

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

August 2017

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



Annual Church Baptism

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you

always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20

Tahoe Community Church will be conducting our annual baptism on Sunday, August 20th at Nevada Beach. Baptism will take place at 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate with those making a commitment to follow our Lord in believers baptism. You are invited to bring your own food and drink stay for a time fellowship following the baptism.

Anyone interested in being baptized needs to contact the Elders, or Ted in the Church Office, for more information.

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Study Classes
- 9:30 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up in Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship Time in MPR
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Nursery and Children's Church Available)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group in the MPR

Weekly Church Activities

- Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Fellowship at Lakeside upstairs restaurant
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Study
(Starting up again in September)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Study
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
(Starting up again in September)
- Friday 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry



Pastor Search Update

From Kathy Pavich

You probably already know that the Pastor Search Committee invited Pastor Mondo Gonzales and his family here this last weekend of July 22nd. This gave us a great opportunity to get to know the family and hear Pastor

Mondo preach. We really enjoyed getting to know Pastor Mondo and his family!

If you were unable to join us during church on July 23rd, please go to the church website and click on 'Latest Sermon' or 'Sermon Archive' to hear his message.

If you have any questions regarding Pastor Mondo and his family please contact Kathy Pavich, any Pastor Search Committee Member, or any Elder.



The Pastor Search Committee asks all of you to pray for Pastor Mondo and his family, and for Tahoe Community Church, as we seek God's will for Pastor Mondo to be our next pastor.

Please attend the August 6 Fellowship lunch and business meeting. Church members will vote YES or NO on hiring Pastor Mondo Gonzales as our next pastor!

Pastor Search Committee Members:

Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich,
Carol Borsos, Jan Hurst
Sandy Erridge,
Anna Rose Salvador,
Dan Wilkinson, Bill Kolstad,
Kathleen Huggins,
and Elder Bob Daly





Missionary News & Prayer

by Carol Borsos

For more details, and photos on missions, check out the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Mirco & Nada Andreev Skopje, Macedonia

Pray the pastors in many churches in the Balkan countries endure in their work with high enthusiasm, and vision to continue with God's work. Pray for physical and spiritual health and protection.

Current and new students in the Bible School which started last September, to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ having a willingness to take more responsibility in the churches. It is noticeable that young people are coming to God and are more open for Jesus than older people.

Pray for the work on new church buildings (in Chiflik, Struga, & Strumica) and that God will fill these churches.

Pray God would guide believers to Muslims whom the Holy Spirit is speaking to.

Tim & Susan Driscoll Home Assignment From Japan

The Driscoll's arrived safely in the USA at the end of June. Pray they would settle quickly into American life; remembering how to do things, how to get places, remembering people's names and lives after being gone so long.

Pray the leadership at Saitama Church in Japan, lead by the Holy Spirit, will take charge in the Driscoll's absence.

Their youngest child, Chad, graduated from High School in Japan. Pray for his transition to an American college.

Middle son, Brenton, had another surgery on his ankle recently. Pray this will eliminate the pain he has been living with for over a year.

Pray that Tim & Susan glean all God has for them from their upcoming conferences in California and Denver, CO.

Pastor in Pakistan Serving with FMI

A new evangelism tool called "Snapshot" was delivered earlier this year. Pastor and his FMI colleagues have been trained on it. Pray that God will bless their efforts and for God to save souls.

Manar, a believer, is using the Snapshot to disciple other women and speak to people during her travel on public transportation.

Missionary News & Prayers Continued

Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. Some flee to safe houses which are supported by FMI.

FMI's director, Bruce and wife Janet, moved to care for Bruce's mother. As we pray for this transition, pray that Janet finds a new job in that area.

Ryan & Danielle Stauffer Lima, Peru

Pray for preparations for the new school year, new students and their families who come from all over the world to their international school.

Pray teachers finish up their break and come back refreshed.

Pray for returning students and the relationships that have been built to continue with greater trust and love in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Stauffer's service, ministering to others, and that they get the rest and spiritual nourishment they need.

Continue to pray for Danielle who is due in October with their second child.



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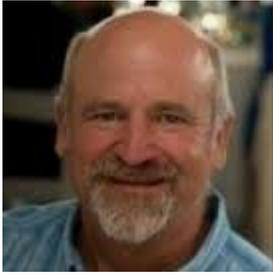
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A Church Update

by Elder Bob Daly

As of this writing, we have yet to vote on the calling of Mondo Gonzales to be our new pastor. Whether he answers the call or not, God continues to take care of Tahoe Community Church. Here are some of the blessings we have been graced with in the past year:

- 1) We haven't lost members or attendees during our almost year long quest to find a new pastor.
- 2) We have continued faithfully ministering in the same way as we always have. Bible Studies, Preschool, and Food Pantry are all up and running. We have even added the Life Choices ministry on Thursdays in The Shoreline parking lot
- 3) Our bills are being met, and we continue to reduce the debt.
- 4) The search committee has become a tight knit group that continues to be a priceless help to the Elders.

So lets be faithful, because God is faithful!

New Sunday Study Classes

Up Coming, starting in September, the 9:00 am Sunday Study Class will be studying:

"The Apostles' Creed - Together We Believe" by Matt Chandler. This study goes through an in-depth examination of the primary tenets of Christianity.

The Apostles' Creed was born from the apostles' teachings. It contains essential doctrines and beliefs that summarize the gospel and the foundation of our faith. The scriptural truths contained in the creed enable us to build our Christian lives on good theology, with the knowledge that our faith is rooted in truth and a rich history.

Meanwhile, for the month of August, we are doing two topical Studies:

"Herman Who" (hermeneutics) by Todd Friel,

"Two ways to live; know how to share the gospel" by Matthias Media

As always, these classes are open to everyone!



Thank You Tahoe Community Church!!

By Jacky Daly

"The Joy of the Lord is our strength" say it again, dwell on it. The Joy of the Lord is our strength. I am tired and run down but not alone, the Lord is my Shepherd. When we serve the Lord we are working for the Lord not for ourselves. God does not promise it would be easy. It was hard work this VBS week. You study and prep all your material and object lessons. You collect all your supplies. And then you turn the church grounds into a Galactic Children's playground where a childhood memory will stay with them because of your decorated club house with all those imaginary stars and planets. Because you went that extra mile to make it special for the children the Lord would bring us.

Then Monday morning they arrive some excited, some not so much. As the week progresses the Holy Spirit is empowering us, the kids are excited and inviting friends. We are relying on the Lord to work though us, we realize that we are weak and that the enemy is strong, the Holy spirit takes over.

"For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12.

Many people helped, many gifts were used. The Lord used all those who were obedient to his call for His glory. Jesus is our Victor!

One story: The parents are arriving for the lunch to see their little one perform! There are several parents I didn't know. I make my way towards a couple sitting alone with no food. I introduce myself and the man gives me half a hand shake and starts to walk away. I continue talking about Awesome Kids, I got his attention he turns around sits down looks at me and takes off his sunglasses. I am like "wow Lord"! He asks me how much does Awesome Kids cost? I said its free just like VBS is free. He said why? I said what? He said WHY, WHY IS IT FREE? So I continued to tell him because I love Jesus and we want your children to hear who Jesus is. The man stood up and held out his hand gave me a firm hand shake and said "its very nice to meet you Jacky. We want our little boy to be a good boy". I am like : Wow Lord - divine appointment.

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A Wise Observation about Prayer From a Missionary

So you want to know why we don't pray? I'll tell you why.

This thing called text messaging. Yep. That's the reason. Now put your phone down and pray! No, no, that's not entirely the reason. So here is the story: The baby got really sick. He had a 104.3F temperature, throwing up, diarrhea, and restless. When this occurred we happened to be camping with friends about 5 hours away from the nearest medical clinic and with no cell-phone service. The first night we were camping, the baby got extremely sick and at 4am it was decided to pack up and head for the medical clinic. We told one friend what was happening and asked him to relay the information onto our other friends. Then we bolted for the doctor.

It was a long drive with many prayers. The doctor couldn't place his finger on an exact reason why the baby was sick, but after a week, he recovered. Praise God! So what does this have to do with prayer and instant gratification problems? Everything!

Remember the friends who were camping? Remember that they didn't have cell-phone service? Case in point: Because they couldn't text to see how the baby was doing, they were forced to pray more than they normally would. They were forced to talk to God, not me, about the baby. God was the one who gave them peace, not a text from me saying he was doing better. They laid their burdens on God instead of waiting nervously for me to reply.

It's such a subtle thing, and yet it drastically has transformed our trust and reliance on our heavenly Father. Next time you're worried about someone, or curious how their health is doing, I encourage you to first pray for the person before texting. Wait for the peace that transcends understanding. Then maybe you could text them, just maybe.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7

Prayer Changes Things

10 Reflections from "Our Daly Bread"

I have order copies of a special edition of "Our Daly Bread" that focuses on prayer that I thought would be helpful to you. They will be made available starting the first week of August in the Sanctuary.

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Thank you all for your commitment to this ministry it is a great outreach to the families of this community. I Hope you were blessed by all those smiling faces and how the Lord used each one of you!

We had 33 children preschool thru 6th grade, 9 youth. One sixth grader requested baptism. We will follow up with these families for Awesome Kids. Thank you all, many seeds were planted and watered. We were obedient to His call.

The Joy of the Lord is my strength. Nehemiah 8:10

Blessings, love jacky d :)



LIFE CHANGE AT JENNESS PARK

Every year we have students from a private school in Tijuana, Mexico come to Jenness Park for a week. Most of these students do not know the Lord. We have the opportunity to share the gospel with them every year and every year many of them make the decision to follow Christ. This year there were **22 students** who made the decision to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We praise God for great things He is doing in the lives of the campers here at Jenness Park!

I think most of you know that Jenness Park is where our youth attend Centrifuge each year. However, most of you probably don't know how much more Jenness Park has to offer. There are men's retreats, women's retreats, and special winter youth retreats. The article above is from a private retreat held each year.

More information of Jenness Park and their many activities can be found on line.

(Prayer Changes Things Cont.)

This is from the back cover: "We live in a world that is constantly moving. Being still almost feels wasteful. But that downtime is exactly what God wanted from us. Be still. Pray. Listen. Instead of jumping into action and hoping things work out, spend time with God in prayer and let Him direct your next move. Allow these 10 meditations from Our Daly Bread to sink into your soul as you read about the many ways prayer changes everything."



Baptism

Baptism is primarily an act of obedience by a believer in Jesus Christ. You will find below a list of scriptures found in the New Testament on baptism. Tahoe Community Church defines baptism as follows:

Christian baptism is in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and resurrection to walk in the newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony of his faith in the final resurrection of the dead.

Tahoe Community Church practices baptism by immersion. The church believes the attitude of the heart is more important than the method of baptism. People of the age of accountability are baptized, that is of the age to make their own profession in Jesus Christ and follow their Lord in obedience of baptism. The church, for this reason, does not practice infant baptism, but believes children are under the loving grace of God until they reach the age and maturity to make their own decision. Infants are, however, dedicated to the Lord with parents promising to teach them Christian principles.

Here are a few Bible verses to look at:

Matthew 3:13 - Jesus is baptized

Mark 16:16 — Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..."

John 3:5 & 4:1 - Jesus teaches baptism

Acts 2:38 & 2:41 Peter teaches baptism

Acts 8:12 – Philip baptized

Acts 8:36 – Philip baptizes the eunuch

Acts 9:18 – Paul (Saul) is baptized

Acts 10:47 – Cornelius and his family are baptized

Acts 16:14 – Lydia and her family are baptized

Acts 18:8 – Corinthians were baptized

Acts 19:5 – Baptism is "in the name of the Lord Jesus"

1 Corinthians 1:12-13—Baptism is not of a denomination

1 Corinthians 12:13—Baptism is of one Spirit

Ephesians 4:5—One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism

Romans 6:3— United with Christ through Baptism

Colossians 2:12—Raise with Christ



Church Membership

By Ted Beverage

With a vote on a new pastor scheduled for August 6, I thought it appropriate to include a few passages from our church by-laws on church membership and voting procedures.

Article IV Section 1: The elders must bring two issues before the congregation for a congregational vote:
1. The sale of real property, and 2. The call or dismissal of any pastoral staff. These votes by the congregation shall require a two-thirds majority of those members voting to be passed.

Article V Section 1: Prerequisites for membership.

1. To have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior
2. To have followed Jesus Christ in the Obedience of Christian baptism
3. To have made a public confession of items #1 and #2 above before the church body.

Any person desiring to be a member of Tahoe Community Church is required to come forward during a time of invitation during a church service. The pastor, or elders, will interview the candidate for membership, and the church body will approve of membership with a simple verbal approval.

Article 2 Expectations of Church Membership

1. Regular worship attendance
2. Regular giving of tithes and offerings
3. Service to the Lord through the church ministries
4. Support of ministries through prayer
5. Attendance at church meetings
6. Attendance at a TCC Member Orientation Class

Note: We currently do not have a member orientation class. However, the deacons and elders will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Section 3. Voting members: Voting members must be resident members age 18 or older with regular worship attendance.

If you have questions about whether you are a voting member or not, please ask any of the Elders or Ted Beverage. There is a current membership list posted in the back of the sanctuary. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to vote on our new pastor because of a clerical mistake or misunderstanding.

Announcements

- **Fellowship Meal:** Our next fellowship meal will be on August 6th. This will be a send off meal for the summer CRU. Let's come together and express our gratitude to this wonderful group of young people.

- **Church Business Meeting:** There will be a Church Business Meeting on Sunday, August 6 at 1:00 pm. We will be voting on a new pastor so it is imperative that all members attend. Other topics include, Benevolence, Education, and Preschool

- **Workers needed for Nursery and Children's worship:** We are looking for volunteers to help out in this vital Sunday Morning Ministry. Please contact Suzette Waite for more information.

- **Church Debt:** As of this writing, our Church Debt is approximately 33,000. Praise the Lord!

Scripture Memory Verses for August

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| - August 6th | Exodus 34:29 |
| - August 13th | Habakkuk 3:19 |
| - August 20th | Psalms 46:11 |
| - August 27th | Psalms 41:1 |



Operation Christmas Child

From Karen Beverage

Back-to-school sales should be starting soon which means its time to start collecting items for shoe-boxes! Please consider picking up a few items you see on sale for our shoebox packing party. As a reminder, the following are a few of the items that are packed into each box:

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| - pens/pencils | - crayons |
| - colored pencils | - pencil sharpeners |
| - note books | - coloring books |

Please bring your donations to Karen on Sundays or drop them off at the church office labeled "OCC."

Check out next month's news letter for a list of personal care items needed for each shoebox.

Here to Serve You:

Elders: Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Leonard O'Malley

Deacons/Deaconesses: Susie Brumbach, Jacky Daly, Jerry Klosterboer, Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich, Tootie O'Malley, Suzette Waite, Ted Beverage

Church Staff: Ted Beverage, Music Director

Preschool Staff: Sarah Tran, Director/Teacher. Teacher: Lauren Marshall

Teacher Assistants: Kamala Clark, Raeanne Wilson, and Annie Preciado. Office Manager: Thomas Tran

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