free (John 8:32).

The Lord has been responding to our prayers up here in NYC! Thank you all for praying. We are praying boldly for five bible studies to start in our apartment complex and for one church to develop from those bible studies. By God's grace, we already have one bible study started with a college student from Afghanistan. He is very interested, in fact when we first met him, he asked us to teach him about Jesus! He has also been sharing the stories with his father. Please pray for Frank to be open to Jesus and for him and his whole household to believe.

Praises!

- God has given my team and me more relationships in which we are able to show Jesus' love to and start Bible studies.

- After many interviews and a lot of patience, we now have a language tutor! We will start learning Hindi this Friday!! Wahoo!!

Frank's father (storied above) was out of work for over a year and when we met him we started praying for a job. This week he started the hiring process for a job!

The Daly Report (Cont.)

Prayer Points!

- Pray for my team to be filled with the joy of Jesus.
- Pray for Dilek as she continues to wrestle with the divinity of Jesus.
- Pray for five bible studies to start in 8020 Broadway (our apartment complex).
- Pray for us as we learn Hindi, that this would be a means of making Jesus "meetable" to more South Asians.

As always, thank y'all for your support! It means the world to me. So thankful to be in partnership in the gospel with you who love me so dearly. Please give me the privilege to pray for you as well. Email me requests

Jesus in my place,

~Hannah

Called to pack Shoeboxes

By Ted Beverage

For most families Operation Christmas Child means packing a few boxes in November and bringing them to church. For my family it means a whole lot more.

It starts for us in January. Every time she goes shopping Karen looks for bargain shoe box items and starts collecting them. Through out the year she is busy knitting washcloths, making beaded jewelry and copying and assembling coloring books . This year she added making toy tops for all 200 boxes. Karen pours her soul into every item she makes. She wasn't happy with plain socks for the girls so she takes the time to sew beads around the top of each sock.

By June, our shed is full of items for 200 or so shoeboxes. At that point she starts bringing everything into the house a little at a time for organizing and inventory. A lot of time is put into this process as well. Each bar of soap is put in a zip lock bag, counted and put away. This year Karen made a good portion of the soap bars from blocks of soap left over from other projects. The candies are all sorted, counted and put in zip bags as well. She takes the socks and underwear and elastic bands them together by sex and sizes. And on and on and on.

By November all items are ready to go, the boxes themselves are folded and labeled, and everything is taken to the Church and spread out on to two rows of tables for the packing party.

Some people are called to preach, and others to teach. Karen has been called to pack shoe boxes.

What have you been called to do?



Advent 2014

From Church Staff
Why do we celebrate Advent?

Christians have observed Advent for a thousand years as a time of thoughtful preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. The word "Advent" is from the Latin word which means

"coming." It refers to the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. It is a time of preparation, anticipation and celebration. Make it your goal to come together as a family as many days as you possibly can. The four weeks of Advent this year begins on Sunday November 30th.

This year we would like to have one family each week light the candles on our Church Advent Wreath. That family would share briefly on their Christmas traditions, light the candle, and read a short script and prayer that I will provide. The Beverage family will do the first week as an example. If your family would like to participate please let Ted know.

Hospitality Ministry

Kathy Pavich and Suzette Waite have taken charge of the Hospitality ministry and are looking for volunteers. People are needed to make coffee, and bring goodies such as cookies or breads for the fellowship time in the MPR each Sunday 10:00-10:30 am. They also need volunteers to clean up after the 10:30 service. If God is calling you to serve in this way please talk to Kathy or Suzette or sign up on the ministry clipboard in the foyer.

Women's Morning Bible Study

By Tootie O'Malley

The Thursday Morning Bible study group has started a new study. 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.

What's Your "Go-To" Thanksgiving Song?



For 36 years and for thousands of churches, it has been "Give Thanks," written in 1978 by Henry Smith. In CCLI's first ever report period, October 1988 to March 1989, "Give Thanks" was #4 in the list of CCLI Top Songs. Throughout the 1990's it remained in the CCLI Top 10, and it was the #1 song in the Fall-Winter period of 1994. In every report period since, "Give Thanks" has been in the CCLI Top 150 songs, and in each Fall-Winter report period, it has remained within or very near the CCLI Top 50.

We recently discovered a YouTube video of Henry and his wife Cindy singing their signature song. Enjoy it, and have a Blessed Thanksgiving from CCLI.

Our church has certainly made use of this great song of thanks to our God. We first used it in 2008 and have used it at Thanksgiving time every year since. In my opinion the words of this song expresses what we, as Christians, should be thankful for.

**"Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And Now, let the week say I am strong,
let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord
has done for us. Give thanks!**

What are you thankful for?

Announcements being run again

We have started running announcements again on the screens in the sanctuary before and after the 10:30 service. Please take time to look them over. If you have an announcement you would like to make in this format please talk to Ted. All inputs are needed by Thursday the week prior to when you need the announcement run.



Thanks!



Missionary Prayers and Updates

Carol Borsos

Mirco and Nada Andreev/ Mission to the Balkans in Macedonia

The Alpha Course dinners where the Gospel is explained are well attended.

The first meetings have 60-70 people and then finish with 20-25 people very interested in learning about Christ. Pray for salvations and commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church. Mirco and his team must go out to the people to tell the Good News. This is happening and more Muslims are coming to Christ than we are aware of. What a praise!

Many young people are open to new things and more are coming to God looking for hope. The church leaders are praying for the vision of 10-15 new church plants and the training of young people at the first Bible School in Macedonia which will open soon.

With the increased violence in the Middle East, Macedonia is seeing more radical Muslims in their country. It is a big challenge and prayerfully through God's workers they will hear and know God's Truth.

Kevin and Pam Sigsby, Vancouver, BC

The Tam family are learning more about what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus. Their children were part of the Kamp Kids outreach this past summer. Pray for Cityview Church's ongoing meaningful relationships with all the Kamp Kids who came.

The Halloween Outreach was very well attended. Pray for relationships with these families to grow.

Ryan and Danielle Stauffer, Caracas, Venezuela

Pray during the Christmas season for opportunities to share the truth of Christ with their class children and their families.

Pray for a closeness of fellowship with their church family and a building of relationships. And for their closeness with our Lord Jesus Christ, comfort and

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 Thessalonians.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 Christmas.

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

Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meals :** The next Fellowship Meal will be 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.

Scripture Verses for Advent:

- November 30th Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
- December 7th Luke 1:26-38
- December 14th Luke 1:39-40, 46-49
- December 21st John 3:16
- December 28th Luke 2:1-20

Upcoming Dates to Mark Down

December 4th: Preschool Christmas Program at 5:30

December 7th: Fellowship meal following 10:30 service

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

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

December 21st: Special Fellowship time after 10:30 service. We will eat cake, drink coffee and punch, and enjoy a time of fellowship as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday.

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 Blöse, 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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