

# Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

May 2018

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



## It's Time to get ready for Vacation Bible School!

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

Children ages 4 to 12 years old  
Enhanced Program for High Schoolers

**Registration forms are available in the church Office  
and in the Foyer of the Sanctuary**

**Volunteers:** 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 of the sanctuary. Contact Jacky Daly for more information (775) 901-0870

**Volunteer Meeting:** There will be a meeting for all VBS Volunteers on Wednesday May 9th at 6:00 pm in the MPR. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for a salad bar potluck.

## National Day of Prayer

Our National day of Pray this year is on Thursday May 3rd. We will meet at the flag pole in front of the Sherriff's Office at 12:00pm.

The Theme this year, is "Pray for Unity."

**Ephesians 4:3 "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."**

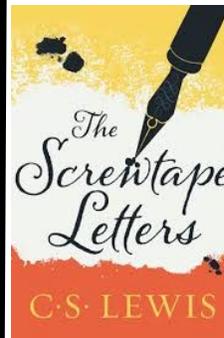
I hope to see you at the Flag Pole! Ted

## 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



## The Screwtape Letters A new Sunday Study Class

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

This class, led by Mondo, has just started and will run at least through the Summer, possibly longer. *This should prove to be a wonderfully educational and enjoyable class. Come join in! Anytime!*

## Judi Scudder, Church Pianist 2004 -2014



The Scudder family; Rhodin, Judi, Michael and Ruth, joined the church in the summer of 2004. Rhodin, Judi and Michael are pictured above with Judi's daughter Tricia and granddaughter Rachel. They moved to the San Jose Area in 2014 so that Judi could be closer to her team of doctors at Stanford.

Rhodin passed away suddenly last year and Judi passed away on April 27th of this year after a long struggle with a liver disease.

Judi and Rhodin both served the Lord faithfully on the Praise Team for the ten years they lived in Lake Tahoe.

We can be comforted by the fact that they are now both free of pain and are worshiping the Lord in his presence in heaven.



## Safety and Security Ministry

Tahoe Community Church has formed a new ministry to look at, and meet, the safety needs of our members and attendees. 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.

### Life choices

#### Community Pregnancy Clinic Annual Fundraising Gala

Friday May 11, 2018  
6:30-9:00pm

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa (Reno)  
To reserve your seat go online to:  
[FriendsOfLifeChoices.org/events](http://FriendsOfLifeChoices.org/events)



## Women's Morning Study

The Women's Morning study group will finish up for the season on May 3rd. They will resume again in September. Stay tuned for information on the exact start date and what they will be studying next. The contacts are Kathy Pavich, Tootie O'Malley, and Carol Borsos.

## Women's Evening Study

By Liz Cordero.

We are finishing our current study on May 10. Our next Bible Study begins on Thursday, May 17 will be "1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ by Jen Wilkin"

Each week's study contains a short video and a verse by verse examination of the book of 1 Peter. Books cost \$14. We meet on Thursday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Please join us for dinner and fellowship as we study God's Word. Contact Liz Cordero for more information.

### From the introduction of our next study

"Our inheritance through Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In 1 Peter, a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. He shares his concerns on big picture issues for the early church, describes believers' true identity in Christ, and ultimately helps readers discover what it means to experience the Living Hope they have in Christ."



## 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!



## “Is it a Sin Not to Attend Church?”

**Mondo Gonzales, Pastor**

If you are not a Christian and reject the claims of Jesus the Messiah, then you have bigger problems than whether you attend church or not. This article is directed towards those who are believers; yet do not attend a local church for a variety of reasons. I read a book recently entitled, “Quitting Church.” It documented various reasons for genuine Christians giving up and abandoning the local church. Years ago I preached a series of messages on understanding the nature and function of the church. In the 1<sup>st</sup> sermon I asked for people to raise their hands if they had ever been hurt, offended, wronged, judged, or sinned against by a fellow Christian in the church. You can imagine the outcome. Everyone raised his or her hand. Christianity has never claimed that we Christians are perfect, just that we are forgiven. So, it is obvious that when you get a bunch of forgiven sinners together to form a church fellowship, you are still going to have problems. We should never be content with that and it should always be our goal to grow in treating others the way Jesus intended, but we have to keep our expectations realistic and biblical.

Here is my main point: there are many people who feel that the local church has no value for them or it's not worth getting involved. This is understandable in that some people are genuinely hurt or have felt no value in being connected to the local church, but it is inherently unbiblical and offends the Lord Jesus. Let me explain. We need to be honest and ask ourselves a few questions: 1) What is Jesus actively involved with right now? According to Matthew 16:18, Acts 2:47, 5:14 and many other passages, He is building His church; 2) How valuable is the church to Jesus? According to Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 1:19, the value of the church is infinite or at least equal to the precious blood of Jesus that He paid for it; 3) What is His purpose in the church? It is to demonstrate His wisdom for the whole world and even the angels to observe just as Ephesians 3:8-12 tells us; 4) What is His plan for the church? He is building it so it can be a dwelling place for God to live in as Ephesians 2:11-22 teaches us.

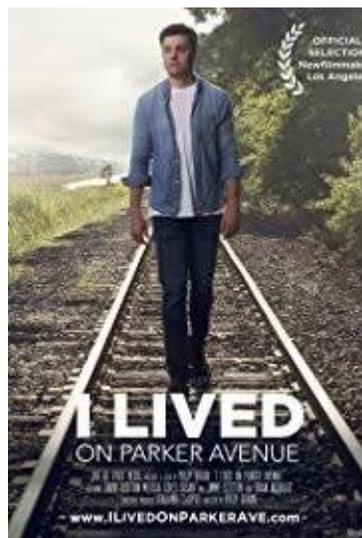
Have I ever been tempted to abandon the local church? I will admit that I have been hurt by those serving in the highest positions in the church and I did think about leaving. In fact, studies have shown that 50% of all pastors leave the ministry in the first 5 years!

## “Is it a sin not to Attend Church?” Continued

Yet it is important for me to get beyond my own feelings and ask myself what Jesus wants. Who in the world am I to say that the church has no value either objectively or subjectively, when Jesus Himself deems the church of immeasurable value? Who am I to say that I don't need to be involved in the church when Jesus Himself is busy being involved in His church? Am I better than Him? Who am I to diminish the importance of the plan and purpose that the Lord Jesus has for His church by choosing not to be involved in it? The answer to these questions is that we are showing ourselves to be quite arrogant in us dictating to Jesus what true value is. Again, let's not deny or downplay the hurt that many of us might have, but we need to forgive as Jesus forgave us (Ephesians 4:32).

There are many who claim to love Jesus but have gone AWOL. Let me ask this: can a person truly love Jesus when they don't value what He does, or do what He does (1 John 2:6)? I will leave it as a rhetorical question in that only God knows, but there is a challenge in the Scripture for all of us to “**not forsake joining together with the assembly of fellow believers**” (Hebrews 10:25). Neither can we say “we have no need of the church” as Paul reminds us (1 Corinthians 12:21). If it has been awhile for you in attending a church, let me encourage you to respond to the Biblical admonitions as well as the Holy Spirit tugging your heart. Take the obedient step, forgive, and come bless the church with your gifts and be blessed by the Lord in His Church.

Mondo



## I Lived On Parker Avenue

**Tahoe Community Church**

**Movie Premiere Sunday  
May 6th at 6pm**

**Followed by Scripture  
and Prayer**

**We will meet in the  
Worship Center**

**Love Offering to go to:  
Life Choices community Pregnancy Clinic.**



## How to Begin Fasting

**Editor's note: Some of our missionaries have asked us to pray and fast for them. In light of that, I thought this article would be helpful.**

If you have never fasted before, do not start off with a 40-day fast—unless you are very sure that God has called you to do this. The body grows accustomed to fasting by degrees, and God does not usually ask us to run before we have begun to walk. In fact, despite that fact that fasting is often depicted in Scripture as going without food, there are many other ways to fast. At its core, fasting is intended to take our eyes off of our physical needs/desires and subsequently fix our attention on God. Temporarily giving up other things that we often depend on (i.e. caffeine, television, etc.) can help us to refocus on our Creator and what He has for us.

During your fast, **“Keep your servant also from willful sins” (Psalm 19:13, NIV)** must be your constant prayer. Remember that asceticism may be as much “of the flesh” as overindulgence; the latter is a sin of the body, the former of the spirit. If the fast is to be for some days, there is a temptation as it approaches to overindulge. It is better to bend our wills in advance to the battle of self-discipline; it will ease the latter conflict. Finally, it is of supreme importance to approach this spiritual exercise as a fast of God's choosing. It may help you to ask the following questions:

### 1. Am I confident that this desire is God-given?

Would He have me undertake a normal or just a partial fast? **“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1, NIV).**

### 2. Are my motives right?

Is there any hidden desire to impress others? **“Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you” (Matthew 6:4, NIV).**

### 3. What are my spiritual objectives in this fast?

Personal consecration? Intercession? Burdens? Revival? **“I press on toward the goal” (Philippians 3:14).**

### 4. Are my objectives self-centered?

Is my desire for personal blessing balanced by genuine concern for others? **“In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others” (Philippians 2:4).**

### 5. Am I determined above all else to minister to the Lord in this fast?

**“They were worshipping the Lord and fasting” (Acts 13:2, NIV).** You should expect fasting to be, as it was for your Master, a time of conflict with the powers of darkness. Satan will often try to take advantage of your physical condition to launch an attack. Discouragement is one of his weapons. Guard against it by maintaining a spirit of praise.

Read through Ephesians 6 and equip the whole armor of God. Make use of the shield of faith to quench all of Satan's flaming darts. In hand-to-hand encounters, use the sword of the Spirit, and tell Satan, “It is written...” Declare the victory of your great Captain over every principality and power. Do not judge the efficacy of your intercessions by what you feel. Often in prayer and fasting you will find the going harder instead of easier. This is often when the most is happening this is wrestling. This is heavenly warfare. Your Captain did not promise a walk-over but a fight, and He gave you the weapons to win. Often you will not see the results until later, but the promise stands: **“Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you” (Matthew 6:4, NIV).**

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## Preschool End of Year Program

The Preschool will be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and end of year program on Wednesday Night May 30th.

The dinner will be served starting at 5:00pm in the MPR. A musical presentation and awards ceremony will take place around 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. Please see Sarah Tran to sign up to help with the meal or for more information.



## Acts & Facts Magazine

The Church has started providing the monthly magazine “Acts & Facts” for everyone to enjoy. The magazines are available in the church foyer.

The ICR's (Institute for Creation Research) popular Acts & Facts monthly news magazine contains articles and information of current interest dealing with creation, evolution, and related topics. Go to their web site for more information.



## 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**

- Pray the Holy Spirit reminds the many lost souls who attended the Easter services of the Scriptures and messages they heard. Pray for conviction of sin and repentant hearts. Pray our Lord brings in His harvest!
- Pray for new church plants in Skopje, Macedonia's capital city and other surrounding areas. Safety and building materials readily available for new church buildings.
- Mirco oversees many pastors and workers and travels some. Pray God keeps him healthy and safe. Pray for the encouragement he can be to others and their prayer support of him and his family.

### **Tim & Susan Driscoll**

#### **Church Planters to Japan**

- Pray for all final preparations, plane flights, renters for their California home, and saying goodbye to their home church in Chico. (No departure date as yet, but the plan is June).
- God has given them a more relaxed time the past few months during home assignment for which they are grateful. They celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a hike and picnic only a short drive from home. Tim remarked "If we were in Tokyo, we would have to spend an hour or more on the train, costing about \$30, for us to enjoy an outing like this.
- Pray for Tim's new role as Kanto Sector Leader. Susan will help with it too. Pray for the adjustments to this new ministry for them. Right now it feels a little overwhelming but they know God has called them and will equip and help them.
- They are also thankful for our prayer and financial support.

### **Pastor Warris**

#### **Pakistan with FMI**

- During the April court hearing, Ahmed was attacked and beaten while the judge just looked on and even winked at the vigilantes. Ahmed is recovering from injuries and by God's grace people were there to help him get to hospital.

## Missionary News and Prayer Continued

Pray this judge is removed and Ahmed will be given a fairer hearing. Ahmed is innocent of the blasphemy charges and it has been already proven so in court. Continue to pray for changes to blasphemy laws in this country and for others who suffer for the cause of Christ Jesus.

- Pray for Pastor Warris as he teaches from God's Word to several congregations. He travels to outlying remote areas to encourage other pastors and church families. Pray for safety and for his family while he must be away.
- Pray for Pastor Warris's family as he and his wife train their children in the ways of the Lord.
- Pray for those who are baptized to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they serve and live their lives for Christ in a country very hostile to Believers.

### **Ryan & Danielle Stauffer**

#### **Lima, Peru**

Beginning in April 2018, Tahoe Community Church started supporting the Stauffer's financially as well as through prayer. They left for the mission field in 2013 to serve as teachers with the Network of International Christian Schools. At that time the church chose to support them in prayer only, while some people in our church also supported them financially.

By our Lord's grace, finances at TCC have changed and it is our delight to support the Stauffer's with \$250.00 monthly. They are still in need of \$190.00 monthly to live well in Lima.

They are moving in June to an apartment directly across from the school where they work and are in need of a one-time gift to offset their costs. TCC sent them \$500.00 in April and their need is still at \$800.00.

Please be assured they serve a flourishing and Biblical ministry and even though Ryan is paid a salary, they must supplement his income with outside support.

TCC wanted to let our church family know of this need so that if the Lord puts it on your heart to give to missions apart from your regular giving, this is an opportunity to do so. If you would like to know more about the Stauffer's ministry you can ask anyone on the missions team or the elders.

Giving on-line is easy by going to NICS's web site and follow the instructions. The web site is [www.nics.org/donate](http://www.nics.org/donate), click on Support a NICS Missionary. Fill out the form; designation is "Staff Support" and the Stauffer's designation # is 3681.

- **Pray for God's provision and preparations for their move in June. Pray also for patience and stamina especially with two little girls in tow.**

## Announcements

- **Fellowship Meal:** On next fellowship meal will be on Sunday May 6th. This will be Youth Fundraiser. Come to eat and support our youth!

- **Church Business Meeting:** Our next Church meeting will be on 6th after our fellowship meal. Scheduled topics include: Children's Ministries, Education, and Safety/Security.

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

- **Magazine Rack:** The Magazine Rack in the Sanctuary has been cleaned out and update. Take the time to check it out! You are welcome to take anything that is there.

### Scripture Memory Verses for May

- May 6th Psalm 17:16-17
- May 13th Matthew 6:21
- May 20th Acts 2:44
- May 27th Romans 12:13



## Celebration of Life Service

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for long time church member Vonna Wallace on Saturday, May 12th at 2:00pm in the Worship Center. A reception will follow in the MPR.



## Casey's Youth Fundraiser

**Thursday May 3rd  
8:00am—Closing**

Casey's is in Round Hill Center next to Safeway  
A portion of all proceeds goes to our Youth

**Eat Chili! We get more money if you eat Chili!**

## 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.

## 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, Bill Kolstad, Jan Hurst

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

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

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