

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

October 2015

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service Comes to a Close

The last meeting of our 9:00 am worship service will be on Sunday September 27th.

New Sunday Morning Study Classes

Our new 9:00 am "Sunday Study Classes" schedule will begin on October 4th. We will be continuing to have 2 Morning classes that meet regularly along with our new Discipleship Classes. Stay tuned for more details or contact Jonathan at the Church Office.

Sunday 10:30 Worship Service will not change

Jerry Klosterboer to go to Nepal

Please pray for Jerry as he serves on a short term missions trip to Nepal with "Beyond Partnership." He will arrive in Nepal on October 25th and leave on November 5th. In Nepal he will be involved in various aspects of a local ministry including seeing the results of relief aid after the April earthquake, children's ministry, and human trafficking prevention.

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Study Classes
 - Adult Bible Study "Monumental" in Office
 - Adult Bible Study "Radical" in MPR
 - Children's Sunday School 1st -6th grade in Annex
 - Preschoolers in Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up in Sanctuary
- 10:10 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 Study in Church Office
- Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Fellowship at Lakeside upstairs restaurant
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering in Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Awesome Kids
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Study
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Study
- Friday 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Children's Ministries Starting Up!

Summer is over and our children's ministries are getting back into full swing.

Awesome Kids: Awesome kids is due to start for the season on Wednesday, October 7th. Jacky Daly will be leading this group designed for kids in grades K-6 again this year. Awesome Kids meet every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00. Extra help is always welcome!

The Good News Club: "The Good News Club" is scheduled to start on October 22nd. This group meets on Thursdays after school at the Zephyr Cove Elementary School. Contact Tootie O'Malley for more information.





Living Proof Live

January 29-30, 2016
(Friday - Saturday)

Reno Events Center
\$59 if registered before
10/31/2015 \$69 after
10/31/2015

Please contact Tootie O'Malley or Suzette Waite if you have questions about the conference. If you are interested in volunteering to work at the conference, please contact Liz Cordero.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from a dynamic speaker, praise God through song, worship, and fellowship with women throughout our community.

Register by Phone:

Call LifeWay Events Registration toll free at 800.254.2022

Register by Fax:

Fax your information to: 615.251.3730.

Register by Mail:

Mail your information to:

Living Proof Live
P.O. Box 24001
Nashville, TN 37202

More information is also available at <http://www.lifeway.com/event/Womens-Event-Living-Proof-Live>

Living Proof Rally

In preparation for the "Living Proof Live" event, a rally will be held on October 27th in Reno.

This rally will be held at Grace Church, 1220 Robb Drive, Reno, NV. Doors open at 5:30pm and the program starts at 6:30pm. This is a free event but you must R.S.V.P. LIZ Cordero has already reserved a table for ten.

This will be exciting event as they share about the Beth Moore event coming to Reno. There will be prizes, tickets, and hotel rooms given away. Call Tootie to reserve your spot as soon as you can at [775-588-0503](tel:775-588-0503).



It's Shoebox Time Again!

By Karen Beverage

In less than three weeks, on October 18th, we will be kicking off our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive. This will be my 13th year of leading this missions outreach for our church and I am more excited than ever to see how God will be exalted this season. I am constantly amazed and overwhelmed by how generous you are towards these children of His! Last year we exceeded our goal and sent out 349 shoebox missionaries to Nepal and the Philippines. Last year our church and Pre-school exceeded our goal by 30%!

We had a special donation of 50 boxes last year so I am setting our goal once again at 250 boxes and let's see what God can do through us.

Our shoebox packing party will be Saturday, November 14th at 1pm in the MPR. If you would like to donate items for the boxes please see our table in the Narthex for a complete list of items. We are in need of candy, (gum, hard candy, etc.) toiletry items, and money to help cover the shipping cost. Samaritan's Purse receives an average of only \$4.58 per box to cover the \$7 needed for shipping. If you chose to adopt a box (still a bargain at \$25) please be assured that your shipping costs are covered.

Please be in prayer for how God will work in our hearts for this mission, and that He will begin to soften the hearts of the children who will receive our boxes. Pray that they will receive the best present there is, and that is knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Karen

Decision America Tour

In support of Franklin Graham's "Decision America Tour," and the Billy Graham Evangelist Association, we will be meeting at the Home of Sandy Erridge every other Tuesday for Prayer.

Please join us as we pray and live out our Faith, and boldly speak God's Truth. Our goal is to take God's life changing Gospel to the lost in our community.

Contact Sandy at (775) 781-7828 for more information

Stauffers are in Peru!



Hello everyone!

We apologize for the slow communication to you! We have had a very busy start to the school year, but we are settling in nicely!

I (Danielle) have a very sweet class of first graders this year! Both Ryan and I have been blessed by how diligent the students are at this school. This school has students from all over the world and of all different religious backgrounds and belief systems. We are blessed each day to be able to share the gospel and our lives with these students! At lunch time when we pray and thank God for our lunch, one Korean first grader said to me, "Mrs. Stauffer, can you teach me to pray?" Ummm, yes!! That's why I'm here! Ryan has also had some great conversations in secondary as he is developing good relationships with students there.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

This week is Spiritual Emphasis Week at school. It is sort of like Vacation Bible School each afternoon for all students K-12. This week we will be focusing on the story of the 5 missionary men, Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, Ed McCully, Peter Fleming and Roger Youderian, who were martyred in Ecuador while ministering to the Auca people in the rainforest. The cousin of Nate Saint will be the speaker for the week and each of the activities connects with the story of these missionaries which is directly tied to the gospel. Just as these men laid down their lives for the Auca people to hear the gospel of Christ, Jesus Christ died on the cross on our behalf that we might be united with God and become worshippers of Him.

Prayer Requests:

- Please be praying for the salvation of our students during Spiritual Emphasis Week!
- Pray for the teachers to continually be sharing the gospel with our students.
- Pray for all the details of this week and that God would be over the whole event.
- Please pray for our health. We have had some minor health concerns.
- Please pray for our little baby that God would be forming every aspect of this little one and that he would be preparing us for parenthood!

Sunday 9:00 Service what did we learn

Our last 9:00 am worship service will be conducted on Sunday September 27th. I thought it would be fun to look back and see what we did.

There have been early services off and on throughout our Church history mostly in the summer. Our latest run began on June 10th 2012. So a little over three years and 150 services latter, here we are. Attendance varied from 3 or 4 to over 25, and a lot of visitors came during that time.

The concept was that the early service would be a teaching service. Hymns were taught and sung, memory verses were introduced, and a sermon/lesson was provided.

The Primary speaker was Bod Daly. Bob led a series of messages on evangelism as well as walking us through the book of Romans. He started going through the Gospel of John and got as far as chapter 8.

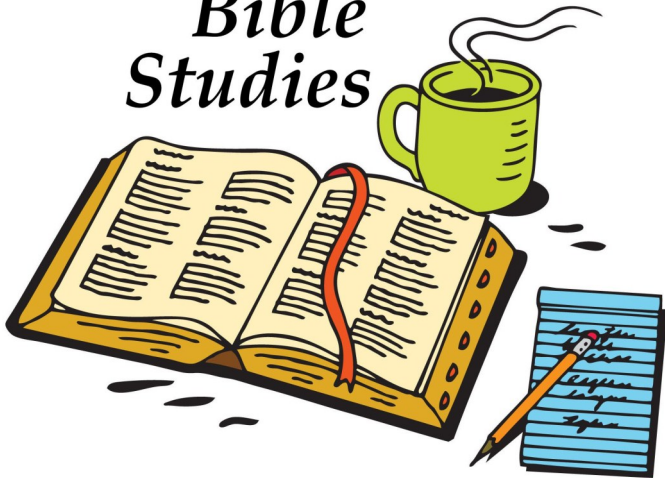


Music was provided by myself and Pastor Paul with Audio/Visual support from Karen. I tried to mix both hymns and contemporary music. One of the things I did was a hymn study that lasted from January of 2013 through April of 2014. We looked at the history of hymns and hymn writers including 23 different hymn writers.

For memory verses I started with "The Navigators Topical Memory System" which included 72 verses. I consider these verses essential for believers to be familiar with. Following that we went through what I called "The Alphabet Verses." These are verses my kids learned in Kindergarten. There was one verse starting with each letter of the alphabet for a total of 26 verses. We finished with 36 verses on evangelism. (We got through all but 4) So all together we looked at 132 verses.

All in all I feel we accomplished our goal with this endeavor but the elders decided to shift emphasis to study classes and discipleship training. I personally will miss the old format but am also excited about the new one. I encourage everyone to come at 9:00 am starting Sunday October 4th and see what the Lord has planned for us.

Bible Studies



The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is back!

The Women's Morning Bible Study has started for the season and meets from 9:00am-11:00am in the multipurpose room. We will be going through "The Armor of God," a study by Priscilla Shirer. This is a 7 week study with DVD's and a workbook. We already have over 18 women attending this study! Wow! Contact Tootie O'Malley for more information.

New Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

A New Bible Study has just begun! We are doing a study called "Breathe" by Priscilla Shirer. We meet Thursday nights at 5:30 pm in the MPR. All women are invited. This is only a five week course so you need to join soon to get the most out of the study! Contact Lisa Brockett for more information.

Men's Bible Studies

We currently have two study opportunities for men:

- Monday evenings: 6:00 pm in the Church Office
- Wednesday mornings: 7:00 at Lakeside Inn's upstairs restaurant. This study is led by Pastor Paul.

Missionary Prayers and Updates

By: Carol Borsos

Kevin and Pamela Sigsby
Mission Field in Transition

We have been praying for future ministry for the Sigsby's and now the time and location has come. Beginning November 2, Kevin will be working with Sun Ministries in the Hyde Park area of St. Louis, Missouri. Kevin and Pam leave Vancouver October 21 and plan to arrive in St. Louis October 26.

The Hyde Park area is one of the more impoverished areas of St. Louis. Sun Ministries took shape about six years ago to train people to be missionaries who live on site for two years studying, working and living in ministry in the area. The ministry is also creating small businesses to provide hope to those living in the neighborhood. Thus far five small businesses have been created and there are currently 23 people employed from the neighborhood working alongside the missionary staff. By working alongside one another the goal is building trust and opportunity to share life in Christ.

One of the small businesses launched has been making café furniture, lovely wooden tables and chairs, suitable for a café or other small dining needs. Kevin has been hired to run the wood shop. This will entail maintaining production of all product lines, training new employees, and, hopefully, sharing life and spiritual skills with the employees. His official title will be Director of Woodshop and Rehab. In addition to the woodshop, the ministry currently has eleven buildings in the area in which they hope to launch additional businesses. When the woodshop production is caught up with current orders, Kevin will also assist with rehabbing some of those buildings.

And what will Pamela be doing? We're not sure at this point, but we are confident that she'll find meaningful opportunities of her own after they get settled a bit in their new locale.

A Personal note from the Sigsby's: We are so very grateful and humbled by all your care and concern for us. We thank you from the depths of our hearts.

**KEEP
CALM
AND
LETS PRAY
TOGETHER**

Alex-and-A Candy Cane A Shoe Box Story



A small candy cane brought a big smile to my face when I received a shoebox gift in an orphanage following the Rwandan genocide.

Imagine the excitement of 250 children in an orphanage who had never before received a gift, each holding shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child. We were so curious. What was inside these boxes? Finally, there was a countdown and we opened the lid and looked inside! Kids began screaming left and right, not because they were sad but because of their joy to receive a gift for the very first time.

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As I opened my shoebox I saw school supplies, hygiene items such as toothpaste and a toothbrush, socks, underwear, and a watercolor paint set. Some of these items were foreign to me. I looked at the paintbrush—I didn't know what it was. I looked at the paint—it was colorful but I didn't know what it was either. I looked at Smarties and wondered what they were. I thought they were medicine. Everything was new! Nearly all of my senses were being used. I was feeling, touching, smelling to figure out what it was.

One of my favorite items was discovered using my other sense—my sense of taste. I had no idea what it was when I ate this item with the plastic still on it. It was sweet. It was very *pepperminty*. It tasted like something I didn't expect. That was my first time eating a candy cane.

A hair comb was the item that I kept the longest. This wasn't a typical comb. When you opened it on one side there was a pick and by opening the other side with a twist, a brush would come out. I took this comb with me everywhere I went for the next three years.

“Every item in that shoebox brought me joy at a time when I had lost all hope”

Each and every item in that shoebox brought me joy at a time when I had lost all hope. I didn't see how Jesus Christ was working at that time, but an eternal seed was planted in my heart in that moment. A year later, I realized the many things God did in my life to bring me where I was.

My Mom passed away with AIDS when I was a very little boy. During the Rwandan genocide my grandmother and uncle were killed right in front of me. People argued about whether or not to kill my entire family. A bullet missed my head by an inch. We walked for miles and miles, sleeping in the bushes, the dirt, and abandoned buildings. In the end I was put in an orphanage.

That box gave me joy when there was nothing left. Something as small as a candy cane put a smile on my face even when I didn't know what it was. God used that moment to give me a glimpse of greater joy that is in Him.

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In the years that followed, I wrestled a lot with “why?” Why am I alive? Why did God spare my life through the war? Why did God take away the people I loved?

Through the mentorship of people around me and through Jeremiah 29:11, I began to see that God had a plan for my life. I could look back and see the miracles since the day I was born. I could not ignore His presence in my life. One of those moments was receiving a shoebox right after the genocide.

A simple candy cane might seem small and insignificant but at that moment as a 7-year-old, I needed to be reminded that someone loved me, someone still cared. It was such a joyful moment I will never forget.



Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meal :** Our Fellowship meal in October will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month instead of the 1st. Join us on October 11th for chili prepared by Karen. If you want to bring your own chili to share that's Great! Please let Karen know.
- **Annual Church Business Meeting:** Our annual church business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 1st following our fellowship meal which will be homemade macaroni and cheese.
- **Prayer Gathering:** We meet every Wednesday morning in the sanctuary at 8:30 am to pray for our church , community and country. You can drop in any time!
- **Scripture Memory Verses for October**
 - October 4th Perfected Hebrews 10:14
 - October 11th Justified Romans 3:24
 - October 18th Heavenly Citizens Phill. 3 :20
 - October 25th Made Complete Colossians 2:9-10

Scripture Memory Verses

By Ted Beverage

In every Issue of the newsletter I have included scripture memory verses in the announcement section on the last page. These were the same memory verses we were using at our 9:00 am service. We will no longer have a 9:00 am service but I will continue to provide memory verses for you.

The verses in this issue are the last four in the series we were going through on the "Believers Position in Christ." Starting in the November issue I will use verses featured in the "Our Daily Bread" publication. I think scripture memory is extremely important and encourage all of you to learn at least one verse each week.

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your word. I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119: 9, 11

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

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 Ministries; Ted Beverage, Music Director

Preschool Staff: Sarah Tran, Director/Teacher. Teachers: Franca Tracy, Maria Arreola, Monica Chan. Teacher Assistants: Rosy Martinez, Harpreet Singh, and Lauren Marshall.

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