

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders
December 2015

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



Ten Guidelines For Keeping Christ in Christmas:

TAKE time to be alone and ponder

your relationship 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. Sunday Morning Study Classes
- Adult Bible Study "The Book of John" in Office
 - Adult Bible Study "Radical" in MPR
 - 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)

5:00 p.m. Youth Group in the MPR

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
- 5:30 p.m. Awesome Families Bible Study
- 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

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By Carol Borsos

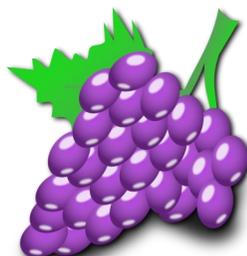
Tahoe Community Church will be collecting a special Christmas offering for International Missions starting Sunday November 29th. We will also make available the 'Week of Prayer' brochure which serves as a prayer guide for International Missions.

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.

Women's Fellowship

There will be a women's Fellowship on Friday evening December 4th at 5:30 pm at the home of Jan Hurst. Please join the Ladies for an evening of fellowship, relaxation, and food. For questions call Jan at 588-8644 or Suzette Waite at (775) 790-2224

See you there and all you have to bring is
A smile, a warm heart, and an appetite!!



Missionary Prayers and Updates

By Carol Borsos

Skopje, Macedonia

- Pray for ministry partner Marino. He is fighting depression while trying to do ministry. He knows God's faithfulness. Pray for his family, wife and girls.
- Praise, that their Daughter (teenager) gave her life to Christ and was baptized.
- Praise for Bitola church in Macedonia for ordination of two elders. They serve in full capacity.
- A major work of church planting seminars is going on in Albania. There are believers there. Pray for the role of the Evangelical Christians to grow and for the Lord to develop ministry among these people who are only Muslims.
- In the town of Gevgelija are many Middle East and Africa refugees. The Evangelical Church continues to help with food, clothing, and cleaning of the area outside the camp. Pray for this good witness to the refugees and the local town of Gevgelija.

From our Missionaries in New York

Hello Faithful Prayer Warriors!

It has become increasingly obvious to us lately that we are in need of God's help- so we're coming to you to fight for us! Please take a few minutes to pray for us now & keep us in prayer in the coming days.

- Victory over depression, anxiety, and apathy & exhaustion.

We are both experiencing a constant attacking of our minds that has made it very difficult for us to debrief our trip & to pour ourselves out in our ministry here. This has also made it very difficult to experience true rest.

- Healing for our friends battle with bacteria infection.

This couple we traveled with have been battling this bacteria for almost a month now. The Husband has lost about 25 lbs. and has spent very little time outside his bed or apt. This comes after already experiencing months of difficulty. They are very exhausted.

- Strength for perseverance over the effects of pregnancy.

As near the end of my 1st trimester I am experiencing a great amount of nausea and tiredness.

- Provision for a new expense.

Over the next months we will be transitioning from our parent's healthcare to our own family plan. Please pray that the Lord will burden brother's and sister's to help us cover this new expense.

Thank you for fighting for us in prayer!

Thank you for praying!

Hi Church!

We are delighted to share a little about our trip to Ethiopia. The purpose of the trip was to discover ministry possibilities in eastern Ethiopia. God ordained our steps to meet many Christian workers who encouraged us and helped shaped possible ministry platforms. There is much that we are still processing through, therefore we don't yet have answers to many questions y'all are probably burning to ask. Please pray for us as we continue to process with mentors and other leaders. We will be updating y'all more when we are able about future plans, but until then, please continue to pray for us to be guided by wisdom and obedience.

Here is our trip in pictures



Specific Urgent Prayer

We travelled to Ethiopia with a couple who we serve with here in NYC. Since returning from Ethiopia the husband has been very sick with a possible bacteria infection though antibiotics have not helped yet. Please pray for him to return to complete health. He has been sick for 14 days now. Thank you!



Advent 2015

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. Advent is observed for about one month prior to Christmas. It is a time of preparation, anticipation and celebration.

To Aid in your Family Advent time, an Advent Guide book is available in the back of the sanctuary. This guide book has brief devotions for each and every day during Advent. 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 29th.

We will also be celebrating Advent as a part of our weekly worship services. We will read scriptures, pre-selected children will light the candles on our advent wreath, and we will and say a prayer.

Don't forget, Jesus is the reason for the Season!

Youth Group is Back!

When: Sundays at 5:00 pm

For who: All High School Youth

Under Jonathan's leadership, Youth Group promises to be a great time of innovative activities, fun fellowship, and interesting Bible studies. And don't forget tasty refreshments!!

Please invite and bring all the youth in your neighborhoods!

Note their will be no youth group meeting on December 27th.

SCAVENGER HUNT!



Decision America Tour



A Message from Franklin Graham

Dear Friends

Because of your support and involvement with Samaritan's Purse, I want you to know about a special announcement I made earlier today.

In 2016 I am launching the Decision America Tour, a project of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. I will be going to the capitals of all 50 states to proclaim the Gospel, rally prayer for our country, and encourage Christians to vote for candidates with biblical values. Together, we can mobilize the Church to not only get up and vote, but also to encourage Christians to run for political office at the local, state, and federal levels as well.

Our country is in trouble. And to be honest, I don't see any political solution. The only hope for this country is in Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Join me in praying for our country. It's time to stand up and have our voice heard.

For more information, visit DecisionAmerica-Tour.com. There, you can sign up to receive email alerts from me personally throughout the tour.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NKJV).

Thank you for your prayerful support. May God bless you.

Franklin Graham
President and CEO of
Samaritan's Purse

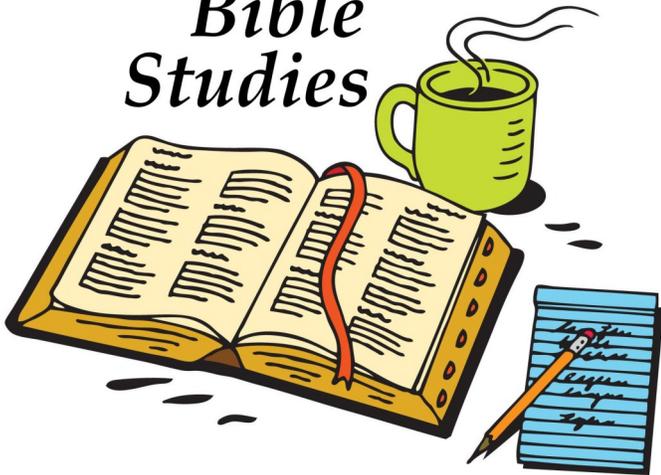
What Can Our Church Do? Pray!

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

Bible Studies



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Women's morning Bible Study will start a new study on "The Psalms," Joy of Living Format with Ray Steadman doing the commentary. This will begin on January 7th, 2016. The books will be \$22.00 and that includes the shipping. We will be ordering the books soon, please call Tootie O'Malley soon if you'd like a book, 755-588-0503.

This study we will be finishing up with in May.

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

A New Bible Study has just begun! We are studying "Breathing Free" by Beth Moore. We meet Thursday nights at 5:30 pm in the MPR. All women are invited. 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.

Discipleship Training Class

Sunday December 6th at 9:00 am

Pastor Paul will be leading the class "How to Study the Bible." This class is one week only and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Sunday Morning Study Classes

"The Book of John"

Join Elder Bob Daly in the church Office for a detailed study on the Gospel written by "the disciple Jesus Loved"

"Radical" by David Platt

This class meets in the MPR and is led by Suzette Waite and Jan Hurst



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>



Praise the Lord!

What a privilege it was for our Church to participate in this life changing ministry once again.

A huge thank you to all who participated. Thank you for your generosity, time, and prayers. I truly believe that lives are changed on both sides of our shoeboxes. I know mine has! God has shown me that I need to dream bigger. I thought that setting a goal of 250 boxes for our Church was an ambitious goal. Little did I know that God would exceed that goal by 30 boxes! A special thank you to Leonard and Ted for lending their backs to pack up and transport all 280 shoeboxes from



our church plus 111 boxes from our area churches.

Please join me in praying for all the children who will receive our Tahoe boxes that they will receive the best gift of all, and that is knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Joy in Jesus, Karen.



Preschool Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Preschool Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser a great success! I am so grateful for your prayers, your donations, and your purchases! Thank you for all of your time and energy spent gathering and soliciting donations, as well as preparing, organizing, and setting up!! Most importantly, thank you for your attendance and your participation!!! The Preschool made just over \$2000 for the Preschool Parents Fund Account which is used to purchase preschool equipment, cover the cost of mandated Teacher Trainings and support the continuance of our Scholarship program. A special Thank you to Ted and Karen Beverage, Cindy Johnson, Tootie O'Malley and Jonathan Blose for the many, many, many hours spent behind the scenes, and a special Thank You to everyone who took the time to meet and connect with our wonderful Preschool families!!! Thank you to each and every person involved in any way big or small. It was a wonderful event because of all of you!

Sincerely,
Sarah Tran, Preschool Director



Preschool Christmas Program & Art Show

Please join the Preschool Families on Thursday evening, December 3rd at 5:30 in the MPR for our Children's Art Show and at 5:45 in the Sanctuary for our Children's Christmas Program. Dessert will be served in the MPR following the Preschool Program.

Children's Pageant

Our "Awesome Kids" will be present their 2nd annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 20, 2015. This awesome presentation will take place at the end of our 10:30 worship service. Please stay after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.



Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meal :** There will be no Fellowship meal in December. Plan to Join us on Sunday January 3rd for our next church fellowship meal.

- **2016 Offering Envelopes:** The 2016 Offering envelopes are ready. Please pick yours up on Sunday. If you need them mailed to you please contact Ted.

- **Christmas Caroling.** We will meet at the church office at 5 p.m. and will be return around 7:00. We will car pool to the casino area and spread some Christmas cheer!

- Scripture Memory Verses for October

- December 6th Matthew 1: 24
- December 13th Hebrews 10:14
- December 20th Isaiah 9:6
- December 27th Psalm 51:7

Dates to right Down

December 3rd: Preschool Christmas Program, 5:00 pm

December 4th: Women's Fellowship, 5:30 pm

December 6th: Discipleship Training class "How to Study the Bible" led by Pastor Paul

December 20th: Awesome Kids Christmas pageant during the 10:00 am Worship Service Church Fellowship time to follow (Cake and coffee/punch)

December 20th: No Sunday Morning Classes

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

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm

December 27th: No Sunday Morning Classes

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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