

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: July 2020

For our Church Family & our Preschool Family

Tahoe Douglas Christian Preschool & Childcare

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



Vacation Bible School 2020

When: July 13-July 17

Where: Tahoe Community Church

Who: Children ages 4 through high school

Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?

Mystery Island VBS is packed with teaching that connects the Bible to the real world and gives kids a better understanding of our awe-inspiring Creator and the salvation he offers through Jesus Christ.

Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island!

Due to COVID-19 VBS will look a little different this year. Each child will have a backpack with all of their own supplies in it. That way there is no sharing of pencils, scissors and other such items.

The classrooms may also be set up different keeping social distancing in mind. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer available and masks for those that want them. If you have any ideas on how to keep everyone safe please let us know!

We are still in need of many more volunteers.

Please Contact Jacky Daly

jackydaly@aol.com

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Wed.	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	8:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering in Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m. Knitting Group at Kathleen's home
	3:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice Life Groups as scheduled
Thurs.	9:00 a.m. Women's Study Will resume in the fall

Property Beatification



If you will take a few minutes to look around our property, you will notice many improvements. Leonard and Mike Furno have been working hard over the past few months doing a lot of special landscaping projects and building improvements. Thanks!



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A New Normal?

By Ted Beverage
Office administrator

During the month of June, many of the ongoing activities at Tahoe Community Church returned. However, we are still very conscious of social distancing requirements, so some modifications to our activities are necessary. I call it "The new normal."

- Worship Service. We still have half of the chairs removed for distancing purposes and have limited the occupancy to allow for proper distancing. We use the Fellowship Hall for overflow. Face coverings are optional in the worship center but are required in Fellowship Hall during the Worship Service to provide an option. Our average attendance has been around 50 but spiked last week to 72.

- Hand Sanitizer. We have purchased a lot of hand sanitizer and have placed them in every room on campus. We also have face masks and gloves available. If anyone sees supplies running low let me know. Thanks!

- Men's Bible Study. The men's bible study and fellowship time started again on June 3rd. With the closing of Lakeside Inn, their long time meeting place, the men are now meeting in Fellowship Hall. They still enjoy a breakfast together and study God's word!

- Children's Church. Children's Church started again on June 7th. With so few kids, very little change was required.

- Bible Study Class. The Sunday morning Bible Study class resumed on June 14th. We moved the tables around and spread them out to allow for proper distancing. There were 11 people in attendance the first week with a slow increase the weeks following. Face coverings remain optional during this time.

- Women's Fellowship. The women of the church held their first fellowship event on June 27th. The event was a "Tea Party" and was well attended. (Pictures and a short article are included in this newsletter)

- Life Groups. Most life groups, home groups, are not meeting during the summer. One exception is the new Al Tahoe group which meets every other Wednesday at Jacky Wrights house at 3:00pm. We have been having "all life group" events at the Zephyr Cove Library which will continue through the Summer.

There are a few things that we have not restarted yet. We are still not passing offering bags and we have not celebrated communion together yet. Communion was scheduled for July but was postponed. We hope to be able to resume celebrating this ordinance soon. Fellowship meals are still on hold.

It is clear to see that even though a lot of activities have returned, they are not exactly the way they were. Even though some of us don't like change much, some changes can be good. So lets keep praying for God's will for His church and embrace "The New Normal."



Knifty Knitters are Making hats for "Hat not Hate"

Along with Barton Hospital and Central Asia Missions, the knitting group has started making hats for an organization called "Hat not Hate."

Make. Ware. Share.

What is Hat not hate?

Hat not Hate is an anti-bullying campaign. Our Mission is to rally communities to raise awareness and stand up to bullying.

We ask knitters and crocheters to make hand-made blue hats and donate them to our cause. In October, National Bullying Prevention Month, we distribute the hats to schools across the country for students to wear, empowering them to stand up to bullying.

Who Receives the hats?

We will give the donated blue hats to select schools from around the country, all of which are participating in National Bullying Prevention Month throughout the month of October.

Why do the hats need to be blue?

The color blue represents awareness, peace, and solidarity. Blue is the color to wear in support of anti-bullying.





Safety Team Update

By Matthew Petty

Good people,

It's been a busy couple of months! We are very thankful that we are able to worship together again and that our

body remains healthy. Hopefully those who have not been able to rejoin the services are able to make use of the on-line delivery through the Church YouTube channel.

The stress and turmoil in our society is fascinating to watch and there is no indication of things de-escalating any time soon. The safety team is committed to doing our best to remain vigilant and keep our Elders informed of anything that might affect the operations of TCC.

Bill Kolstad arranged for the Safety Team to conduct some training with the Douglas County Sheriff at the end of this month. Going forward the best improvement we can make to our current safety posture is adding surveillance cameras to our campus. We still need to raise the funds for this project and gifts can be designated for this purpose.

Please keep your personal vigilance high and if there are any questions, suggestions or concerns about safety issues, they can be addressed to gen5020@startmail.com.

Matthew H. Petty



Fran Gayer

Fran Gayer, the sister of Suzette Waite, went to be with the Lord recently. Fran served as a deaconess at Tahoe Community Church back when Sam Worley was the pastor.

Fran is survived by her husband of 43 years Michael Gayer. Fran and Michael resided in Zephyr Cove and were members of Sierra Community church.

Grateful at the Lake



Started as "Beach Reach", and now called "Grateful at the Lake" this new ministry of Tahoe Community Church led by Bob Daly and Kevin Mayer is going strong.

Every Sunday night at 7:00 pm Bob and a group of dedicated musicians lead a worship service and outreach program on Lake View Commons in South Lake Tahoe. Everyone is invited to come out for worship and to help spread the good news of the Gospel to our community.

Music has been led by Kevin Mayer, Mike Melvin, Lisa Culp and Kathleen Aberegg.

Thank you all for your time and dedication to this ministry,

The Women's Fellowship Returns with a Tea Party !



On June 27th the Women held their first event since COVID-19, a Fellowship Tea. There were approximately 24 in attendance and all of them had a wonderful time.

Jeanette Wright was honored to have her great granddaughter Scarlet with her.

Thanks to Jacki Wright and Jan Hurst for organizing the event and Annarose Salvador for the pictures!

New Babies!



Romie Iris Nelson

Son of Chai and Daniel Nelson

Born on June 29th unassisted at home!

He was caught by his two big sisters Joie and Kylie. How cool!

Congratulations to all!

Jacob Cass O'Malley

Congratulations to Tootie and Leonard O'Malley on the birth of their grandson Jacob Kass O'Malley.

Jacob was born on June 14th at 5:58 am and weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. The proud parents are Kyle and Ashton O'Malley.



Joshua Stauffer

Congratulations to Bob and Jacky Daly on the Birth of their 7th grand child Joshua Stauffer. The parents are Ryan and Danielle Stauffer who reside in Fernley NV.



July Birthdays

The following members of our church family have birthdays in July!

Marge Luippold
Emalie Petty
Morgan Salvador
Bill Kolstad
Christine Feinberg
Jo Ann Scarbrough
Rocky Laremore
Christi Laremore

Dave McLey
Karen Atkinson
Kathleen Barela
Kaylena Keith
Mondo Gonzales
Sally O'Brian
Jan Hurst
Dan Wilkinson

Linda Baker
Pat Engles
Bill Barnwell
Daniel Boon
Ryan christ
Julie Christ
Lois Furno
Bonnie Doyle



Former CRU Member looking for support

The church recently received a letter from Emily Baldwin who was a CRU member last year.

Emily has been involved with CRU on Campus at the university of Idaho for the last three years. She was accepted as a student staff member last winter

and planned to come to Tahoe again this summer but her plans were changed. Starting this fall Emily will be a full time intern with CRU as she finishes her senior year.

Emily said her life was changed last summer by the way the students on mission in Tahoe were passionate about the Gospel and sharing it with those in the community. She now feels called to full time ministry with CRU and is looking to start her support team.

If you are interested if finding out more about Emily and how to support her, she can be contacted at: emily.baldwin@cru.org or contact CRU at: give.cru.org/1066793



Daily abiding: Time set apart for God

Regardless of what you call time with God, such time is a core spiritual discipline in abiding with God. Here are a few common terms:

MORNING WATCH. This name conjures up the image of a watchman at his post early in the morning. All is still. No one stirs. He is alone with his thoughts and his God. Watchful and alert, he waits for the sun to rise. "My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning" (Psalm 130:6 ESV).

DEVOTIONS. Very simply, the term "devotions" speaks of our desire to live a life devoted to God. We set aside a portion of each day as an act of devotion. We reserve this time as holy, set apart for one thing: meeting with God.

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Missionary News & Prayer

by Carol Borsos

Prayer and Praise

Mirco & Nada, Skopje, Macedonia Missions to the Balkans

Praise God most of the believers are healthy and not positive to COVID 19. During June a second wave of the virus struck Macedonia and their area. Two of their pastors, their families, and some of the missions workers had the virus but thanks to God everything is well with them now. Give thanks and pray that our LORD will continue to speak through and protect His people. Pray they remain faithful and growing in their relationship with Christ.

The Economic situation in Macedonia is becoming worse. There is complete chaos in the Country. Many people are without work and many businesses are closed. There is a great need for the poor people to get food. The church has managed to help with basic food to a few families, including the families of the pastors and some of the believers in the church. They have helped friends and people they are evangelizing.

Due to the second COVID wave being a lot stronger, churches closed up again and positive cases are rapidly increasing adding fuel to the crisis in general. Mirco feels they are probably in first place in Europe for the mortality rate.

With no end in sight, they continue with their sermons via Facebook and praise God for it as evangelism because most people hearing and watching are outside of the church. Protocols for working with children are very strict. They haven't figured out how to do this work yet. Pray God answers their prayers for wisdom in how to reach out to children with the Gospel.

As the political crisis continues finally the date for their next elections will be July 15th. Pray for a peaceful vote. Pray as God brings people into government He gives them vision and wisdom, and institutions will function once again. Borders are still closed and airports don't work. It is a full blockade.

Currently Marino, Mirco's assistant, is locked down in Macedonia and can't get back to Brussels where the European Union Parliament meets.

After all these trials and testing, the very Good news is that God has helped them in this time of crisis to establish a new church in the town of Kavadarci.

Opening service of the new church in Kavadarci Pastor Goran Iliev



Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

Work is going well, changed with the virus situation, so doing more Zoom meetings and less personal time. Pray people will still feel supported, encouraged, and be open about their spiritual and emotional needs.

Busy and lots going on! Pray for time management, always seeking God's will what to focus on.

Son, Brenton and Debbie did make it to Bulgaria and have finished their two week quarantine. The baby is doing well and is due in mid July! Bulgaria is their new mission field. Pray for adjustments, language and culture learning.

Tim's sports club opened mid June and it was great to see the guys again. Pray for hearts to be open to Jesus and for opportunities to tell of the hope one can have in Him.

Please pray for a different church home. The one they've been going to is becoming less Gospel centered. Fellowship/friendliness is good, preaching was just okay. However, lately the messages are on social issues and politics, and very little about the Gospel. They desire a church that teaches that the Gospel is the solution to people's needs, not these other worldly entities. Finding a church is not easy as there are not many and they are far and few between (at least the ones that focus on the Word)

Tim & Susan say, "Thanks for your prayers as we seek to bring the Gospel to the masked multitudes!"

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

For the past month, as the clinic could be open more and see more clients, there have been several come in abortion-minded.

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Missionary News and Prayer Cont.



I, Carol, have received several urgent prayer requests during June. Even without the urgency, we can pray for all clients who go to the clinic. Pray pregnancy testing, ultra sounds, and information will assist clients. Pray they know love and compassion from the workers. Pray the Holy Spirit enlightens the eyes, hearts, and minds of those who test positive and that He helps them see clearly the sanctity of life of their precious unborn.

Pray the counselors words come from our Holy Spirit as they listen to their clients needs. Pray clients accept the seriousness of their pregnancy, situation, and the consequences of their possible actions.

Pray for a desire to make a change in lifestyle for those who are not pregnant, practicing abstinence.

Fundraiser Gala tickets go on sale in July. Details are available on their web site:

www.friendsoflifechoices.org.

Central Asian Family

Grand opening of Solomon Sandwiches was to be Saturday, June 27th. We pray this went off without a hitch. Please pray for what the business exists to accomplish; to provide work to people with special needs, mentorship and leadership development, and to make yummy sandwiches.

Pray the workers will understand sandwich making and that they will be a light to customers. Pray everyone is united as a team and work well together. There is a picture of the team on the mission board.

Pray for three interns who have special needs. Pray for success in the work they are doing.

During the months of April and May 20,000 people were served emergency food relief through the CDI Coronavirus Relief Project. I worked hard delivering food to families in their village. Praise to our LORD who does all things well.

H will continue volunteering with CDI once it is safe to open again. It is on hold due to the virus at this time. Pray for these special children.

The young lady who lives with them just finished a manicure course which will allow her to work in a beauty salon. Pray she finds work and pray for H who will babysit her son while she works.

Pastor W. in Pakistan

His home country is one of the top ten in which persecution of, or discrimination against, Christians is most severe. We praise our LORD that His Spirit knows no barriers, and many people are coming to

saving faith in Christ through nearly 30 national pastors and evangelists. The population is 95% Muslim. Evangelical Christians make up less than 1%.

Pastor W. maintains multiple ministries. Pray God continually guides him and shows him the best opportunities to reach those who live in darkness with the Truth of the Gospel.

The rise of COVID-19 is on the rise in Pakistan. The infection curve continues to rise sharply. A leader in their Women's Discipleship Initiative and her husband struggle with sickness. Pray for their health as well as others.

Continue praying for the planning of FMI's missions event on November 5th here in Nevada. Anyone who has a heart for, or is curious about, missions is invited. More details to come. The guest speaker will be A, who was falsely accused, freed, and now lives in the USA.

Continue praying for the health of believers in midst of the virus there. Still no word on their situation.

- Pray believers remain steadfast in their faith.
- Pray for funds to be raised for new safe houses for persecuted believers.
- Pray for the young lady who was being kept locked up by her family because she professes faith in Christ Jesus.



Women's Bible Study Taking a break

The ladies Thursday Morning Bible study group will be taking a break for the Summer and will resume in September. The exact starting date and curriculum have not been determined as of yet. They are hoping to be able to meet in Fellowship Hall instead of on Zoom once they do start up again.

Please contact Kathy Pavich for more information.



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our recent Highschool graduates:

Sarah Gonzales, Zack Johns and Justin Smith!

You will forever be known as the class of the pandemic! You had to finish the year on line, but you made it!



Preschool Updates

Sarah Tran, Director
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Our May Graduation & Awards presentation has been postponed until August 20, 2020, but we were delighted to have an Open House during the last week of June where we were able to show slides from the last several months of Preschool and where the children were able to put on a show of songs and Bible verses for their families. They were adorable!

We are almost half-way through our 12 week summer program: Bringing Books to Life, Classic Stories and Parables. We are blessed to have 24 children participating and five teachers: Teacher Sarah, Teacher Tom, Teacher Theresa, Teacher Anna and Teacher Sky. Teacher Sky is a former Preschooler who will be joining us in July as a Teachers Aide.

Please continue to pray for all of our Teachers, especially for those who have not yet returned to the Preschool due to health concerns: Teacher Katie, Teacher Bonni and Teacher Balin. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we prepare for the new 2020-2021 Preschool year that begins in September. Please pray that God will bring children and Teachers and that He will make it clear how to move forward in light of pandemics, directives and so many unknowns.

We also ask for continued prayers for the health and safety of all of our Preschool Teachers and Families and that all of our financial needs will be met. Thank you, Sarah Tran

The Kids love to decorate their playground!



The Book of the week was "If you give a pig a pancake" by Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond. The parable of the week was Yeast in the Dough from Matthew 13:33.



Life Groups



With one exception, the new Al Tahoe Group, Life Groups have not been meeting since the Pandemic. All groups are planning to resume in the fall.

During the summer, we will be hold "All Life Groups" events. There have already been three of these events. One at the Church and two at the Zephyr Library. These events will continue to occur every other week. The Church will send out e-mails informing everyone of the dates, times, and locations. There are now four Live Groups planned:

Skyland Group

This group will tentatively meet every other Wednesday night.

South Shore Group

This group will meet and the Daly home every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Round Hill Kingsbury Group

This Group will tentatively meet every other Thursday night.

Al Tahoe Group

This group meets at Jacky Wright's home at 3:00 pm every other Wednesday.

I will send out updated information as it becomes available.



Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School July 13-17

All Life Group Meetings

Currently scheduled for July 15 and July 29

Preschool Graduation

August 20 6:00-7:00

Adam's Road Gospel by Piano Event

October 11 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center

Scripture Memory Verses for July

- July 5th Proverbs 11:28
- July 12th Revelation 5::9
- July 19th Psalm 27:7
- July 26th Isaiah 53:5



Daily Abiding Continued

Appointment with God. Clearly, this indicates an arrangement to meet God at a particular time and place. It is a date, a rendezvous.

Quiet Time. "Quiet" refers primarily to our heart's gaze rather than our physical setting. The idea is to silence our compulsive inner restlessness and come into God's presence. Although the ideal setting for a quiet time might be a hushed, serene spot, that isn't always possible. Quiet times are not always quiet. You can keep your date with God with children playing nearby; at other times, amid the buzz at a fast food restaurant, or on an airplane at 35,000 feet. The "quiet" in quiet time doesn't require physical silence, but there is no way to get around the "time" part. We must make time for God.

A Practical Plan the Four Rs

Read: Choose a book of the Bible and read a portion each day. Read slowly and thoughtfully.

Report: Make notes about what you read, engage yourself with what God has written to you.

Reflect: What difference does this Scripture make for you today? How might you apply any commands or instructions?

Respond: Talk to God. Let your reflection inspire your prayer.

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 Summer Program Teachers Director/Teacher Sarah Tran. Teachers: Theresa DeGraffenreid, Anna Bailey, Sky Rosselle. Volunteers: Thomas Tran, Sakuna Rosas. Teachers on Leave: Katie Oliver, Bonni Leon, Balin Usher.

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