

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

November 2015

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



Tahoe Community Church Thanksgiving Food Ministry 2015

Goal: To hand out 180 Thanksgiving meals to community families in need.

Please share your bounty by bringing any or all of the items listed below to the Multipurpose Room no later than **Noon on Monday, November 23rd, 2015.**

Please contact Jonathan at 775-588-5860 ex 102 if you need to set up a drop off time.

Turkeys or Ham	Cranberry sauce
Gravy, Mix or can	Stuffing mix
Potatoes or Canned Yams	Frozen pies
Chicken broth	Rolls
Cubes of Butter/Margarine	

Preparation of bags will be on **Monday, November 23rd at 1:00pm** and distribution of meals will be on **Tuesday, November 24th at 3:00pm.**

Annual Church Business Meeting

Our annual church business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 1st in the sanctuary following our fellowship meal in the MPR.

Everyone is encourage to attend to celebrate what God had done and what He will do!

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)

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

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.



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>

Children's Ministries Starting Up!

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

Awesome Kids: Awesome kids has started for the season. Jacky Daly and Sally O'Brian 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 needed and welcome!

The Good News Club: "The Good News Club" has also started. This group meets on Thursdays after school at the Zephyr Cove Elementary School. Contact Tootie O'Malley for more information.



The Time is Now!

By Karen Beverage

I'm reading Franklin Graham's book on the 20 year history of Operation Christmas child and I wanted to encourage you with words of one recipient named Alex:

"I had lost all hope. I was standing in the school yard one day with 250 other orphans when brightly colored boxes were given away, one for each orphan. I'll never forget it. The moment I opened the gift I realized that it was mine. Someone, a stranger I didn't know, had packed it for me and I remember the joy that day. Answers to the Question, "Why am I still alive?" started to crystalize when I comprehended that someone did care; I just don't know the person's name.

To this day I can visualize that box and some of the things in it: a hair comb, candy cane and smarties (the little cellophane wrapped candies that I thought were pills-but how could pills look so happy?) If packers could only comprehend what the least little gift means, it would give them a deeper awareness of the value receivers place on these hope-givers. Empty hearts need hope to point them to the Savior."

Wow! Over 100 million stories like this can be told and hopefully in heaven we will have a chance to hear them all. God is working in mighty ways through these simple gifts. Invite Him to be a part of packing your shoebox. Fill your box with prayer. Pray as you shop and make selections, pray as you pack, pray as your box is sent, pray as it is delivered and received, and pray as it is used. That's a lot of praying but the bible says **"Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3:17**

Please bring all your shoe box missionaries to church for their dedication on Sunday November 15th. The boxes leave Lake Tahoe on Monday November 23th and begin their journey to reach a child in need.

You are also invited to come to our shoebox packing party which is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th. Please contact me, Karen Beverage, for more information.



Preschool Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction

The Annual Preschool Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Thursday night November 12, 2015. The event will be from 5:00-7:30 pm in the MPR.

This year's dinner will feature Shrimp Scampi for the adults and homemade Macaroni and Cheese for the children. Fruit, salad, dessert, and drinks are included.

Suggested Donation price for the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for the children. Please RSVP to Sara Tran by Thursday November 5th

All church members and attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend to support our preschool.

We are also in need of items for the silent auction. If you have something you would like to donate, or know of someone who might, please contact Sarah Tran in the preschool office. (775) 588-5860 ex 107

So mark the date, November 12, on your calendar and join us for a night of food, fun, and fundraising.

Christmas Presentations Needed

As in past years, we are looking for people to give special presentations during the four weeks of advent which start November 29th and end on December 20th. You can sing a song, read a poem or short story, or simply share a favorite scripture passage. Please contact Ted if you would like to be a part of our Christmas celebration.

We are also looking for families to light our Advent candles each week. Last year families shared a family tradition, read a passage of scripture, lit the candle, and said a short prayer. Scripture passages and prayers will be provided. Contact Ted if your family would like to participate in our Advent celebrations.



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

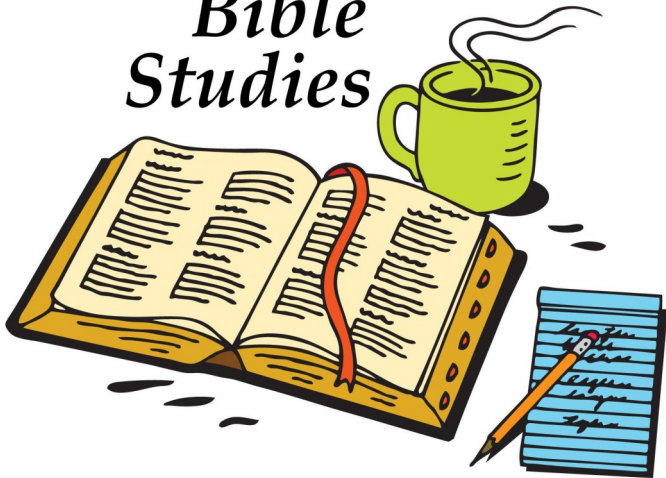
What Can Our Church Do? Pray!

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

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. Contact Tootie O'Malley for more information.

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

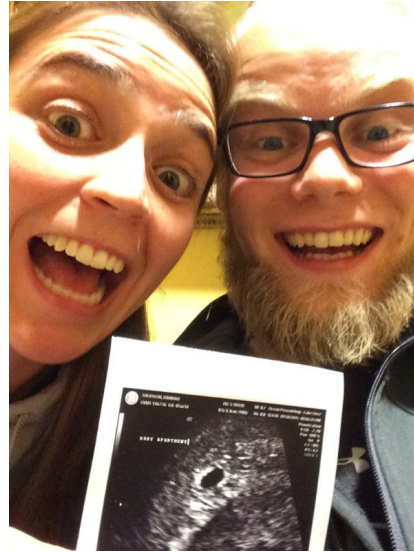
A New Bible Study has just begun! We are also studying "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. We meet Thursday nights at 5:30 pm in the MPR. All women are invited. This is only a five week course so you need to join soon to get the most out of the study! Contact Lisa Brockett for more information.

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.

We're pregnant! Whoa!



Hi Church,

Just wanted to send this quick announcement before we board the plane to Ethiopia today. Please be praying for Baby Thor to be healthy and protected as we travel! We are thankful for the Lord's grace in giving us this baby. God works all things for his renown. Let us worship him.

To Him be the Glory,
Hannah, James & Baby Thor

The First Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection, aid and favors... Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be that we may then all united in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us,
George Washington, 1789

George Washington also said: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible"

Blessed is the nation whose god is the Lord; Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy. Psalm 33:12,18



Thank You, LORD!

Irina and a Pencil Sharpener A Shoe Box Story



When I received my shoebox gift, it was a gateway to realizing that God loves me. ***Irina received her shoebox at an orphanage in the former Soviet Union at age 10.***

My favorite thing in my shoebox was a pencil sharpener. I didn't get many toys and that was the biggest one so that's why I really liked it. It was in the shape of a dinosaur. At first I didn't know it was a pencil sharpener but then I saw the hole. I just thought it was so creative. I'm a creative person so I really appreciated that aspect of it.

Hairclips were something that I really wanted because my hair was down to my hips. We lived across the street from the market so we would wander around and dream about what we would buy if we could afford it. My dream was always from the hairclip stand. Then I got some in my shoebox! They were really special to me.

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The other thing that I still cherish to this day was a notebook. It was small and had a little spiral on it. I and the other girls would use it to write our secrets.

Most importantly, when I received my shoebox I learned about Jesus. I had heard about God but I had not heard about Jesus and that makes all the difference in the world. They explained that He died on the cross so that we could become His. To me that meant that God is the God of adoption, and adoption is every orphan's dream.

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They encouraged us to pray to Him as a loving father who wants to hear from us. I thought, this is the Man that could make it happen. So I decided I'd go big and ask Him for my biggest dream. It was exciting to pray for the first time. I went outside and said, "God, I'm not sure if You're real, but it sure sounds good to me. I've been disappointed before, though, so I want to hear from You directly. I'm going to take this bunch of leaves and throw them up in the air. If the leaves blow to the left I will know You hear me, but if they blow in any other direction, well forget it." I thought, Surely He can control the leaves. I threw up the leaves and they blew left. So I said, "All right, here's my real prayer request. God, allow me and my sister to be adopted."

This was the beginning of my relationship with God even though I didn't know much about Him other than He was loving and He was in control of the earth. A year later I got my miracle when a family in South Carolina adopted my sister and me. I knew that God is a powerful God the way I'd been told. It was confirmed to me that what they said was true. It was exciting!

"It was the beginning of my faith and was a huge gift to me."

The shoebox was the beginning of my understanding about God. It was a gateway to realizing that He loves me. It meant hope to me. It was the beginning of my faith and was a huge gift to me. The blessing at first was the gift and the toys. I don't have them anymore (except for the hairclips and the notebook), but my faith continues to grow and bear fruit. This particular gift is something I will never forget. Now I am able to extend the gift to other people as I pack shoeboxes with my husband and family and encourage other people to participate.

It's such a privilege to be on this side of the shoebox. It is so much better to give than to receive. I must say I loved my gift and I received it with such joy, but the gift keeps on giving.

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Miscellaneous Announcements

- **Church Fellowship Meal :** Our next Fellowship meal is scheduled for November 1st. Please join us for homemade Macaroni and Cheese.

- **Preschool Silent Auction and dinner:** Thursday November 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the MPR.

- **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

- November 1st I Corinthians 12: 25-26
- November 8th Mark 2:5
- November 15th I Peter 2:9
- November 22th Luke 10:41-42
- November 29th Psalm 40:17

Sunday Morning Study Classes

Our "Sunday Study Classes" schedule has begun. We will be continuing to have 2 morning classes that meet regularly along with our new Discipleship classes which will meet periodically throughout the year. Our current Classes are:

"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

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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