

# Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

May 2015

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



Our Church has a new Motto!

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Our purpose at Tahoe Community Church is to teach the Word of God and build lifelong followers of Christ by worshiping together through our services and activities, making disciples through bible studies and mentoring, and reaching our world through evangelism and serving those in need.

## What we Believe

- The bible is the inspired, inherent Word of God.
- There is only one true God, revealed in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## 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)

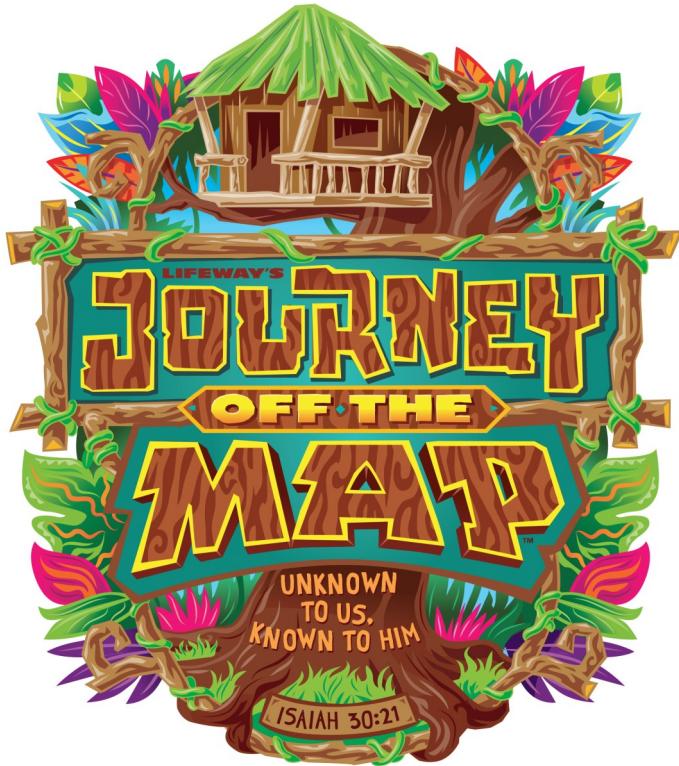
## Weekly Church Activities

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| 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.<br>3:30 p.m. Awesome Kids<br>5:30 p.m. Awesome Families Bible Study<br>6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice |  |
| Thursday  | 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study<br>5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study |
| Friday  | 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry  |

## What We Believe (Continued)

- God, the Son, was revealed through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, was raised from the dead and sits at the right hand of God.
- God, the Holy Spirit, convicts man of sin and empowers Christian in worship and service.
- Salvation comes freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by Faith
- Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly to earth to Judge the World

## Vacation Bible School 2015



**June 22- 26th 9am to 12:30**

Fellow Trail Guides, we are going on a "Journey Off The Map." Here is your big chance to serve our Lord as missionaries in our community.! Get involved and use the gifts God has given you for His good pleasure. Its time for VBS, that's vacation bible school. All gifts and talents are needed. We are a small church but we have a lot of children who attend. So help is needed. Please pray and step out to help with this worthwhile outreach to the families right here in Stateline NV.

Put God's Word into action.....!!!!!!

### VBS Motto

**"This is the way, walk in it"**

### VBS scripture

**"And whenever you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear this command behind you: "this is the way walk in it" Isaiah 30: 21**

For more information, and to sign to help up, contact Jacki Daly @ 775-901-0870 or Jonathan Blose @ 775-588-5860 ext. 102.

## Rhythms of Engagement and Withdrawal

By Doug Nuenke,  
U.S. President, The Navigators - Feb 1, 2015

My wife, Pam, and I enjoy going to concerts. The beauty of the music comes not only from the notes, but also from the spaces between the notes. The pulse of alternating sounds and silence—the rhythm—can make it a hand-clapping march or a soothing ballad.

God spoke of rhythms in Exodus when He gave instructions to guide the culture of the Israelites. There were rhythms of work and rest: **"For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of Sabbath rest to the LORD (Exodus 35:2)."**

Jesus, as a Jew, would have observed the Jewish holidays, but out of His heart for the Father He also created His own "rhythm" of withdrawal: **But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed (Luke 5:16).**

Looking at Jesus' example, we notice that He withdrew often and regularly. Bringing the lesson to present-day, Pam and I try to make a habit to withdraw yearly, monthly, weekly, and daily. This kind of consistency is well worth the conscious effort it takes to make it happen.

We also notice that Jesus removed himself from people and the busyness of life to go to "lonely places" (Luke 5:16). The previous verse explains, **"The news about [Jesus] spread all the more, so that crowds of people came."** He was in high demand!

Sometimes we are able to physically withdraw, but other times, in the midst of busy days and pressing deadlines, it feels close to impossible. Through the years, I have come to see that withdrawal can be a short prayer pause in a conversation or a five-minute break at work. We can prioritize Christ by internally centering our hearts on Him throughout even the busiest of days.

Jesus withdrew regularly to solitary places to pray because He knew the importance of being with His Father—of connecting with Him.

What is your rhythm of withdrawal in order to connect with the Father and center your heart on Him? It is certainly music to His ears!



## The Daily Report

**"This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14**

Alright church! Now it is time for the annual missionary trivia question!

According to missions research, who, of the following, is the most effective in reaching Pakistani Muslims?

- a) a brown hair, blue-eyed, white, English speaking American girl from Lake Tahoe
- b) a Pastor who has a four year seminary degree
- c) a Pakistani Christian
- d) a Muslim Background Believer from Pakistan

The purpose of my above question is to paint a picture of our missions strategy in NYC. It is not to belittle the work that the Lord does through his people but to help us all understand how we can better see the nations reached. I love doing evangelism to Pakistani Muslims, but there are many barriers I have to go through to connect. By God's grace he is using me in my evangelism, but we are seeing much more fruit from people who are former Muslims or from Christians who are from Pakistan (answer c & d) because they know the language and culture and can relate much more deeply than I ever could. Starting in January, James and I started praying for the Lord to give us a Muslim Background Believer from Pakistan who has a burden to reach his people. We also prayed to meet Pakistani Christians who also are burdened to reach their people. Oh how the Lord hears our prayers! The Lord has provided us with a Muslim Background believer whom James is discipling! Please pray for J\*. He has already faced much persecution from his family. Pray for courage, boldness, and love to overtake him as he shares with his Muslim community. Also we have started to coach a Pakistani church (who before we met them were asking God to help them be better evangelists to Muslims!) by teaching them how to share the gospel. Please pray for these Christians who have

experienced deep pain from their Pakistani Muslim neighbors. Pray for forgiveness and love to empower them to share with the many Pakistani Muslims who live in NYC.

### Prayer Needs:

Pray for J\* to grow in his new faith and be passionate to share Jesus with his Pakistani friends

Pray for the Pakistani Christians to be bold evangelists to their people

Pray for me to be refreshed in ministry and joyful sharing Jesus

### Praises

We have several new Bangladeshi brothers in Christ! The gospel is being shared more as cultural insiders are getting equipped

As always, THANK YOU!! Thank you for being apart of what the Lord is doing in NYC! Thank you for support and encouragement. We couldn't be doing this without y'all!!

Jesus changes everything,  
Hannah :)

## It is finished! Worthy is the Lamb!

**By Ted Beverage**

The theme for our Easter celebration was two fold. Pastor Paul concluded a seven part sermon series on the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross. After Jesus said "It is finished," He died on the cross and our door to salvation was opened wide!. Praise God! If you would like a recording of any, or all, of these 7 wonderful sermons, contact Ted.

The Praise Team and company beautifully presented the Cantata "Worthy is the Lamb." I wish to thank the team for their weeks of hard work of preparation. I especially need to thank Karen Beverage who put together the slide presentation that so wonderfully enhanced the music and God's message. And of course, thanks to Beth Peterson for Narrating. Remember, He is Risen!



## Missionary Prayers and Updates

By Carol Borsos

### Mirco & Nada Andreev Missions to the Balkins & Skopje, Macedonia

Well, we had a wonderful Easter. Including the Good Friday when in all of our churches (Evangelical Church plus other Protestant denominations) presented a documentary, "THE CROSS," made by our believers here in Macedonia. So, we had a Macedonia-wide evangelistic event, right before Easter. It was good. However, in Skopje, of the many invited, only a few came, due to a long weekend many left the city.

God is doing great things in Alpha and Beta courses in our local church, plus several courses in other churches. Several people in Skopje's Alpha have shared some great experiences with God.

- Pray for how Macedonians are participating in the Global Outreach Day, May 30th. (This is global event. You can Google it for more information)
- Pray for an evangelistic event in one of our local churches in Prilep, among the Roma people which will be May 21-23,

### **Forgotten Missionaries Pastor Warris in Pakistan**

Pastor Warris returned to serve another term on the FMI-Pakistan national board at the end of March after a two year hiatus. They rejoice in baptizing new believers in his growing congregations. The expansion at his primary church site added rooms on top of the existing roof to facilitate preaching.

- Pray for Pastor Warris and his wife Zareena as they attend a four-day retreat and training seminar being held for FMI pastors in Pakistan. Two special speakers who have come out of Muslim backgrounds to faith in Christ will share about reaching across social barriers in relevant ways beyond the walls of the church.
- Bruce Farra, director of FMI and his wife Janet, will be traveling through our area in mid June on their way to Indonesia. Pray for travel mercies.

### **Ryan and Danielle Stauffer Caracas, Venezuela**

The Stauffer's arrived safely back to Venezuela after attending the wedding of Daniel's sister Hannah. Things at their school are going very well. They received a full report back from the accreditation team and it indicates that their school has been fully accredited.

### **Ryan and Daniel Stauffer (Continued)**

They recently had an awesome opportunity to serve at an orphanage outside of the city with some students. It was a great time to serve and share with the kids living there.

- Please pray that Ryan & Danielle use what little time they have left to invest into their students.

- Pray for their travels and planned visits after they leave Venezuela in early July.

- Please pray that they are sufficiently prepared to make the move to Lima, Peru at the end of July where they will be teaching and serving in Fall of 2015.

### **Does your worldview contradict itself?** By Elder Bob Daly

**2 Timothy 3:15 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJ**

Imagine your worldview is like a boat that you intend to sail across the ocean in, and then imagine that every contradiction is a hole in the hull. Would your boat sink before you got to the other side? We live in a time where if we don't know how to filter out false information. Our boats won't even float! This calls for believers to be tough minded about new ideas coming into the church. Doctrine is the big picture of multiple ideas that make up your worldview, it's the picture on the box of a 10,000 piece puzzle. As we grow in the knowledge of God and his word we start to piece together biblical concepts to form our doctrine. This task is made much easier by applying a few simple rules to our studying.

I hope to write more in months to come on Bible interpretation, but for now note that we can have a complete worldview from God's word alone. The reformers highlighted this principle in the 5 solas that confronted the holes in the Roman Catholicism boat. We use the bible to interpret the Bible. This is far from circular. A closer look at the Word will reveal other passages that help clarify our understanding. The Bible can't contradict itself. Do you trust your Bible? That can be difficult in these times when the world is pushing a new morality that paints us now as immoral. The world can't understand, how we put our faith in the one true revelation from God, the Bible. Since God is the eternal, all knowing creator, we too can know things for certain through what he has told us. Stand firm church and trust God's word, and know for certain you're on His side.

## Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meals :** Our Fellowship meal for May 3rd will feature Chicken and Broccoli casserole. Please plan on attending this one because we have special activities planned during this time.

- **National Day of Prayer:** Thursday 7 May at 1200 noon. Please join us at the court house flag pole as we pray for our nation.

- **Summer Camp:** "Alive and Free" Centrifuge Youth Camp 2015 for those who have finished 6th—12th grade. July 27th-August 1st 2015. Contact Jonathan for more information.

- **Pennies for Missions:** We are still collecting your pennies in the jar in the foyer. We recently took out \$11.00 for missions. The Year-to-date total is \$38.00

### **Scripture Memory Verses for April**

- May 3rd I'm not good enough yet Luke 5:31-32

- May 10th Review Week

- May 17th What will people think John 5:44

- May 24th I can't Hold out Hebrews 7:25

## More Announcements

- **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:** TCC sent \$914.01 to support National North American Missions. Praises to our God for those who supported this special offering. Pray for our missionaries and church planters to live an intentional Christ centered life on the front lines, reaching communities in the spiritually darkest areas of North America.

- **Church Family Missions:** Pray for Liz Cordero who will be representing our church on this trip. "The team leaves May 6 for Olanchito, a tiny town up in the mountainous jungle of Honduras. This will be the first time the team has visited this area. The local pastor is working to start churches in the tiny villages where the medical missions will help open doors for his work. The pastor and his congregation will be helping the medical team and will lead church services and children's Bible activities during the day.

**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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