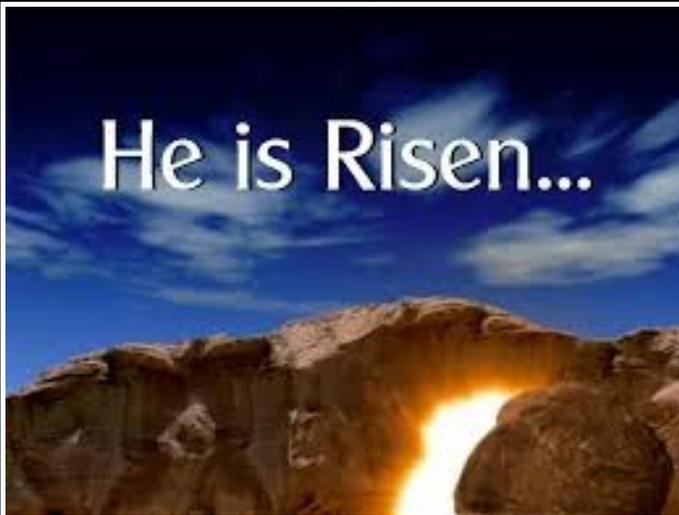


Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

April 2015

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



He is Risen...

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia. (The Episcopal Church)

¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
(Spanish)

Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!
(French)

Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto! (Italian)

No matter how you say it, Jesus has indeed risen from the dead! **"The Angel said to the women, "do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. ..."** Matthew 28:5-6

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 29th—Sunday April 5th

Palm Sunday: Regular Service Schedule

Good Friday: Good Friday Service at 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday:

8:30 –10:00 am Brunch in Multi-purpose Room

10:30 am Easter Celebration Service with a special Music presentation of "Worthy is the Lamb" by our Praise Team and choir

Notes: No Early Service

Please contact Karen Beverage if you would like to help with set up and clean up for the brunch.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

- Worship Service in Sanctuary
- Adult Bible Study "The reason for God" in Office
- Adult Bible Study "2 Timothy and Titus" 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 p.m. 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

Spring Clean-up

Let's clean up the church property before Easter!

Inside or outside your choice

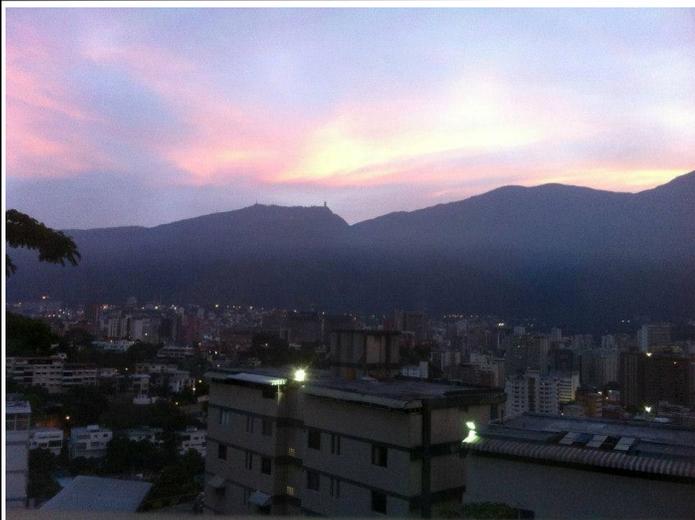
Date Your choice

Time your choice

Tools are available upon request

Contact Leonard @ 588-4102 to volunteer and to get some ideas on what needs to be done and what you can do. I am sure there is a job for everyone who wants one!!





Stauffer Update! Prayer for Venezuela

Recent Happenings in Venezuela and the Need for Prayer

If you haven't heard Venezuela in the news recently, here's a brief update on what's going on here and the need for prayer! The past few weeks protests have started up again for more or less the same reasons as they were going on last year (food shortages, sky rocketing inflation, high crime, corruption, etc.). Over the weekend, Venezuela's president, Maduro, declared that now all tourists entering Venezuela need to apply for visas. This is being implemented immediately with no information as to the process and no consideration for people who already have tickets booked!

Next week, we are supposed to have a team of educators visit our school for our accreditations visit (evaluation). We have been working on this for the past few years and they are finally coming, but it is looking like they may not be allowed in the country! We also have teachers who will be leaving for visa trips during Easter break and they may not be allowed back into Venezuela after they come back with this new policy. Ryan and I both have work visas so we should be fine.

Additionally, Maduro is requiring the U.S. embassy to move from more than 100 personnel down to 17 and so many U.S. citizens will have to move within 2 weeks. We have some friends that work for the embassy so please be praying for them!

We have very little information about how these details will work out, but please pray that the details of getting the appropriate visas will work out!

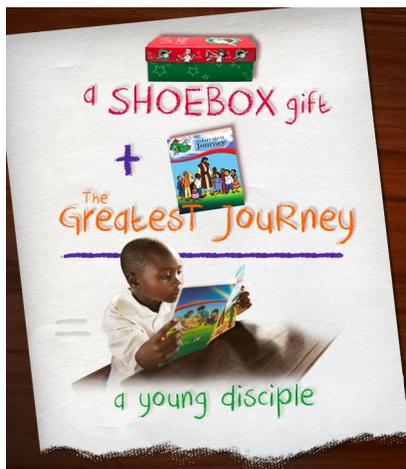
Thank you for your prayers!

Love,
The Stauffers

Prayer Requests for the Stauffers

- 1.) Prayer for wisdom and comfort for our leadership as they have difficult decisions to make and details to figure out.
- 2.) The accreditation team will be able to visit our school next week and that they will be allowed in the country on Saturday.
- 3.) The U.S. Embassy personnel who will have to move quickly.
- 4.) The teachers visa paperwork to go through in a timely manner for safe travel back to Venezuela after Easter.
- 5.) That our school will get accredited

"Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? "
Luke 12:24-25



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There is nothing more urgent than reaching a new generation with the Good News of Jesus Christ—and teaching them how to walk faithfully with

Him and share their faith with others.

After receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, children are invited to learn how to have a deeper relationship with Jesus through our dynamic 12-lesson discipleship course, **"The Greatest Journey."** Boys and girls who graduate from the program receive a certificate and a New Testament of their very own. We're able to train the teachers, and provide all the materials and the New Testament for **only \$6 per child.**

More than one million boys and girls around the world have completed the program so far and we want millions more to be able to take **The Greatest Journey.** Will you help children take the next step in their faith?

To participate in this effort, you can contact Samaritan's Purse or just include \$6 extra in your shoeboxes next year with a note saying you want a child to have **"The Greatest Journey."**

The Daly Report



"Hannah what if you were to change your religion?"

Hello believers in prayer!

I would like to share a quick story and ask for prayer! I have been doing a Bible Study with Dilek, my Turkish Muslim friend, for about a year. At the start of our study last year she rejected reading the New Testament but God answered our prayers and softened her heart to read about Jesus. Now every Bible study our discussions always end up discussing "is Jesus God?" Today she abruptly changed the topic and asked, "Hannah, don't be offended but I must ask you a question. What if you were to change your religion?" My hope was that she was asking a theoretical question about herself. As a Muslim to change religions is very shameful and would mean the disownment of her family, recognizing this heart behind the question I answered. "Personally, I could never change religions because I love Jesus too much. But for the purpose of your question, if I changed religions I know my family would not be happy and it would be very difficult for them to understand. What makes you ask this question?" I could barely contain my curiosity. "I am thinking about changing religions." She replied without explicitly suggesting becoming a Christian. "But it would be so hard because my husband wouldn't understand and everyone I know in Turkey is Muslim." I responded, "Jesus teaches that we must love Him more than our husbands, more than our family, more than our life. Because if we love Him more, when we choose to follow Him losing the other things aren't as much of a loss because we gain Jesus."

Near the end of our study I asked Dilek what it would take for her to believe. Dilek rejects the Bible truth and said she needs her questions to be answered and she needs it to make logical sense. She doesn't believe in miracles or the Bible, but she is starting to think critically about Jesus.

The Daly Report Continued

Will you pray?! Dilek will return to Turkey in three months! She is searching for answers. Will you set your phone alarm to alert you every Wednesday at 10:30am to pray for Dilek until she leaves in May? If you plan to commit to pray, please let me know so I can share in the fellowship of encouragement. May the Lamb of God receive the reward of His suffering!

Jesus is our righteousness,

~Hannah

Question: "Where does the saying 'He is risen; He is risen, indeed' come from?"

Answer: A traditional Easter greeting in the Western church is the exclamation "He is risen!" and the traditional response is "He is risen, indeed!" The words are sometimes accompanied by the exchange of three kisses on alternate cheeks, depending on the church. In the Orthodox and Catholic churches, the greeting is called the "**Paschal greeting**" and is a very old custom.

The greeting is ultimately based on Luke 24:34. Translations throughout church history, from the Latin Vulgate (c. AD 400) to the ESV (2001) have translated this verse nearly identically: "**The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!**" (ESV). Exactly how the saying became a standard greeting in the church is not known, although there are various theories regarding how it came into common usage.

We do know that, at first, the greeting was more common in Eastern and Byzantine liturgies than in the Western church. There is a tradition in the Eastern Orthodox Church that the saying was made popular by Mary Magdalene when she supposedly addressed Emperor Tiberius in Rome with the words "Christ is risen."

Using this address should be more than an empty tradition. The words "He is risen!" remind us of the joyous news we celebrate at Easter, that Jesus' death was not in vain, and that He has the power to overcome death. Saying "He is risen!" allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life.

Article from GotQuestions?Org



How to Help Our Schools? Pray!

I Received this article in an e-mail from "The Navigators" and

thought it might be a good tool for our Church.

We hear a lot about the challenges facing both teachers and school-aged children. Some of us shake our heads and wonder what we can do. We sometimes feel powerless to affect much-needed changes in our public school systems.

But, the good news is that we're not powerless. James 5:16 reminds us that, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Here are 10 things each and every one of us can pray for our public schools. Read through these prayers for our schools. Review the Scriptures listed. Rephrase these prayers—putting them in your own words to make them expressions of your concern.

1. Love: Father, may the students and staff of this school experience Your love through the Christians they know in profound and authentic ways (John 13:35).

2. Truth: Lord, release truth in this school. Help students to rightly discern truth and not believe false teachings (Proverbs 23:23).

3. School board: I pray blessings on each school board member (try to pray for them by name). Father, may Your will be done at board meetings (Romans 13:1).

4. Principal: May (name of principal) recognize the God-given responsibility he/she has for the best interests of the children who attend the school. May (name of principal) walk in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth (Proverbs 2:1-11).

5. Failing students: Lord, I ask You to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Protect them from feelings of worthlessness and shame (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

6. Violence: Lord, stay the hand of violence against the children and staff of this school. Dismantle any plan to bring harm to them. Expose any weapon brought into the school premises and render it harmless (Psalm 34:7; 54:1).

7. Christian programs: Father, I pray for abundant blessings on programs that bring Christ into this public school. Help the groups who sponsor such programs function according to Your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers (1 Corinthians 12:12,13).

8. Christian students: Grant the Christian students who attend this school wisdom and boldness in living out their faith. Help them share effectively the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ with their classmates (1 Timothy 4:12).

9. A chosen generation: From the students at this school, raise up a generation of people who worship You in spirit and in truth (John 4:23,24; 1 Peter 2:9).

10. An open door: Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the Gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus (Matthew 7:7; 1 Corinthians 16:9).

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God is working through these simple gifts to inspire pastors, plant churches, and encourage children to share the Gospel with friends and family. Your partnership is helping make an eternal impact.

"I thank my God in remembrance of You, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meals :** Our Fellowship meal for April will be on Easter from 8:30—10:00. Join us on May 3rd for Chicken and Broccoli casserole.

- **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.

- **Preschool Director Position Open:** Contact Beth Peterson or the church office if you know anyone who would be qualified and interested in this position. A degree and experience in Early childhood Education is required.

- Scripture Memory Verses for April

- April 5th No Verse this week
- April 12th I'm not so bad Proverbs 21:2
- April 19th Too Much to Give up Mark 8:36
- April 26th I Can't Understand John 7:17

More Announcements

- **Women's Bible Study:** The Thursday evening Women's Bible Study is meeting every week in the MPR at 5:30 pm. The current study is "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George. Contact Lisa Brockett.

- **Adult Sunday School Class:** One of our Adult Sunday School class is just starting a series on the book of Titus. This class meets in the MPR at 9:00 am. Contact Jan or Suzette for more information.

- **New Office Extensions:** The church Office has a new phone system which has changed the office extensions for the staff. Extensions are:

- 100 Reception Desk
- 101 Pastor Paul Tracy
- 102 Jonathan Blose
- 103 Ted Beverage
- 107 Beth Peterson

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, 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 Ministries; Ted Beverage, Music Director

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

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

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