

# Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

June 2018

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



## It's Time 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

Imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. **One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time.**

We'll do just that as we embark on *Time Lab*. We'll use words beginning with "C" to help us remember that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

**Creation:** Did you know the Son of God has always existed? We'll talk about his existence before time and his activity at Creation.

**Christophany:** Big, cool word the kids will love learning that teaches the Son of God didn't start as a babe in a manger but has been around forever, actively involved throughout history, including the Old Testament!

**Cross:** Here's when Jesus is actually given the name "Jesus." And here's where he lives, dies, and comes back to life. It's the most epic historical account ever! Because of him, we can live forever, too!

**Clouds:** After Jesus rose again, where did he go? He's actively working on our behalf as he sits at the right hand of God the Father, interceding for us, protecting his Church, and preparing a place for his children! Wow!

## 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  
(Resumes in the fall)
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Study  
(Resumes in the Fall)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Study
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

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**Crown:** We'll end our tour through time at the new heaven and new earth, where Jesus and his children will live together in the most amazing place forever. Whatever your best day ever has been, a day on the new earth will blow it away!

*Time sure will fly while we're having fun. So head this way and get ready to launch into hyperdrive as we take off for Time Lab! Let's go!*

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

Contact the Church Office or Jacky Daly 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

This is directly from Mirco. I wanted you to experience his writing this month rather than my (Carol) editing.

“Bit Pazar is the old part of Skopje and this is typical Muslim area. Many shops and open market are there as well many coffee bars. Also many tourists from all over the world are passing there especially tourists from Turkey and another Muslim countries. Most of the population of the Bit Pazar area are Albanians, Turks and Bosnians. There is no church among those groups in Macedonia.

With this Center we would like to serve to those people. To have a place where they could get a New Testament into one of the 30 different languages in which we have New Testaments. And with a cup of tea or a coffee to talk and to pray to God.

The place itself has an interesting history since the time of the Ottoman Empire it was a hotel, or as they say it was, a han, with dormitories and with rooms for the horses. Later on the place unfortunately it was used as a place for prostitution and for many different occult things.

A young marriage couple which are missionaries from California had this vision and they are our responsible people for the work there. We have many plans and a vision for the place itself: Reception room, office, prayer room and for discipleship. Also we have a plan to combine three rooms into one and to be a worship room and for the future to have a place for the church. And the rooms that use to be for the horses which are 5 rooms we have a vision to make them as guests rooms.

As from a time to time when we have a short time mission we will have a place where we can place them. The neighborhood itself is a nice place with some of the most popular bars in the city and in the center itself we have our own garden with many different trees under which there is a nice shadow, - also a good place for different activities.

**Church building in Chiflik:** Chiflik is typical Macedonian village in Eastern part of Macedonia. It is about 10 km away from Kochani, where we have church. This is famous area for growing rice in Macedonia and around Chiflik there are many villages and this church

## Missionary News and Prayer Continued

is like a strategic church for the area. For now from that village we have few believers but I am glad about the fact that for the opening of the new church other people came from the neighborhood.

- Please pray for both places to become places where God will be celebrated and may this be the beginning for many other places in Macedonia.

- Pray also for the leaders for those places for the Center – Wesley and Natalie and for the Church – pastor Venco and Katja.

God bless you



**This is the Church Building in Chiflik**

### Tim & Susan Driscoll

#### Church Planters to Japan

Thanking God for providing renters for their house in CA from June 1<sup>st</sup> and a friend managing it while gone. God also provided a car to borrow this last month. They've been so blessed by the body of Christ in so many ways.

Please pray for this next transition. They know God wants them in Japan but it is hard to leave their kids. Pray they connect well with each other, knowing how to best support the kids from afar.

A few days after landing in Japan Tim will be in Field Leadership meetings. Official handover date for the Kanto Sector Leader role is June 13-14. Pray for a smooth transition, they re-orient quickly back to life in Japan, and remember lots of names and new information. They are excited about this new ministry but know they may feel overwhelmed at first.

Pray God leads them where to live, what fits their budget, and grace from Japanese to rent to them. Renting to foreigners is seen as a risk. God has gone before them so many times in the past and they trust Him to go before them once again!

Please pray!

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## Preschool Update

*Sarah Tran, Director*

We have made it through another Preschool year.

Yay! There are eight little ones in the Preschool Graduating Class of 2018. Five will go to Kindergarten in the Fall. One will go to TK (transitional kindergarten) and the other two will stay with us for a second year of Pre-K in the Sheep class. We were so excited to honor our graduates and our other Preschoolers at our end of the year Music Show/Awards/Graduation at the end of May. We now have 32 children attending Preschool (only four attend full time, the other 28 attend part time), this is our highest number of children enrolled in three years!!! We are excited about our Summer Program which we are opening to school age children up to age 12 in hopes of increasing enrollment for the Summer.

We've continued to have teacher turnover at the Preschool but we have a wonderful teaching staff right now with very capable teachers who are a joy to work with, including some experienced Christian teachers. It is by far the strongest team of teachers we've had since I've been at the Preschool. Our Sheep Teachers are Theresa DeGraffenreid and Thomas Tran. Our Lambs Teachers are Annie Preciado and Isabella DeLallo. Our Woolies Teachers are Heather Knisley and myself and we are very excited to welcome Emily Gonzales to assist in our Woolies class while she is home from college. Thank you for all of your prayers over our teachers. Please continue to pray for their health, well-being, stability and success.

We are so grateful for all of the love and support that we receive from the Church. Your prayers and encouragement are the reason the Preschool Ministry has been able to continue successfully.

We especially want to thank Ted Beverage for his continued dedication to our weekly Music class. The children love Mr. Ted and are so blessed by his musical talents and enthusiasm! We also want to thank Mr. Ted for scaling the Preschool roof to put our 3-Star Quality banner on display!!! We are so excited to be able to show off our achievements!

We also want to thank Bob Daly for taking the time and effort to personalize our banner before we put it on display. Bob has made us a nameplate and logo for our Preschool entry as well which we are in the process of installing and hope to have on display very soon.

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We also want to thank Liz Cordero for continuing to provide free training classes for our Preschool Teachers. The initial and annual training requirements for teachers have increased this year and some of these trainings can only be administered by qualified nursing professionals. Liz has generously given her time and energy to provide free training to ensure that our changing staff of Preschool teachers are in compliance with our licensing requirements.

We also want to thank Karen Beverage for giving her time to assist with the never ending administrative tasks. Karen has dauntlessly undertaken sorting through an over 30 year accumulation of documents and materials to help us successfully meet present day requirements and deadlines.

We also want to thank Jacky Daly for including the Preschool in all of the VBS preparations and especially for providing the Preschool with a VBS Curriculum for Toddlers so that all of our little ones will be able to participate more fully and benefit from the VBS program!

We also want to thank Leonard O'Malley and everyone who was part of the Spring Cleaning crew for doing such an amazing job sprucing up the Preschool playground along with the rest of the Church campus. We love our beautiful Tahoe trees but those sharp pinecones, pine needles and pine sap make a huge mess. Cleaning that up so the children could use the playground was a LOT of work!

We also want to thank the Safety Ministry for their commitment to ensuring the safety of the Preschool and in particular, Bill Kolstad for his generosity in time and resources in making vital safety upgrades to our outdoor staircase and our classroom. And to all those who are assisting him in these efforts!

We also want to thank Mondo Gonzales for his continued oversight of the Preschool. The ongoing responsibilities of running a successful Preschool ministry and the unavoidable throes of transition that are often a part of that have been eased considerably by his business and ministry expertise.

I want to personally thank everyone that I have turned to for support and encouragement and prayer. You know who you are! As well as those who have prayed simply because the Preschool has been on your hearts.

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### Ryan & Danielle Stauffer Lima, Peru

They are very thankful to TCC for our financial support and for some additional individual increases in giving. It will go a long way, furthering the ministry God has given them to do.

- Continue praying for their move to a new apartment in Lima.

- Pray for possible travel mercies in June.

- It is also a busy time for the school. On top of yearly testing, graduation, and saying goodbyes to those leaving preparations are under way for 12 new teachers to join the school in July. Pray for training, transition in country, and the students God will bring to these teachers.

### Pastor Warris Pakistan with FMI

Early June the country's parliament is considering a proposal to reform the notoriously abusive blasphemy law. The changes considered include more stringent requirements for a charge of blasphemy to be made plus new fines and imprisonment for those who make bogus charges against others.

Pray FMI-Pakistan's national leadership team's vision of opening a second sewing center coupled with literacy training for women would become a reality. The first center has been very successful. The women learn sewing skills which they can use from home to bring in income. Being at home is safer, avoiding more hazardous forms of employment in which they often face physical abuse and even rape. The women are also disciplined as they learn to read using the Bible as their textbook. Pray for funds for more sewing machines, bolts of fabric, Bibles, and trainers that would be needed for this second sewing center.

Pray for Pastor W. and other spiritual mentors to effectively and thoroughly disciple new believers who have come from Muslim backgrounds. Ask God to give them courage and wisdom.

Pray for grace and harmony to churches which need to integrate Muslim Born Believers into their congregations.

**Ramadan is May 15-June 14.** Ramadan is a time of the year when Muslims are much more deeply aware of spiritual matters. It is a time of fasting and praying. Media sound bites about Islamic extremism can too easily incite anger, fear and even hatred towards Muslims. Let us seek to resist the temptation to generalize, and instead, resolve to respond and pray for them with the mind and heart of Christ. To learn more go to this web site: [www.30daysprayer.com](http://www.30daysprayer.com)

**The missionaries we support are reaching out to Muslims all the time.**



This picture is inside the Church at Chiflik. Mirco is pictured 2nd from the right

## (Preschool Update Continued)



And so, as we move into our summer program and prepare for a new Preschool year in the Fall, we hope you will join us as we make every effort to follow Paul's instructions to the Church in Thessalonica:

***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

Sarah Tran



## Men's Bible Study

The Men's Thursday morning group is continuing its study on the book of Romans.

They still meet at the Lakeside Inn upper restaurant at 7:00 am.

The Men's Thursday evening group is doing a study on the Patriarchs: Abraham to Joseph. Sounds Great!



## 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.



## “Separation of Church and State- Is it True?”

Mondo Gonzales, Pastor

**“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

Have you ever asked yourself whether you are too extreme for Jesus? Or whether you should temper your talk as it relates to spiritual things? Let's be honest... there certainly have been those in the past and even those today who are “extreme for Jesus” and kill or murder in the name of God. These people will use violence or coercion in sharing the message of the Bible and they reflect that they are more extreme for themselves than they are for Jesus. These kinds of things are so far from His teaching it is amazing that they can't see the inherent contradiction. He came teaching that we should bless those who curse us and to do good to those who hate us (Matthew 5:44). Jesus did not come physically forcing His message on people and neither should we.

Nevertheless, Jesus was bold in proclaiming His message that all humanity must repent of their sins and place their trust in Him or else they would forfeit participating in His kingdom (John 14:6). There certainly is a difference between force and being bold. God commands us in Deuteronomy to constantly be consumed with His Word and message. There should never be a time when we don't seek to speak or live out His teachings.

If we are obedient Christians then it is impossible to separate our spiritual life from our political life and viewpoints. One of the most controversial topics and phrases that have entered our everyday language is “the separation of church and state”. It is common in our culture to say that our constitution promotes or “demands” a strict separation of church and state. Others make the claim that our founding fathers were deists or agnostics at best and did not see any value in religion. These thoughts and claims are extremely far from the truth.

John Jay, the first Supreme Court Justice of the U.S. and appointed by George Washington, wrote, “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

## “Separation of Church and State...” Continued

This is just one instance where we see that our founding fathers (John Jay helped write the Constitution) believed strongly in seeing Christians in politics. They were faithful in following the command in Deuteronomy to keep the truths of God permeating all of their life, including politics and government. It is true that our nation is no longer predominantly Christian and that there are many secular people who deny our Christian heritage. Such people are constantly crying that there is a “separation of church and state.” However, most of these people do not understand the origin of this phrase and what it means historically and contextually. I am not sure who originated the phrase, “if you repeat a lie long enough, people will see it as true”, but in this case this adage has proven itself. The phrase “separation of church and state” is not found in any official documents during the founding era of our country. Instead, it is found in a private letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists of Connecticut. In one of my classes in college I wrote a thesis paper on this topic that you will find on church blog as length constraints prohibit me from going into further detail here. I prove in this paper that there is no such thing as the “separation of church and state” as thought of today in the founding of our country. It is a complete contradiction and fabrication of what Jefferson originally wrote. Nevertheless, we continue to pray for our country and trust that God is still on the throne as our country continually goes down the path of moral and spiritual decay.

Mondo



## Women's Morning Study

The Women's Morning study group 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

The Women's Evening group has begun a new study: “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. The group meets 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.**

## Announcements

- **Fellowship Meal:** On next fellowship meal will be on Sunday June 3rd. This will be Youth Fundraiser. Come to eat and support our youth!

- **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 updated. Take the time to check it out! Here are some of the items we have:

- On Mission Magazines - Jenness Park Quarterly
- CSBC Quarterly - Various Bible Tracks
- Voice of the Martyrs Magazines
- Acts & Facts Back Issues, and more!

### Scripture Memory Verses for June

- June 3rd Psalm 62:8
- June 10th 1 Peter 4:9
- June 17th Psalm 91:2
- June 24th Isaiah 44:2



## Women's Ministry Meeting and Fellowship

Please join us for a Women's Ministry Meeting and Fellowship, Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm in the MPR at the church.

We will be explaining and discussing what TCC's Women's Ministries encompasses. If you are interested in being a part of the Women's Ministry programs and activities please join us with your ideas and express where you would like to plug in.

We will have a salad bar (lettuce, dressings, and drinks provided) so please bring a topping.

For more information or questions please call or text Kathy @ 775-781-4992 or Jan @ 775-781-1783.

## 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, Isabella DeLallo and Emily Gonzales. Office Manager: Thomas Tran

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