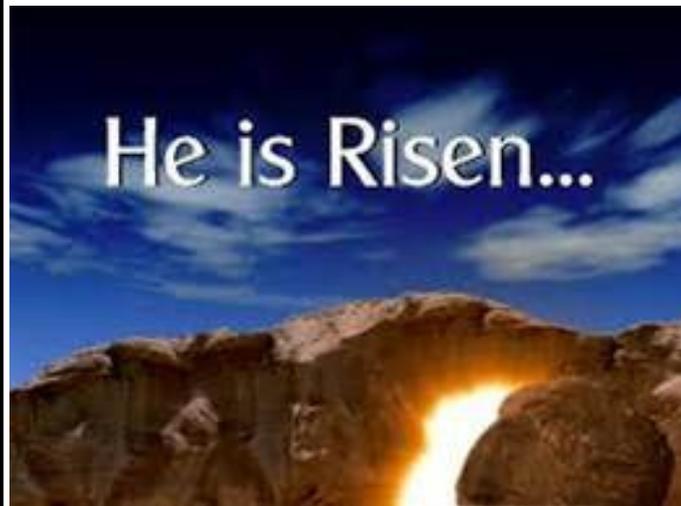


# Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

April 2018

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



He is Risen...

Resurrection Sunday has come and gone but we should never forget that we serve a risen savior!



## What We teach at Tahoe Community Church

Do you know what we teach at Tahoe Community Church? Do you want to find out? Mondo has been leading a class on this topic during the Sunday Morning study time at 9:00am. This class will continue through the month of April if you would like to sit in. Everyone is welcome!



## Women's Evening Bible Study

By Liz Cordero

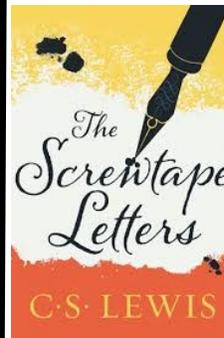
We are currently studying "10 Secrets of Extraordinary Women" by Julie Clinton. This book helps women enjoy the deep contentment and satisfaction of an extraordinary life by creating an intimate relationship with God and learning His will. We are now half-way through the study. In June we will be starting a study on the book of 1 Peter by Jen Wilkin.

## 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
- 3:30 p.m. Awesome Kids
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Study
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Study
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study



## Coming in Early May, A new Sunday Study Class

A new class on "The Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis.

"The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic por-

trayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written. "

Please let Mondo know if you are interested in attending this class so that he can have enough materials on hand.



## “What Does the Book of Job Teach Us About Suffering?”

Mondo Gonzales, Pastor

I haven't always understood fully the message of Job, especially since I became a Christian 25 years ago. However, several years ago, I made the commitment to understand this book. I bought a few commentaries, found some articles, and really sought to get to the bottom of what the author of Job really wanted God's people to know. Since that time, I find myself going back over and over to this book in order to reorient my theological perspectives as I live life. Life is tough and hard at times. Whether it is our own personal circumstances or others we love, we must wrestle with the nature of evil, suffering, and heart ache that occurs in our fallen world. Unfortunately, God's people have not often spent the time necessary to get into the Word and see what the book of Job has to offer.

*What I found, especially in the Christian world, was that it was common for people to make the claim that if you want to learn about why people suffer or why evil exists, then read the book of Job. Even though there is much suffering found in the life of Job, it is important to state right up front that this book never answers these questions. If it doesn't specifically answer these major life questions, then what does it teach us?*

*In the first two chapters we are introduced to a meeting that happened between God and Satan where the Devil in his usual occupation was attacking the faith of Job. God was defending the faith and integrity of Job and ended up giving permission to Satan to test Job's faith. The tragedy of the story as found in chapters 1-2 is a swift account of how Job lost all of his possessions, his children, and finally his health. Yet through all this Job did not lose his faith, curse God, or say anything negative about God (Job 2:10). The story continues with Job's three friends coming to comfort him in his misery. However, these three friends did everything but comfort poor Job. In fact, the next 30 chapters contain dialogue where these three friends accuse Job of lying and needing to confess his sin. In their understanding, the reason this happened to Job was because of some hidden sin in his life that he needed to confess and repent of. Job spent many chapters defending his own integrity and even though he began well, he ended up becoming righteous in his own eyes (Job 32:1) and declares himself as being judged by God without a cause (9:17; 10:7; 33:8-12).*

*Additionally, he ends up demanding an audience from God where he seeks to ask God to provide a reason for his dreadful predicament in losing everything.*

*Have you ever been in this situation? I think we all have in one way or another felt wronged by God for a particular trial or tribulation in our life. We stand back and want God to give us an answer for our difficulty and when the answer doesn't come in the way we want it, we might begin to doubt God's love for us or even walk away from Him in anger. Fortunately for Job and us who read the book, God did show up and talked with Job concerning his situation (Job 38-42). However, the answer that God gave Job is surprising and also was very humbling for Job. Let's remember that Job began to question God's love, concern, and wisdom for allowing this trial in his life. Now we might imagine that God showed up and apologized for allowing Job to go through this tremendous trial of faith, but He does the exact opposite. Notice God's first words to Job, **“Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them” (Job 38:2-3).** God goes on to ask Job dozens of questions that make Job realize that he is not very wise and shouldn't dare question how God runs His universe. God is in charge, not Job, and Job should have trusted the Lord more instead of speaking ignorantly while making accusations against the God of the universe. Now before I get too critical of Job, in the book of Ezekiel 14:14, God notes that Noah, Daniel and Job are three of the most righteous men who have ever lived. That encourages me. Even righteous Job had a bad season in his life where he struggled in his faith.*

*So what is the highlight that the book of Job teaches us? Ultimately, it reminds us that no matter what the circumstances, God is worthy of our trust. Having faith in God's character and wisdom in the most difficult times is what pleases Him the most (Heb 11:6). Even though it doesn't ever provide the specific answer for the existence of evil things, we see that Job repents and acknowledges that he should have never spoke ignorantly and demanded an answer from God (42:6). It's not that God never answers us either, we are told in James 1:5-8 to pray for wisdom, but we should seek it humbly and trust in the Lord with much patience. **“For examples of patience in suffering... look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy” (James 5:10-11).***

### (What does the book of Job Teach.. Cont.)

Be encouraged! If you are a believer in Jesus, God will always work out your trial for the good (Romans 8:28). What we do know is that God will provide the answers that we need when we move beyond this world. Praise be to Him!

**Revelation 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."**

Mondo



### Men's Bible Study

The Men's Thursday morning group is currently studying the book of Romans. They still meet at Lakeside Inn at 7:00 am.

The Men's Thursday evening group is finishing up a study on Jonah and will be starting a new series on the Patriarchs: Abraham to Joseph. Sounds Great!



## Save the Date for VBS! (Vacation Bible School)

July 9th through July 13th 2018  
9:00am to 12:30pm

Now is the time to save the dates and sign up to do your part for VBS 2018!

No matter what your experience, age, or skill level, there is a job for you to do. There is a complete list of what is needed in the Church office and in the Foyer. Contact Jacky Daly for more information (775) 901-0870



### Donations Needed!

Our Sunday School Kids are collecting items for the Church Family Missions trip to Honduras

#### The Following items are needed:

- #2 Pencils
- Pencil eraser tops
- Plastic kids pencil sharpeners
- Mini Beanie Babies
- Family size toothpaste
- Cellophane "loot" bags
- Infant toys: rattles, teething toy, ??



All donations need to be received no later than Sunday April 15. There is a collection box in the back of the sanctuary or you can drop items off at the church office. Contact Susie Brumbach for more information.



### CFM MINISTRIES

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### Safety and Security Ministry

Tahoe Community Church has formed a new ministry to look at, and meet, the safety needs of our members and attenders. Members of the ministry include: Brad Dorton, Kathleen Huggins, Bill Kolstad, Bob Pavich, and Matthew Petty.

Be assured, we have not had any problems to date, but it is wise to be prepared. Feel free to ask any of the members for more information.



### A New Van!

That big white van in the office parking lot does belong to us. We received it free of charge from Gwin Lake Baptist Church in Las Vegas. Mondo, Jeff, and Bill picked it up and brought it back in October of last year. The van seats 13 and is handicap ready.

Usage of the Van will be determined by the Elders. Our insurance dictates that all drivers must complete an online driver safety training class. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver, talk to one of the Elders!



## Preschool News

By Sarah Tran, Director

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Pre-school! New enrollments are trickling in. Our current enrollments are just enough to cover our Preschool payroll right now so we would like to build enough enrollment to have a little financial buffer. We made some good connections with potential new families at South Lake Tahoe's annual Day of the Young Child event on Saturday, March 24. It was a great event and wonderful to have the support of two of our Teachers, Annie and Theresa to help Thomas and I, along with Jacky Daly who joined us to promote VBS.

Our new Sheep room is coming along. It has been quite a transition to turn the Nursery from a toddler room into a Pre-K classroom. Our Teachers have been working hard and we are excited to become a three classroom Preschool once again so that we can more fully meet all the developmental needs of our Preschoolers.

God has been gracious to us financially. After months of negotiating we were able to get a \$100.00 discount from an exorbitantly high alarm service bill. (We will be researching other service options to lower the cost for next year.) We've also received a number of scholarships for the Teachers through the Nevada Children's Cabinet to cover some of the costs of their required ongoing training. The number of required training classes has increased, but Praise God, it has not increased our training costs for this year!

The annual NevAEYC (Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children) is coming up in April. I will be presenting two sessions at the conference: The Five Love Languages of Children, and the Nurtured Heart Approach: Igniting Greatness in Intense and Challenging Children. I'm still waiting to see if I have been awarded a scholarship so that I can attend other conference sessions while I'm there. Meanwhile, it is so reassuring to know that I can leave the Preschool for a few days in the hands of a competent and stable staff of Teachers. What a blessing!

Thank you to all of you who have reached out with encouragement and support as we continue to work daily to meet our goal of high quality standards in our Preschool. Every smile and encouraging word makes a difference as we "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith".

**Thank you, Sarah Tran**



## How to prepare your Personal Testimony

It is important for you to be able to write out your personal testimony—not for the purpose of memorizing and sharing it verbatim, but because it helps to put into words some of the important and interesting details of your relationship with Christ. Our individual stories are some of the most powerful discipleship and evangelism tools because they are so deeply unique to us. The choice of the right words, the flow of your story, and knowing how to begin and end are all important. As you begin to work on this, ask the Lord for wisdom and insight into just how to share your story.

When the apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa (Acts 26), he spoke simply, logically, and clearly about his life **before** salvation, **how** he met Christ, and what his life was like **after** conversion. Paul's testimony takes three or four minutes to read aloud in a conversational manner.

The following worksheet is meant to be a guide to help you outline the significant highlights in your journey with Christ.

### BEFORE

- Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?
- What solutions for your life did you try that didn't work?

### HOW

- What were the circumstances that caused you to consider Christ?
- Tell how you trusted Christ, and briefly include the gospel.

### AFTER

- Give an example of how Christ met your needs or how He is now contributing to your life.
- End with a sentence to the effect that you know that you have eternal life through Christ.

***"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)***

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## 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** **Macedonia Missions to the Balkans**

The March 17<sup>th</sup> Women's Outreach was amazing and around 100 women came. Thank you for praying. During an interesting program a most famous singer in the country sang Christian songs, and gave her testimony. The impact was very big, and the message was really inspiring. Pray now that God would bring many of the women who attended to be more interested in visiting some of the Evangelical churches in Macedonia.

The international community has a service planned for Easter Sunday, April 1st. It will be held at a hotel.

April 8<sup>th</sup> the Eastern calendar celebrates Easter and the Evangelical churches will have special services. On the night of April 8<sup>th</sup> they will have an outreach in Gevgelija where Mirco will be preaching. Pray that many non-believing friends and family will attend. Pray God directs His messages through Mirco.

### **Tim & Susan Driscoll** **Church Planters to Japan/Currently on home assignment**

The Belize trip included 150 guys from a church in Southern California. They did a lot of projects for the community, shared the Gospel, and prayed with and for many people. The weather was great and the men were encouraged in their walks, and built up in their faith. They took one day off for snorkeling and that was great too!

Praising our Lord for reconnecting with 2 partnering churches and visits with two sons away at college. God has graciously provided summer jobs for them.

The Driscoll's shared with 140 Awana kids that Japanese children need to hear of God's love. They have skyped with a young couple who are in the pipeline to serve in Japan and are meeting with a young woman who is considering missions and has a heart for Japan.

They thank our Lord for grace, strength, and health traveling and a reliable car lasting all year. However, it does now needs some repairs. Pray for God's provisions for the repairs.

Please pray for: 2 more planned road trips; a smooth-running car for their last 2 months of home assignment; medical clearance from OMF home office soon, and for preparations to leave the US. Pray Also for good renters for their house in California.

During April Tim will be preaching and Susan is speaking at a women's retreat.

Finally, pray that God leads them to the right area to live in, and provides a suitable apartment for them to rent in Tokyo, Japan.

### **Pastor Warris** **Pakistan with FMI**

There are no new updates for Ahmed regarding his court hearings since Feb. 15th. Continue praying for God's justice for him and his attorney, for safety for him and his family, and for God's will and plan to be revealed.

Pray for changes to the blasphemy laws and that vigilantes would be brought to justice. There are many who suffer in this same situation in Pakistan and other countries as well.

Continue praying for the "Snapshot" evangelism program and its effectiveness to bring in God's Harvest of believers into His Kingdom.

Please pray for encouragement and strength for Pastor Warris and the many churches he oversees.

### **Ryan & Danielle Stauffer** **Lima, Peru**

Continue praying for the hiring of new staff and teachers for 2018/2019, that they would seek to glorify God in all they do. Pray also for a sustained enrollment of students.

Pray this season of Easter gives many opportunities to share Jesus Christ as King and Lord.

Pray for preparations and God's provision for them to move into a more permanent apartment in June. It is right across the street from the school which will give them easy access to the school and their ministry.

Adelynn turned 2 in March! Pray for the family's health and for Ryan and Danielle as they raise their two daughters in the ways of our Lord.

Pray for Ryan in his role as Principal and for Danielle as she shares Jesus with the moms of many cultures and religious backgrounds.



## Church Directories

If you would like a copy of the latest Church Directory you may pick one up in the Sanctuary Foyer. If you would like one mailed or e-mailed to you please contact Ted in the Church Office.

## Announcements

- **Fellowship Meal:** There will be no fellowship meal in April. Please join us on May 6th for our next one. This will be Youth Fundraiser. Come to eat and support our youth!

- **Church Business Meeting:** May 6th after our meal. Scheduled topics include Building and grounds, Children's Ministries and Education

- **Prayer Gathering:** Acts 1:14 tells us that the disciples joined constantly in prayer. Following that example, our church gathers in prayer on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am in the MPR. Everyone is welcome to join in.

- **Electronic Giving:** You can now donate to the church online at: [Tahoecommunitychurch.org/giving](http://Tahoecommunitychurch.org/giving)

### Scripture Memory Verses for April

- April 1st Isaiah 53:12
- April 8th 1 Peter 2:21
- April 15th Psalm 98:1
- April 22nd Psalm 145:9
- April 29th Hebrews 3:6



## New Deacons

On March 25th, Jan Hurst and Bill Kolstad were ordained as Deacons at Tahoe Community Church. Please pray for them as they begin this important ministry.



### Did you know that TCC had a room during the service for families?

Yes we do! It's our Multi-Purpose Room! Every Sunday morning the 10:30 am service is played on a large TV in the MPR. This room is open to anyone with small children who want to see the service without

feeling like they are a distraction to other worshippers.

Keep in mind that this is still a room for worship, and casual conversations and distracting activities should be saved for later.

## Here to Serve You:

**Elders:** Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Mondo Gonzales, Leonard O'Malley

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

**Church Staff:** Mondo Gonzales, Pastor; Ted Beverage, Music Director

**Preschool Staff:** Sarah Tran, Director/Teacher. Teachers: Lauren Marshall, Theresa DeGraffenreid, Annie Preciado  
Teacher Assistants: Heather Krisley and Isabella DeLallo. Office Manager: Thomas Tran

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