

# Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, Needs and Reminders  
December 2019

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching our World



## Final Shoe Box Report (And a big surprise!)

On the last day of the 2019 shoebox drive, Karen

and I were treated to a big surprise! Karen was making final preparations to ship our last boxes and saw this young woman coming up the driveway with a shoe box in one hand and a stuffed dog in the other. Karen thought she was dropping off a box but she had something else in mind. She came by to thank us!

You see, her name is Yuliya Shubina, and she was a shoebox recipient a number of years ago and that dog was in her box! Through that shoebox, and an enclosed letter, she learned the Love of Jesus and accepted Him as her Lord and Savior. Yuliya and her dog came by to thank us for packing boxes so that others like her would learn of the love of Jesus.

Out of all the items she received in the box the two she still has are the dog, and the letter. It really is worth the time to write a letter and enclose it in your shoe boxes. And pray for each recipient!

Yuliya could only stay a short while but I was so emotionally effected by her visit that I will never forget it. I told Karen we needed to shop for more boxes! Well, perhaps next year.

Another thing happened that day. I had room in my truck for only 7 crates and we collected exactly enough boxes to fill 7 crates. Coincidence? I think it was God! Ted

Here are the totals:

**Our church:** 352 Boxes. (up from 290 last year)

**Our drop off location:** 496 (down 100 boxes)

**Our Area:** 15,112 Boxes! (up 5%)

## Sunday Worship Schedule

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

## Weekly Church Activities

Preschool in Session Mon.—Fri. 7:30a-5:30p

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Fellowship at  
Lakeside upstairs restaurant

8:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering

9:30 a.m. Knitting Group

5:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Life Groups as scheduled

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Study

## Thank You for packing a shoebox!

Together we packed 225 Boxes!!





## Ten Guidelines For Keeping Christ in Christmas

**TAKE** time to be alone and ponder your relationship with Christ.

**READ** the story of Jesus' birth and note how people responded- Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna.

**PRAISE** God at Christmas. Join other Christians in celebrations of music and praise.

**HELP** those in need at Christmas. Follow the example of Jesus whose heart was filled with compassion for those who were suffering.

**KEEP** your TO DO list as short as possible. Limit your social obligations so there is time for reflection.

**USE** cash when you buy gifts to avoid holiday debt.

**TELL** others about the Savior. Find opportunities to give a tract or a Bible.

**REMEMBER** Christ's church around the world.

**LIVE** like Christ in this season. Be compassionate, forgiving and sensitive to people.

**BE JOYFUL** at Christmas! You are celebrating the greatest event in the history of the world—the arrival of God in human form.



## Christmas Eve Service

Join us on Tuesday December 24th, at 6:00 pm for a special Christmas Eve service. This service will include the singing of familiar Christmas Carols, special music presentations, and a message from God's word. Lets make plans to celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ together! This is also a great opportunity to invite friends and family members to come to Church.

## Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

By Ted Beverage

Once again we would like to decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias. We ask you to purchase and bring in poinsettias to be displayed at the front of the sanctuary.

Please inform me if the flowers you bring in are in memory of/or in honor of someone special. I will compile a list which will be included in the bulletin the last two weeks of December.



## Good Bye to an old Friend

We are sad to report that David Mancour went to be with the Lord last week. David and Denise were church members here for a number of years. David spent a lot of time working on the church property as long as he was able. Please pray for Denise in her time of sorrow. [denisemncr@aol.com](mailto:denisemncr@aol.com)



## CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER



Saturday, December 14th, 2019 @ 6:00PM

TCC'S Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP # Attending and Sign-Up to bring a Potluck side dish or desert to share

Turkey and Ham will be provided but we need two more volunteers to cook them

Volunteers are DEEPLY APPRECIATED for set-up at 11:00 AM, Saturday December 14th, but ESPECIALLY for CLEAN-UP following the event.

THANK YOU!

Questions? Call Church Office 588-5860 or Jan Hurst 775-781-1783 (Call or Text)





# 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 for those who celebrate Christmas in December and for the Greek Orthodox who celebrate in January. Outreaches are planned for both times. Pray God changes hearts to repent and receive Jesus Christ as Emmanuel and Savior. Pray these events reach the refugees from Syria and other countries who need the hope of Jesus.

The Missions to the Balkans, which Mirco is director, prays for God's vision for church plants in several cities and locations. Pray for God's leading and will, where to evangelize and for His provision for land, buildings, and meeting places. Pray people are receptive to the Gospel, that the Holy Spirit is already working in their hearts.

## Central Asian Family

- H has had opportunity to reach a neighbor whose daughter has cerebral palsy. Pray K will be able to eat and drink without aspirating (common problem with this condition) and for her family's hearts to open to the words of Truth H has been sharing with them.  
- Pray for leaders to develop leaders. Young and old alike are being empowered to share their story and to teach others to do the same.



They received over 200 second hand wheelchairs from the States and have been giving them to those in need. The faces light up with joy and gives moms ability to easily move their children around. Some have waited 3 or 4 years to receive a wheelchair. Praise our

Lord for His provision. Continue praying for the children and the team which faithfully drive 3 hours roundtrip to the orphanage to serve these children. Only 14% of children with disabilities go to school here.

- J desires continued prayer for the business venture. Pray for wisdom, patience, perseverance and the right partners, employees, investors and location.

## Tim & Susan Driscoll

### Tokyo, Japan

- Tim is studying the Bible with a Japanese college student, Yui. They do it through Skype. Yui goes to school in Chico, CA. She is in Japan for a couple of months. She is very open so pray for clear understanding and faith for Yui.

- Susan reads through emails of people who are interested in going to Japan as a missionary. Pray God leads her in each correspondence with wisdom, efficiency, good prioritizing, and daily needed grace.

- Pray for a new co-worker for Susan.

- Pray for their Kanto (area they oversee) missionaries to be grace-filled in their relationships, have servant hearts and continued growth and Godliness. Pray for favor with pastors.

- Missionaries in Japan plan special Christmas outreaches through their churches and hosting in their homes. Pray Jesus Christ makes Himself known to many Japanese this season.

## Pastor W. with FMI/Pakistan

- Bible distribution among Muslims in this country is risky business. Pastors risk their lives to take God's Word to those longing for peace. Pray for openness in the hearts of radicalized Muslims.

- Petition God for more printed Bibles, solar-powered audio devices, and micro-SD cards which have been uploaded with Scripture. Ask God to bless the evangelists with boldness and special discernment.

- Pray for safe passage for Pastor W. as he travels to the churches he oversees. Pray for protection of his family when he is away.

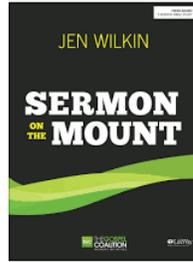
- Pray for God's grace on his two sons who attend college that they would gain the education they deserve. In Pakistan Christians don't always receive the same benefits at Muslim students.

- Thanking TCC for our generous donation to purchase a generator that will keep the "lights on". His Name be praised!



- Last month we asked for prayer for the Kiln Ministry. Here is a photo.

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## New Women's Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible study will be starting a new study, "Sermon on the Mount." by Jen Wilkin.

"In this 9 week study, examine the words of Jesus in-depth as he challenges us to think differently about repentance, salvation, and sanctification."

This study will begin on December 12th. Please contact Kathy Pavich for more information.



### Women's Fellowship Christmas Event

### Jesus "The Light of the World"

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 5:00-7:00 PM  
TCC Fellowship Hall

*Please RSVP & Sign-up* for your "Favorite Holiday Dish"

### "Christmas Comfort & Joy Outreach"

Our Women's Fellowship is reaching out to bless the mothers of the Live Violence Free Community by showering them with small luxury items.

If you would like to be a part of this blessing, please bring new, unwrapped luxury items to our Christmas Event or place items in the basket located in the church foyer, until December 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Some Ideas for giving ...*

*Gloves, Mittens, Hats, Slippers, Socks, Slipper Socks  
Lotions, Body Washes, Body Gels*

*Make up Brush Sets, Lipsticks, Blushes, Eyeshadows  
Manicure Kits/Pedicure Kits*

*Bath Salts, Bubble Baths, Body Scrubs, Facial Scrubs  
Shampoos & Conditioners*

*Towels/Wash Clothes/Loofas*

*Bath Robes - Blanket Throws*

*Candles, Journals, Stationery, Note Cards,*

*Chocolates*

*Gift Certificates - Etc.*

*If you do not have time to shop, but still desire to give, we will purchase for you; please give your financial donation to Jan Hurst (775-781-1783) or Christine Feinberg (405-609-9276)*

*Thank You!*



## Advent Readers Needed

Advent is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming

We are looking for families or individuals, to participate in our advent celebration. This involves reading selected Bible passages and lighting the candles on our advent wreath. If you are interested, please contact Mondo or Ted!



## Preschool Updates A Season of Thankfulness!

Sarah Tran, Director

***"Behold, I bring you good tidings  
of Great Joy!" Luke 2:10***

The heavenly host of angels delivered good tidings on the hills of Bethlehem for the Shepherds to share with all the world, and we also have good tidings to share about the Preschool:

We are fully staffed!!! Thank you for all of your prayers!!! God has brought us so many wonderful Christian Teachers. We are so blessed to have Teacher Katie and Teacher Bonni in our Sheep Class and Teacher Theresa in our Lambs class. (These wonderful Teachers have been with us for one or more years.) Now we are delighted to welcome Teacher Anna to our Lambs class as well and to welcome to our Woolies class Teacher "T", Teacher Balin and Balin's 10 year old daughter, Teacher Emma as our Jr. Aide. We are also blessed to have Teacher Tom still helping during our low staff hours a few times each week and providing coverage whenever a substitute is needed. (We are already anticipating some changes in staffing in the coming weeks--life in Tahoe can be so transitional at times--but we are rejoicing greatly at the blessings of the moment!!!)

The Preschool was also blessed to have so many Church members come out to help remove snow on our first heavy snow day, the day before Thanksgiving!!! Thank you to Bill Kolstad for coordinating such an amazing group of volunteers!!! (Visit our face book page to see the overwhelming gratitude from our Preschool parents for keeping our walking paths and our parking spaces clear!!)

We will be open for just three weeks in December. The Teachers are looking forward to their 2-week Christmas Break as a chance to spend time with their families and loved ones over the holidays. Before we close for the holidays we hope to have lots of our Preschool Families join us for our Church Family Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 14. We also hope that many of our Church members will consider joining the Preschool Families on Friday, December 20 at 6 pm as our very own Ted Beverage (Mr. Ted) leads the Children in a Christmas Music program. There will be refreshments and a display of the Children's art in the Fellowship Hall after the Music program. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with the Preschool Families and Teachers. We hope to see you there.

And more Good Tidings of Great Joy!!! We are very excited about the final stage of our new classroom floor installation. Weather permitting, the Woolies classroom (below the Fellowship Hall) will have a new floor installed December 16-18. We plan to move the Woolies up to the Fellowship Hall for that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. (Please let Ted Beverage know if you are available to help move furniture before or after the install.)

The bulletin board in the back of the Church has copies of the December Calendar and Director letter if you would like more details on what is happening at the Preschool this month.



## Christmas Prayer

Many of us enter the Christmas season with great anticipation and a tinge of concern that we'll somehow miss the true spirit of Christmas. Here are 12 short, powerful prayers that can help you focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

**LOVE** Lord, help us follow the way of love—let the love of Christ compel us.

*1 Corinthians 14:1; 2 Corinthians 5:14*

**JOY** Restore the joy of Your salvation to us; let us experience the joy of Your presence.

*Psalms 51:12, 16:11*

**PEACE** Let Your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of You, Jesus—You are our peace.

*Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:7; Ephesians 2:14*

**HOPE** Enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the hope You called us to.

*Ephesians 1:18*

**FAVOR** Let Your favor rest on us.

*Luke 2:52*

**LIFE** Shine Your light of life on us; help us to walk in it.

*Job 33:30; Psalm 56:13*

**SALVATION** Help us to fear You so we can unlock the treasure of Your salvation.

*Isaiah 33:6*

**SELFLESSNESS** Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth.

*Romans 2:8*

**GENEROSITY** Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised.

*2 Corinthians 9:11*

**RECEIVING** Help us receive Your kingdom, Your Spirit, and Your grace.

*Daniel 7:18; John 20:22; Romans 5:17*

**SEEKING** Encourage us to seek Your face with all our hearts.

*Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 27:8*

**PRAISE** We ascribe glory to Your name  
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## Church Business Meeting

Our annual Church business meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 26, following our morning worship service. The budget report will be presented along with short reports from other church ministries. We will also be discussing implementing new church by laws.



## Snow Removal

Winter is here and we are looking for men to volunteer to be a part of our snow removal team.

We have a large property to clear and not just on Sunday Mornings. We have midweek activities, and the preschool areas need to be cleared every work day first thing in the morning. We have three snow blowers on property just waiting to be used! If you are available to assist in this effort please contact Bill Kolstad who is coordinating our snow removal efforts. Bill will provide all the instruction you need!



lifegroups

## Life Groups

Tahoe Community church has three live groups up and running:

### East Shore Group

Host: Jan Hurst/Don and Linda Baker

Facilitator: Bill Kolstad

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month and is studying: "Six Core Values of Biblical Community." A study from Watermark Community Church

### South Shore Group

Host: Jacky Daly

Facilitator: Bob Daly

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and is also studying "Six Core Values of Biblical Community."

### Kingsbury Group

Host: Suzette Waite

Facilitators: Mondo/Jeff Brumbach/Jerry Haynes

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and is also studying "Six Core Values of Biblical Community."

If you are interested in being part of a group, hosting a group, or facilitating a group, please talk to Mondo, Bob Daly or Bill Kolstad.

**Acts 2: 42** "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Verse 2: 47 "... and the Lord added to their numbers daily those who being saved."



## Upcoming Events

- December 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Starts.  
Come Lord Jesus Come!

- December 7<sup>th</sup> Women's Christmas Event 5:00pm
- December 14<sup>th</sup> All church Christmas Dinner 6:00pm  
Set up will be at 11:00am
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Preschool Program 5:45pm
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm
- The Preschool will be closed from December 23—  
January 3rd. **Merry Christmas!**
- January 26th Church Fellowship Meal
- January 26th annual church Meeting

### Scripture Memory Verses for December

- December 1st Romans 8:31
- December 8th Colossians 3:15
- December 15th John 7:37
- December 22nd 1 John 3:1
- December 29th Psalm 119:133



### 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; Allie Jones, Worship Director, Ted Beverage, Office Administrator

**Preschool Staff:** Director/Teacher: Sarah Tran. Sheep Teachers: Katie Oliver, Bonni Leon. Lambs Teachers: Theresa DeGraffenreid, Anna Bailey. Woolies Teachers: Balin Usher. Office Manager/Teacher: Thomas Tran. Parent Volunteer: Sakuna Rosas. Jr. Aide: Emma Usher

# IN GOD WE TRUST



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