

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders

November 2018

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



Tahoe Community Church Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

Once again this year Tahoe Community Church will be providing food to needy families in our community for Thanksgiving.

Food bags will be provided by Catholic charities but we need help with final preparations and the food giveaway which will be on Tuesday, November 20th at 3:00 pm.

We are looking for a few volunteers to unload the truck and store items on Monday November 19th at 11:00am

We will need between 8 and 10 volunteers to greet the recipients' and to pass out food at 2:00 pm on Tuesday November 20th.

Youth Participation is encouraged. We will give school volunteer hours for all youth who volunteer their time and energy.

Our chairperson this year is Judy Ratz so please contact her for more information concerning this important project.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name." Psalm 100:4

Sunday Worship Schedule

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| 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

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| Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Fellowship at Lakeside upstairs restaurant |
| | 8:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering |
| | 5:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning Study |
| | 3:30 p.m. Awesome Kids |
| | 5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Study |
| | 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study |



Showers of Blessings!

Baby Shower for Chai Nelson and baby Dylon on Sunday October 7th at Tahoe Community Church

Thank you ladies for welcoming this baby into our church family and providing many needed items for the family. Baby Dylon is now well set up for winter clothing. Thank you all!





"Are All 'Christians' Going to Heaven?"

Mondo Gonzales, Pastor

"They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work." (Titus 1:16)

It is no surprise to anyone for me to say that I am not God and will not stand as judge over anyone. However, we do have God's Word as it relates to whom He is going to allow into Heaven. It is evident from Scripture that not all people will go to heaven (Rev 20:15; Matt 25:41, 46). Jesus taught clearly that only those who have put their personal faith and trust in Him would inherit eternal life and enjoy the coming Kingdom with Him forever (John 14:6). This, inescapably, would eliminate anyone who follows any other faith system such as atheism, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and even some who follow Christianity. This might sound contradictory to include Christianity, but let me explain.

It might be practical to call Christianity a religion with a set of beliefs, but which beliefs? Christianity is not monolithic and there are thousands of "shades" as found in the various denominations. Sure, there are the three main branches of Christianity (Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox), but even among these, there is a great diversity of "beliefs."

Here is my main point. Supposedly our country is between 60-70% "Christian." There are many people who claim to be "Christian" who do not have a personal and dynamic relationship with God through Jesus Christ. They might claim to follow Him, but as Titus 1:16 says above, they deny Him by the way they live their life. I was raised in the Catholic Church and as a teenager would certainly have considered myself a Christian and one who should go to heaven. Yet I was confronted with the truth of Scripture where it taught that those who are practicing fornicators (sex before marriage), adulterers, idolaters, homosexuals, thieves, drunkards, etc. will not go to heaven (1 Cor 6:9-10). I didn't have a personal relationship with Jesus and certainly wasn't living a life that honored Him. Growing up until I was around 14, I went to church every week, was an altar boy, participated in various religious things, but I didn't know Jesus personally and eventually became an atheist in college. Yet this has always been the problem with humanity.

Are all Christians going to Heaven? (Continued)

We think because we have a certain label, whether "Jew", "Catholic", "Lutheran", or "Christian" that we are automatically qualified to enter God's heaven. John the Baptist confronted the Jewish people, including their religious leaders, reminding them they could not rely simply on their label of being Abraham's descendants to get into heaven (Matthew 3:7-9).

Are you one that is trusting in what you label yourself or have you repented of your sins and put your personal trust and faith in Jesus Christ Himself? Jesus preached from the beginning that repentance from sins and belief in the gospel was necessary to enter God's kingdom (Mark 1:15; Matt 4:17).

Unfortunately there are many "Christians" today who are deceived and will not go to heaven. Jesus speaks of them when He says, **"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws'"** (Matthew 7:21-23). It is my prayer that this would not be you. That you will embrace the love and grace of God through His offer of salvation and that through repentance and belief in the gospel you will be saved.

Mondo



It's a Boy!!

Hanna and James Thorson were blessed with a second baby boy. Son Esa now has a brother!

Elijah Lowell Bakhtiar Thorson
Born October 25, 2018
8lbs 7oz. 22inches

The name Bakhtiar means happiness!

The proud grandparents, Bob and Jacky Daly, are welcoming g their 5th grandchild! We look forward to seeing the Thorson family when they visit Tahoe in December.

Congratulations to all!!



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

- The current political situation in Macedonia is very bad. Many things in their politics are not understandable by the general public and causes people to be terrified. But Mirco says "Exactly in those moments God is blessing the church abundantly!"
- Praise that almost 500 women attended the Sept. conference. Many gave their lives to God. Please pray for their first steps in faith and spiritual growth. One of Mirco's aunts accepted Jesus as her Savior. They have prayed and shared the gospel with her for over 30 years.
- The church started in Volkovo 15 years ago now has a finished building equipped for regular church services. Guests from Honduras visited and such an honor because they donated \$ to the church renovations. (See Photo Below)



- Most of the Iranian's newly baptized at Vranje Church, have left to travel West. Pray God takes care of them where ever they go. After they left God surprised the church with 7 new people from Iran of Muslim background. Six have now given their lives to Jesus.
- Another Iranian migrant praise is a young married couple who spent time in Macedonia, went to Greece and were in a church of 20 new believers.

The man translates services into Farsi language and this young couple are starting a church in Thessaloniki. Please pray the Holy Spirit opens the truth of the Scriptures for them and the Roma people who have very little Bible knowledge.

Tim & Susan Driscoll; Japan

- It seems they are always in learning mode, whether it is language, life, or ministry. They still feel generally weary from the whirlwind move to a new house, new city, and new ministry roles. By God's grace and our prayers they continue to be uplifted. Thank you!
 - Continue praying for 100% healing of Tim's knee. It may have been a torn ligament.
 - Still praying for good communication and God's clear leading for the church and the pastor candidate for Saitama Church.
 - Pray God brings just the right people together for the Kanto Sector Leadership Team. They help care for and cast vision for missionaries. Pray they are willing to take the time and energy to host short term workers and that God opens up good opportunities in Kanto for more short term workers.
 - Son, Brenton just got engaged to Debbie. They met at Welch College and are planning a July 2019 wedding.
- The Driscoll's are getting ready to be first time grandparents early November! Pray for a safe arrival and healthy baby for Joel & Kiley Driscoll.

FMI, Pastor Warris; Pakistan

- Pray for each church that Pastor Warris oversees. Pray for effective discipleship of new believers who have come out of Muslim backgrounds. Ask God to give insight and care of their spiritual mentors and grace and harmony to churches which need to integrate them into their congregations.
- Pray God intercedes for the Sewing & Literacy outreach to women, as it is under attack from leaders of the local mosque. They are furious because their cheap labor is being liberated as the Christian women are becoming educated to read (using the Bible as textbook) and empowered with marketable skills doing seamstress work from the safety of their own homes.

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New Thursday Women's Study: The book of Isaiah foretells the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and His great sacrifice. The Thursday evening women's Bible study begins a 14 session study of Isaiah using the Joy of Living workbook on November 15 at 5:30 PM in the MPR. Please contact Liz Cordero for more information.



Thank you for all of your prayers for the Preschool!!

Sarah Tran, Director

It is only the beginning of November and we are already

full of Thanksgiving!!

We are thankful for all of your prayers!!!

Please keep praying! As God continues to bless the Preschool with growing enrollment we are in need of additional experienced Christian teachers more than ever!

We are thankful for the Church Bus!!!

Our Lambs and Sheep classes went on a very fun field trip to Taylor Creek on the Church Bus driven by Teacher Tom!

We are thankful for all of our Trick-or-Treat Volunteers!!!

Our Preschoolers got to dress up and trick-or-treat around the Church and Preschool. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Fall and to practice Matthew 7:7
"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

We are thankful for our new built-in shelf!!!

Thank you Bill Kolstad for engineering, building, and installing a new built-in shelf for the Woolies class!

More Volunteer opportunities: As we continue to work to recruit and hire teachers for our Woolies class, the Preschool is in need of volunteers who can assist in meeting our current needs, especially any volunteers who can commit to working in the classroom on specific days and times each week. It is amazing what a difference an extra pair of loving hands and watchful eyes can make in a busy classroom. Even a few hours a week would make such a difference! Please let me know if you have any interest in volunteering to help with our toddlers.

Please continue to pray for a successful and fun-filled Preschool year!

Thank you, Sarah Tran

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

(Missionary News and Prayers Continued)



- Continue praying for Azma, that God would rescue her from her kidnapper and return her to her family.

- Pray for the release and protection of Asia Bibi, who has been imprisoned for 10 years under unjust blasphemy charges. It seems the Pakistani high court has appealed her death sentence and plan to release her. Her family is safe in the UK and they plan to grant her asylum. She has fatwas (religious edicts) issued calling for her to be killed if she is released.

Here is the latest on Asia Bibi: Earlier this week, I was writing to inform you that Pakistan's Supreme Court had acquitted Asia Bibi, clearing her of the bogus blasphemy charges that had landed her in prison for nearly a decade. While the Chief Justice wrote in his concluding sentences of the verdict that Asia's "conviction as also the sentence of death [put upon her] is set aside and she is acquitted of the charge. She [is to] be released from jail forthwith," it has been revealed today that **the prison has not yet released her.**

Radical Muslims have protested the verdict and staged riots across Pakistan, choking the country and resulting in the death of many people. They have called for the three judges of the Supreme Court to be put to death and for the prime minister to be removed from office. Instead of quelling the madness, the government has capitulated to demands of the radicals in a deal to have the protests be suspended and is now allowing a review of the Supreme Court decision and is beginning the process for prohibiting Asia Bibi's exit from the country, even though she has committed no crime and the highest court in the land has recognized that fact.

- Ahmed has been cleared of all charges of blasphemy against him. FMI is working on getting him and his family to a safer place. As you know, coming to the US – especially from Muslim-majority countries – is a hot-button topic right now, and our work with lawyers and these government agencies is intensive and slow moving. Please join us in praying for the Lord's favor in granting Ahmed the visa he needs as well as the funds necessary for his family to safely relocate from overseas and establish a new home.

- Praises to our LORD that Tahoe Community Church recently sent \$400 to FMI for Ahmed and his family's relocation.

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Operation Christmas Child at Tahoe Community Church

By Karen Beverage

Our goal for our church is to send 400 GO (Gospel Opportunity) Box missionaries out this year.

One of our Northern Sierra team members had the privilege to go overseas for a distribution of shoeboxes. She talked about the organization and record keeping involved on that side of the boxes. These truly are the only gifts these kids may ever receive. Even if Samaritan's Purse returns to the same area, the local pastors are expected to keep records of the kids who receive a box. These kids are not eligible to receive another one.

She also talked about trash. No weekly trash pickup in these areas! Please remove excess packaging when possible. Especially the plastic anti-theft packaging. Imagine opening a shoebox seeing a brand new toy that you can't get into. The people who distribute the boxes are equipped with small knives to cut the tape around the boxes, these are not designed to cut through that heavy plastic. Besides the trouble of excess packaging trash, just think about how much more you can fit into your box!

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

November 10 - our packing party

November 11 - dedication of our GO Box missionaries

November 18 - last day to drop off your shoeboxes at the church.



Birthday Parties for Shoebox Kids

From: "Operation Christmas Child – A story of simple gifts" by Franklin Graham

Jonah dreamed of what it would be like to travel somewhere in the world and deliver shoeboxes to kids, but it wasn't possible. When he was just 13 months old, he had been diagnosed with a brain tumor and spent years in and out of St. Jude Children's Hospital. When Jonah's parents asked him what he wanted for his eleventh birthday, he said he wanted to pack boxes for kids. This was something he could do.

(Birthday Party... Continued)

Another young boy named Thomas, 10 years old, had been battling a brain stem tumor for nearly 2 years. The Make-a-Wish Foundation contacted me with a request; Thomas wanted to come and see me – and he did. His dad, a policeman, accompanied him and told me how much Thomas loved Operation Christmas Child. Thomas had been packing shoeboxes for years. For his birthday party, he requested that his friends bring shoeboxes for needy children instead of presents for him.

People sometimes wonder if these gifts given with such love really get to those who need them. We received a letter about two boys in a cancer ward in Manila, Philippines, where a distribution took place. One boy had his right leg amputated. The team was sad because when he opened his box it contained a pair of shoes. They prayed and asked the Lord to please help the boy deal with the realization that he would never again wear a "pair" of shoes

When they learned the boy in the next bed had his left leg amputated, they cringed as he opened his box. He pulled out a pair of socks. The moment was tense for those watching. Then the boys began to laugh. These two brave souls traded one sock for one shoe, and together they found humor and satisfaction in seeing their individual needs met.

We may not see the purpose in something, but God had overseen the delivery of two boxes that were just right for these boys who needed a glimmer of hope, a bond of friendship, and a lesson in finding joy.

(Missionary News and Prayers Continued)



Ryan & Danielle Stauffer; Lima, Peru

- Continue praying for the students enrolled at the school. Pray the Holy Spirit draws the non-Christian kids into the Word of God through the Chapel time called "The Well". Pray God intercedes during conversations between students and their families.
- Pray God's wisdom for Ryan in his leadership role with the school. Also, for travel mercies and for his trip to Honduras in November. (no date)
- Pray strength for Danielle as she works part-time as an Instruction Coach.
- Pray for their marriage, home life, and raising their two girls in the Lord amidst busy schedules.

Missions Committee: Carol Borsos, AnnaRose Salvador, and Bety Johnson



The Five Marks of a Disciplemaker

The 5 Marks of a Disciplemaker are five key competencies for a follower of Christ to invest in discipleship. These competencies include a passion to know Christ, knowledge of the Scriptures, a desire for community, a heart for the lost, and the ability to create spiritual generations.

1. JESUS

A passion to know, love and become like Christ

Philippians 3:8-10

Followers of Christ with a passion to know and love Jesus. As disciplemakers and laborers in the Harvest, they are purposeful to nurture and deepen their intimacy with Him. Life and ministry overflows from time alone with Jesus. The focus is developing personal intimacy with Jesus. It's more than just knowing about God. It's knowing Him and walking deeply with Him.

2. THE WORD

Knows and lives from the Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:16-17

A disciplemaker is one who can handle accurately the Word of God. He knows how to read it, study it, talk about it and pass it on to others. A disciplemaker understands the truth and sufficiency of the Word for the whole of life.

3. COMMUNITY

Pursuing Biblical community

Hebrews 10:24-25

The Lord designed us to walk with Him in community with others. A disciplemaker will be intentional to seek, pursue and even create a local community of believers to spur each other toward love and good deeds. Biblical community includes family as well as extended communities of followers of Christ. Biblical community also draws those without Christ to the Lord (John 13:33-34).

4. THE LOST

Lives among those who do not know or follow Christ

1 Thessalonians 2:8

A disciplemaker will be among those who are without Christ. They will be purposeful to love, serve and help them know and understand the Gospel.

(The Five Marks of a Disciplemaker continued)

They are marked by strong commitment to the Great Commission and a strong compassion for the brokenness of those without Christ. Disciplemakers proclaim and affirm the Gospel with both their words and their lives.

5. SPIRITUAL GENERATIONS

Advancing the Gospel through spiritual generations

2 Timothy 2:2

A disciplemaker is personally involved with helping others move closer to Christ as Savior and Lord. Disciplemakers meet one on one to help non-believers understand who Christ claims to be, and to establish young believers in their faith. A disciplemaker may lead groups of others in studying and applying the Word. Anything that helps others move closer to Christ is discipleship. A disciplemaker helps others catch a vision for investing their lives in others so that others will disciple others to do the same...towards spiritual generations.

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The Deacon's Ministry, A Changing Focus

After going through a period of scripture study and praying, the deacons and elders feel that the primary role of a deacon in the church should be one of mercy. Therefore, the Deacon ministry at Tahoe Community Church is changing its focus to better meet the needs of the people in the Church.

We have started by creating a Shepherding list. Every family that is a member of, or regular attender, at Tahoe Community Church has been assigned to a deacon. It will be that deacons responsibility to contact and talk to each family on their list at least once a month. We hope this will allow us to keep up with the physical and spiritual needs of our church body.

Communication is vital in a church. If a church member is in need of prayer or needs help of any kind, they can contact their deacon about it. After all, we can't help someone if we don't know they need help.

In Acts, Deacons were chosen to be servants. Our goal of your deacon body is to become better at serving you. We look forward to calling you, getting to know you better, and praying with you!

The Diaconate

Good By Jim Brockett



Jim Brocket, Paul Tracy and Mark Peterson

Jim Brocket and his wife Lisa were faithful members of Tahoe Community Church for many years. Jim and Lisa both served on the Praise Team, Jim on Guitar and Lisa as vocalist. Jim also gave Guitar Lessons as part of our School of Music. Jim started and led a men's bible study in his home for many years.

Jim was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and went to be with the Lord on October 29th. Jim was in his home with his family at the time. A memorial will be held on Saturday November 10th at 11:00 am at Sierra Community Church.

Jim was a very talented musician, a strong Christian, and pleasure to serve with. I look forward to worshiping the Lord with Jim again when we all get to Heaven.

Ted Beverage, Music Director.



Coming Soon, A Crying Room

We will be constructing a small room in the back of the sanctuary as place for mom's to go with their

babies. This room will be in the back by the sound booth. You will be able to access the new room by going through the foyer. There will be no door directly from the Sanctuary. Construction will begin soon and should be completed in December. We will continue to broadcast the service in the Multi-Purpose room for those who wish to go there.

Please contact Jeff Brumbach if you have any questions.



Women's Christmas Comfort and Joy

*Women's Comfort and Joy Fellowship
An Outreach for Mothers of Angel Tree Children*

Saturday, December 1, 2018

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

*Zephyr Point Conference Center - Tallac Center
660 Highway 50*

Join us for an afternoon of Fellowship, Entertainment & Food as we enjoy an Appetizer and Dessert Bar

Bring your friends & small luxury items for Mothers of the "Violence Free" Angel Tree Recipients

If you are unable to attend the event there is a basket in the church foyer for the items you would like to donate

*If you do not have time to shop, but still want to give, please put your financial donation in an envelope and give to
Jan Hurst or Christine Feinberg*

Please sign up in Church Foyer for a Hearty Appetizer or Delightful Dessert

*Parking in the Upper Parking Lot or Parking Garage
(turn left at entrance)
Shuttle Service Provided
Limited Handicapped Parking*

*Questions concerning food?
Contact Christine Feinberg @405-609-9276
Questions concerning event?
Contact Jan Hurst @ 775-781-1783*

Luxury Item suggestions: Lotions, body washes, socks, Gloves, hats, body gels, slippers, make up, bath salts, body scrubs, Shampoos, Chocolates, Towels, Wash clothes, Candles, etc.

Announcements

- **December Fellowship Meal:** December 2th after church. This will be a pot luck so please bring a main dish, salad or desert to share.

- **All Church Christmas Meal and Fellowship.** Thursday December 6th at 6:00 pm. Due to the large turnout last year, this year's event will be held in the Worship Center to allow for more elbow room.

- **Church Fiscal Year Changing.** Our church Fiscal year will be changing to match the calendar year starting January 1st 2019. This change will not have any effect on your annual giving statements which will be mailed out in late January.

Scripture Memory Verses for November

- November 4th	Psalm 74:22
- November 11th	Philippians 1:217
- November 18th	Ezra 5:5
- November 25th	1 Peter 2:12



Awesome Kids is back!

Awesome kids has resumed and meets every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the MPR.

This exciting program is open for all kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The Bus from Zephyr Cove will drop your kids off at the Church.

Help Needed: We are always on the look out for people interested in helping out. There is no experience needed, just a willing heart! Contact Jacky Daly for more information.

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

Teacher Assistants: Judi Adams , Emily Gonzales, and Bonni Leon. Office Manager/Teacher: Thomas Tran

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