

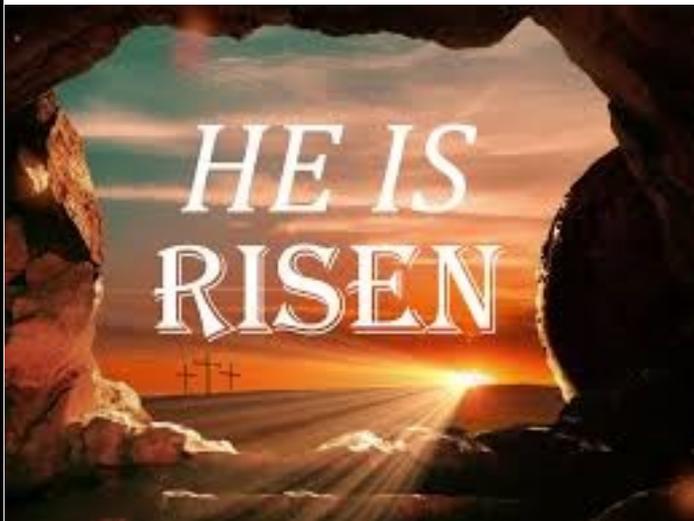
# Tahoe Community Church

*Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: April 2020*

For our Church Family & our Preschool Family

Tahoe Douglas Christian Preschool & Childcare

*Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!*



**He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

**Alleluia. Christ is Risen.  
The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**"The Angel said to the women, "do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. ..." Matthew 28:5-6**

We may not be able to have a worship service on resurrection Sunday due to the virus. But one thing we can be sure of is that Jesus Christ has Risen from the dead! Let us rejoice that we do indeed serve a risen Savior!



**Any Day now!**

Allie and Christopher's babe is due this week but could come at any time.

Please pray for a safe and easy delivery!

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**All of these Activities are on hold**

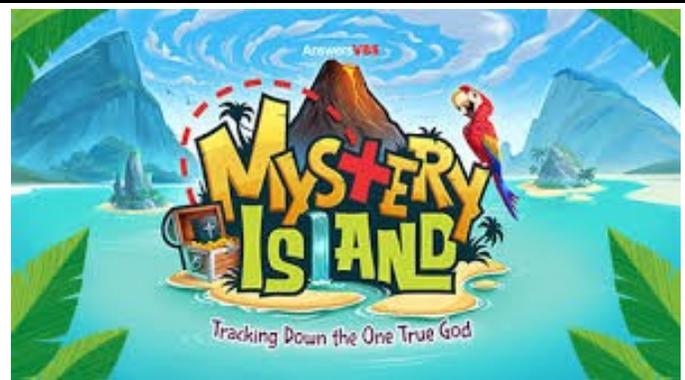
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Class
- 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(Nursery and Children's Church Available)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

## Weekly Church Activities

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

**The Following Activities are on Hold**

- 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 **(Through Zoom)**



## Vacation Bible School 2020

**When:** July 13-July 17

**Where:** Tahoe Community Church

**Who:** Children ages 4 through high school

**Contact Jacky Daly to sign up to take part!**



## “Revelation” Technology” is underway

Mondo Gonzales, Pastor

TCC Family,

There is no doubt that the fast-paced advancement of technology over the last century has long provided Eschatology followers much fuel for seeking to understand how the various biblical passages will play out. We think of Jesus' words, **"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come"** (Matthew 24:14 NASB). Thirty years ago, the general limits to how the gospel would reach the ends of the earth were through radio, television and missionaries. Now, we see the evangelism potential being realized that the gospel reaching all nations can happen through the internet. The only limit currently is getting the internet to the remote parts of the world.

The ability to reach the entire world with greater telecommunication and internet access is changing right before our very eyes. There are at least nine companies working on gaining the very profitable access to worldwide internet accessibility. There have been many companies that have sought to enter the market, but have faded out. The current list of companies showing success are: Samsung which seeks to have 4,600 satellites in orbit. Amazon (Jeff Bezos) seeks to put up 3200+ by the end of the decade.

OneWeb seeks an initial 650 satellites. They have successfully launched and installed 40 satellites with 70 more by May 2020.

By far the greatest success is Starlink (Elon Musk). They have 240 satellites already in orbit. What makes Starlink the front runner is that they have their own rocket propulsion systems and are not dependent on 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors. They plan on having 1500 satellites up by the end of 2020 with internet service being operational over the U.S. and Canada. Amazingly, they have been given approval by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission for 12,000 satellites with tentative approval for 30,000 more! Space.com reports that to keep this in perspective, consider that there are currently only 2,000 operational satellites in low earth orbit with 9,000 total pieces of manmade machinery being put into orbit in all of human history.

The typical satellite is between 400-500 lbs. and has a low earth orbit of 340-700 miles above the earth's surface. They will travel over 16,700 m.p.h. and will be able to provide services to over 3 billion people.

Most current geosynchronous satellites orbit at around 22,000 miles above earth's surface.



(Starlink Satellites appearing with Solar Panel; image from Space X)

There has been some controversy and outrage by the astronomical community for how the tremendous amount of satellites are "polluting the night sky".

Why does all this matter? As was mentioned in the opening paragraph, there are reasons to rejoice that potential for increased access to the internet for the world's population will most certainly be used by God in order for the remote nations to gain access to the good news of Jesus Christ. However, as with most things that are used for good, the enemy will be swiftly behind in order to bring evil.

What strikes me most are the ways in which several verses of Scripture speak of how the coming world ruler will use technology for sinister means. Consider Revelation 13:15-17,

**"<sup>15</sup> And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, <sup>17</sup> and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name."** (NASB)

It is often interpreted that there is going to be some sort of technological mechanism utilized during the end time scenario which is used by the Antichrist to control economics and loyalty to his autocratic kingdom. However this mark of the beast comes to fruition, there is most likely a need for it to be tied to digital currency. As soon as we discuss digitization of economics, the obvious question becomes how the Antichrist will be able to enforce his dictates.

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## "Revelation Technology Continued"

With global satellite internet technology, the ability to track devices, people, and to enforce economic and "religious" laws becomes evident. The extent of the Antichrist's kingdom is well known to be universal and global in scope. Imagine being in the remote parts of central Africa and yet with thousands of satellites orbiting the earth at any given time, the ability to engage in commerce or tracking becomes not a problem with the appropriate end user technological devices.

Another passage that comes to mind is in reference to the death of the two witnesses, (Rev. 11:7-12 NASB) **"7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them."**

Satellite technology has been around awhile which allows worldwide transmission, but think of it in terms of the end user. Tribes and tongues and peoples in remote parts of the world would have had difficult gaining access to these worldwide transmissions. Yet now with satellite internet technology this would not be problematic with the appropriate device. Most of the world's peoples and tribes will have the opportunity to watch live what is happening in the streets of Jerusalem. Three times in this short passage, John draws our attention to the fact that the whole world was observing this. Verse 9 says "will look", verse 11 says "watching" and verse 12 says "watched". Interestingly, John uses two different Greek words (*blepo* and *theoreo*) for this act of observation and taken together has the idea of intently observing.

One final comment is worthy of being mentioned. Have you ever wondered how the fulfillment of Revelation 1:7 will take place? It reads, **"7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and**

**all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.**

**Even so. Amen. (NASB)**

If Jesus is returning towards Jerusalem at His second coming, how will people on the other side of the earth see this? Certainly, God can provide a miraculous vision of this, but it could be that it will be observed through technology and people watching at live through TV, internet, or any other hand held device.

Jesus taught clearly in the Olivet discourse (Matt 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21) that the signs of His coming will be quite evident. Even though we are not in the tribulation, we are seeing the technology being implemented currently which will be used by the enemy to accomplish his purposes during that dreadful time. Even though this verse is referring to events during the tribulation, I still find it encouraging that we are getting closer and closer to our Lord's return. Be of good courage, the Lord is coming soon! **28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."** (Luke 21:28 NASB)

~Mondo Gonzales, Pastor  
Tahoe Community Church

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**GREETERS**  
ministry

## Greeters Training

The safety training meeting for all church greeters on Sunday March 22, was canceled but will be rescheduled. Keep an eye out for the new date! Contact Kathy Pavich for more information.



Our Women's Fellowship is sewing "Ryan's Case for Smiles" pillowcases. We just don't know when yet! **We will make sure everyone is informed when the new date is set.**

In case you missed last year's event we are sewing colorful pillowcases for children who are going through severe illness.

Ryan's Case for Smiles is a nonprofit organization that was started by Cindy Kerr when her son Ryan was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) at the age of 12. While Ryan is no longer with us, his inspiration has provided over one million hospitalized children an emotional boost with these comforting and uplifting pillowcases.

**SEWING EXPERIENCE IS NOT NEEDED AND ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

If you do have a portable sewing machine or iron that you can bring that would be greatly appreciated.

For questions please call or text Sally O'Brien @775-720-8601 or email her at [sallysobrien@mac.com](mailto:sallysobrien@mac.com).

We are excited and looking forward to this event and sharing the love of Christ with these children!!!



## Women's Bible Study is Meeting Through Zoom

The ladies Thursday Morning study group has not been meeting in fellowship Hall but they have been meeting thanks to the technology of Zoom. If you would like to join in, please contact Louisa Boone who set it up. She can be reached at (530) 208-8391

They are continuing the study "Acts," by Every woman's Grace. This is a study from John MacArthur's Grace church. We will let you know when they start meeting in Fellowship Hall again.

**Please contact Kathy Pavich for more information.**



## Safety Team Notes

From Matt Petty

As our society is in a heightened state of awareness and concern over public health, it is important to note that, as Mondo discussed in a previous

email, con artists, fraud and crime are increasing as people attempt to take advantage of our current situation. The "phishing" text messages that were sent out under Mondo's name were fraudulent. Also, burglary, robbery, and property crime are all increasing. El Dorado, Douglas, Carson, and Washoe Counties which are the closest to us, are experiencing increases in these types of crimes.

It is important that in addition to health concerns, we have increased awareness for our personal safety and property. This can be addressed by increased vigilance to your surroundings and online. Do not advertise your travel plans, vary your routines and make use of your equipment like locks and lights. Do not leave anything visible in your car that might be attractive to thieves. Be very careful before you respond to someone online or click on a link, that you are sure who you are communicating with. If you hover your cursor over a link before you click on it or right click to review the source, it will display the hyperlink address. Compare that information to who you are attempting to communicate with to make sure they match. It is equally important that we emphasize balance in our approach and not give in to panic and false information. Please consider the following reliable sources of information:

**Nevada** - If you visit the website:

<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov> you can sign up to be emailed updates that cover the state of Nevada. Press releases, including law enforcement, state offices and the Governor's come out on this page: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/news-resources/press-releases/>

**California** - The latest local, state and federal updates on COVID-19 and recommended health and safety guidelines are available on Barton's homepage at [bartonhealth.org](http://bartonhealth.org).

If you have any questions or suggestions related to Safety or you need assistance locating reliable information or resources, please let your deacon or church leadership know. Comments to the Safety Team can be directed to [gen5020@startmail.com](mailto:gen5020@startmail.com).

Respectfully,  
Matt



## Missionary News & Prayer

by Carol Borsos

**Missions: Pray for unity among the Body of Christ around the world. Our times are in His Hands.**

### Mirco & Nada Andreev, Skopje, Macedonia

The situation in Macedonia is not good. Mirco calls Macedonia a middle risk country. As of March 26<sup>th</sup>, no one from the Evangelical church, the Republic of Macedonia has tested positive. Pray it stays that way. People are in the hospitals and there is still room in their hospitals. Praise the lord that only a few have died. Many people are staying in quarantine and they have daily curfews in place with restricted moving about. Coffee bars and restaurants are closed and grocery and pharmacies have special hours. Gatherings of more than 5 people forbidden.

Mirco's sermons have been on face book of the Evangelical Church. Thousands of people are following his sermons! The churches are active through social networks communication.

Mirco's prayer: "I trust that all of this situation will make a big impact to the believers and to the unbelievers, and to the economy and to the politics and to the family and to the social life. Pray faith does not fall but becomes stronger and we approach closer to God. Pray wisdom from God, how to continue without work, both with believers and unbelievers. Jesus is the final conqueror to all things!"

### Central Asian Family

The sandwich shop was to open April 1<sup>st</sup>. God is clearly stopping all from working to watch His power. They already started renting a location and are thankful that the landlord has given them 3 weeks free rent. Please pray for wisdom and provision as they try to move forward and discern God's will.

-Pray for the workers, supplies, and many customers to come when the shop can open.

- Pray that people tell others about the shop so it will thrive.

- Pray customers see how disabled people can have lives that thrive and that the stigma about disabled people will change for the better.

They have chosen to stay in Central Asia. J is using his training in Emergency Management as he has created contingency plans for his region and is being looked upon to advise his organization's staff during this crisis. They are following the government's

direction to shelter in place for 3 weeks. As of March 27<sup>th</sup> their country had under 100 confirmed cases. Pray for God's continued guidance and wisdom.

- H is still able to connect to the orphanage with two of the older girls who have phones. Pray all are encouraged and feel loved.

### Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

As of March 26<sup>th</sup> they are well. There is talk of lockdown as many new cases have showed up in Tokyo. The Driscolls are relying on this verse for comfort: "**In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.**" Proverbs 16:9.

Part of their roles involves making plans. Except for surgical masks, they are able to buy what they need. Church services continue with distancing and Tim has offered a Bible study by Skype.

Recently, a non-Christian couple received the study book! Pray they will engage in the study and that God saves them.

- Pray for open hearts for many even though ministry doors around them are closed.

- Pray for protection for OMF workers; health and encouragement during this stressful and sometimes lonely time.

- The field conference for April was canceled. However, the US team is on standby and still willing to go when God opens the door.

- Most of the short-term Serve Asia individuals are on hold for the next few months. All plans are in God's timing.

- Pray for the Driscoll's children. Chad is in on-line classes/college grad ceremony canceled. Joel & Brenton timing to go on the mission fields are delayed. Brenton & Debbie are expecting in July.

- Tim & Susan had tickets for the US in April. Pray for a full refund.

- Pray for wisdom and God's leading as they think about when to try and see their kids next as all their plans are uncertain as well. God is Sovereign!

### Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

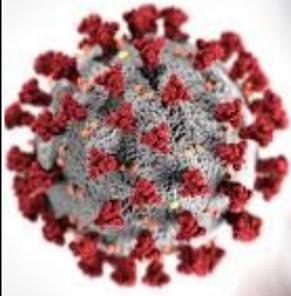
- The April Gala Fundraiser has been postponed until September 2020. We will keep you informed as we know more.

- Continue praying for those who come in for pregnancy testing, ultra sound, and guidance with options for their pregnancy.

- Pray that counselors speak God's wisdom with love, kindness, and truth.

During The week of March 15<sup>th</sup> a young girl left saying she would carry and will return for a rescan in two weeks, but please continue to pray for her and her family. Although she verbalized her decision against abortion, unlike others, we did not see

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**COVID-19**  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

## Corona Virus Effects Tahoe Community Church

By Ted Beverage

Often times we feel isolated in the Tahoe Basin and immune from what is going on in the world. To my knowledge, no one in our congregation has come down with the Corona virus yet, but we have indeed been effected. Here is a partial list of things changed or cancelled as a result of the epidemic:

- All "non essential business" in our area have been shut down leaving a lot of people out of work.
- We have a lot of people anxious and in fear of what is taking place.
- Our preschool was closed for the week of March 16th but has reopened with two teachers and 3-5 students in attendance.
- Our worship services have been canceled but are being recorded and can be watched on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TahoeChurch>. A big thanks to Bob Daly, Mondo, Allie, the praise team, and audio-visual team for their diligent efforts in making this happen!

**We will resume worshiping together again when the elders feel it safe to do so.**

- The Women's Bible study has been cancelled face to face but they are meeting on Zoom. We will let you know when they go back to Fellowship Hall.
- The women's fellowship event "Ryan's Case for Smiles" was canceled and will be rescheduled.
- The Greeters Training Meeting was also canceled and will be rescheduled.
- The three "Live Groups" have stopped meeting at this time as well. Please contact your group leader regarding start up dates.
- The Knifty knitters are not meeting together but they are still knitting!

We may not be able to meet face to face but I think we are doing a good job of staying in contact with each other. Mondo has been sending out

e-mails every Monday and Friday and will continue to keep you up dated on church activities.

As a body of believers, I urge you to reach out to each other and to anyone that God brings to mind via telephone calls and e-mails. We will get through this difficult time and I believe we will be stronger because of it.

Remember the promise made in Romans 8:28  
**"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."**



### (Missionary News continued)

relief or joy, only resignation. We trust and pray that she will find her heart filled with God's peace and even joyful, happy anticipation.

During the virus, the clinic is screening people at the door, working with limited staff and office hours, and continuing to make appointments. Please pray for additional volunteers and for new donors. If you are interested in donating, their web site is: [www.friendsoflifechoices.com](http://www.friendsoflifechoices.com) and the office phone is 775 885 1700. There are New brochures in the church lobby if you know someone who needs the help of this ministry.

### Pastor W., Pakistan

Bruce, director of FMI was able to get in and out of Pakistan, thankfully, just before the mass of global travel restrictions and airline cancellations were put into place!

The team conducted a special theology and apologetics primer at a multi-day conference for new followers of Jesus Christ who have left Islam. Pray the truths of the Gospel and God's Word sink deeply into the hearts, souls and minds of those who attended.

A multi-day conference for all FMI-supported partners (like Pastor W.), delivered 800 Bibles in a variety of languages (Urdu, Pashto, Farsi/Persian) in various forms (traditional print as well as an audio version on micro-SD cards). These will be used in evangelism and discipleship.

Next they conducted a field visit and baptismal service at the safe house for persecuted Christians which FMI helps underwrite. They were especially astounded and highly encouraged by the robust faith and actions of the new believers, such as L. He is 21 and a former Muslim. L attended the first conferences three years ago. An FMI pastor shared the gospel with L and he readily placed his faith in Jesus. "I was walking darkness. Now all I see is light." L says. He begged for 600 Bibles every month for evangelism. "I am on fire and I want to share the light." Pray for L, as he is willing to face sharing even though a Bible within a Muslim country is a capital offense. If caught, he would be subject to execution!



## Preschool Updates

Sarah Tran, Director

**"God alone is our rock and our salvation, our stronghold. We shall not be shaken."** Psalm 62:6

We are still having Preschool. Preschool closed for a week (March 16-20) in response to the closure of Nevada schools. During that week many of our Teachers came to work as usual and used their time to thoroughly clean and sanitize their classrooms along with the children's play and learning materials. Some of our Teachers have not been able to come in due to health concerns but they have been able to use this time to complete required ongoing training classes online.

During the week that we were closed Preschools were deemed essential services and we were encouraged by Nevada Child Care Licensing to remain open if we were able. So on March 23, with the support of the Elders, we welcomed our Preschool families back to our clean, sanitized classrooms so that we could continue providing care and education to our little ones while their families work in essential services and attend to essential life tasks. Some of our families are providing essential fire safety, medical, health care, and grocery services. We are very happy to be able to support them in the work they are doing for our community.

We are currently providing care for a small group of Preschoolers (attendance has been between three and seven so far) depending on the needs of each family, but we anticipate more of our Preschoolers returning as our community begins its recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. Please pray for the health and safety of each child, each Preschool family, and each Teacher as we come through this community and world health crisis.

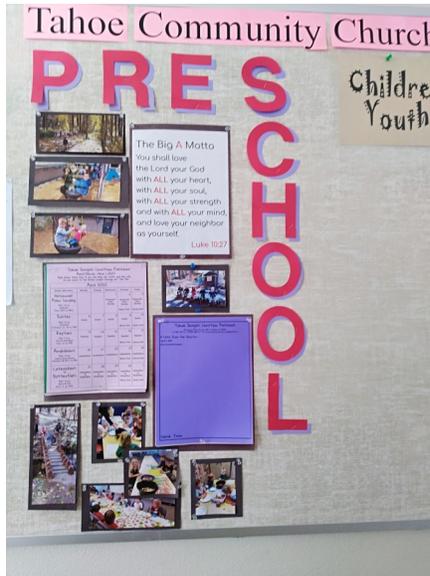
A special thank you to Ted Beverage, Bill Kolstad, and our pastor, Mondo Gonzales for their continued support of the Preschool during this time. Their assistance in meeting Preschool needs, including unexpected snow removal, and providing wisdom and guidance through these unusual circumstances has been invaluable.

If anyone is looking for a sewing project to keep busy, one of our Teachers has bought some material for curtains that she would love to add to her classroom. Our Teachers are still very busy getting their classrooms ready for our upcoming QRIS assessment, which has now been extended until the beginning of May. We are praising God for bringing us more time, no matter how it has

happened to come about! Please contact me at my Preschool email if you are interested in helping.

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We have our April curriculum planned for our Preschoolers who will be with us next month. Our April theme is "New Life!" and our April Bible verse is Jesus said, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** John 14:6



Our Preschool calendar and Director Letter for April are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the Church. All of the Church families are in our prayers. We pray for your health, safety, and swift return to meeting together so that you can, once again, see our Preschool News in person.

Thank you for your

continued prayers, Sarah Tran



lifegroups

## Life Groups

**Life Group meetings have been suspended during the virus pandemic.** The following information is provided for when the groups start meeting again.

### 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.

### South Shore Group

Host: Jacky Daly

Facilitator: Bob Daly

This group meets every other Wednesday

### Kingsbury Group

Host: Suzette Waite

Facilitators: Jeff Brumbach

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

**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

(All Events listed are subject to cancelation due to the Virus)

- April 5 Palm Sunday (Service on You Tube)
- April 12 Resurrection Sunday (Service on You Tube)
- April 19 Deacons Meeting TBD

- May 2 Adam's Road piano at 6:00 pm
- May 3 Church Fellowship Meal (Youth fundraiser)
- May 7 National Day of Prayer. We will meet at 12:00pm at the flag pole!
- May 17 Deacon's Meeting

### Scripture Memory Verses for April

- April 5th John 12:13
- April 12th John 20:18
- April 19th Jeremiah 23:28
- April 26th Zephaniah 3:17



## Upcoming Special Events



Adam's Road gospel by Piano  
Event: May 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center.

Vacation Bible School: July 13-17

Centrifuge Youth Camp: July 20-25

## Special Church Business Meeting:

The Church voted on March 8th, 34 to 1, to adopt the proposed by-laws. Please contact Ted if you would like a paper copy.

Per the new by-laws Church meetings are now conducted three times a year: January, May, and September.

### 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.

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