

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: September 2020

For our Church Family & our Christian School Family
Tahoe Douglas Christian School & Childcare

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



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Life Groups Being Reorganized

By Ted Beverage
Office Administrator

As we finish up our summer activities and head into fall, we are reorganizing some of our life groups.

During the summer, the groups were meeting primarily as one large group at Zephyr Cove Park. Thank you Bob Daly and others who helped put these events on!

The event scheduled for September 15 will not take place. Instead, there will be a special event next Tuesday evening, September 8th. We're inviting all groups to converge on the Kolstad's picnic tables at 5 PM! Please RSVP by 9 PM Sunday evening to let us know if you're coming so we can arrange enough beverage and seating. Bring a dish for 4-6 and we'll finish the home group study series (chapter six) after dinner.

Bill Kolstad's address is 163 Granite Springs Drive is just two minutes uphill from the Church. Please contact bill at: bill.kolstad@gmail.com with your head count or call (775) 901-0860.

We currently three Life Groups planned for the fall

South Shore Group

The facilitators are Bob and Jacky Daly. This group meets at the Daly home every other Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Please call (530) 545-9918
email Bob at RobertArthurDaly@gmail.com

Al Tahoe Group

The facilitators are Jan Hurst and Carol Borsos. This group meets at Jacky Wright's home every other Wednesday at 3:00 pm. Please Call Jacky Wright at (530) 542-1777
email Jan Hurst at januarae@ymail.com
email Carol Borsos at roncarol.tahoe@gmail.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 Preschool 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
	10:30 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

Life Groups Continued

Skyland Group

The facilitator is Bill Kolstad. This home group is currently homeless! Bill will temporarily host the group until a new location is found. Ideally, we would like to rotate the group to different homes to share the burden. The group will tentatively meet every other Wednesday night. Call Bill Kolstad at (775) 901-0860 or email to bill.kolstad@gmail.com

Kingsbury Group

The group that met at Suzette Waite's home is currently not meeting. Please feel free to join a different group.

I will send out updated information as it becomes available.

Ted Beverage



“Musings About Moral Issues in the Upcoming Election Cycle”

Mondo Gonzales, Pastor

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Colossians 3:17

We are commanded in this passage that whatever we say or any action we take we should do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Now what does that mean: To do something in the name of someone else? What it means is that we would speak, act, or live in such a way that it reflects or brings honor to the name we are trying to live for. In an even more basic principle, we should live and imitate Jesus (1 John 2:6). The logical question then becomes, how did Jesus live His life? What were His principles and how did He speak and act? I don't believe we need to wonder about it, because Jesus said quite clearly that He came not to do His own will but to obey the will (desires) of the Father (John 5:30). Jesus revealed to us how He lived His life. When tempted by Satan, Jesus responded by saying that He didn't live by bread alone but by every word that proceeded from God (Matthew 4:4).

Thus, it is obvious that Jesus lived His life and promoted only those things that honored God and which were consistent with His Word. Jesus lived His life according to the principles found in the Bible. As Christians we are called to do the same thing. Our standard is not something we feel at the moment, or human wisdom, or any other idea that would be in opposition to the Scripture. The Bible is God's Word and He tells us quite clearly what He thinks about certain issues and also how we are to live our life and imitate Jesus.

I have shared all of this to lay a foundation for discussing the upcoming election and the issues in which all Christians will be confronted. Ever since the adoption of the Johnson Amendment (1954), churches have been disallowed from endorsing political candidates. Regardless of how one feels about this specific amendment, churches are still allowed to discuss freely the moral issues that confront each of us. Often times, Christians shy away from discussing politics (which can be very wise), but we should never be silent on moral and biblical issues.

What we do know is that in every election, Christians are always voting for the lesser of two evils.

It is quite obvious that the only perfect candidate would be Jesus Himself. Therefore, any candidate that comes forward and asks for our vote will be imperfect. Character does matter, but we should remember that Christians don't vote for those seeking elected office to be our theologians, pastors, or religious educators. They are there to serve the public and legislate in such a way to **“reward good and punish evil”** (Romans 13:3-4).

When evaluating any candidate, we need to ask which policies they are advocating which promote good and punish evil. These are moral and biblical definitions of good.

I often think in terms of who would Jesus vote for? Jesus puts imperfect humans in positions of leadership all the time in His church (Eph 4:11-12). Therefore, it is not about finding the perfect candidate. That is impossible. The standard is about moral issues and policies that are put in place to promote good and punish evil.

Although we cannot be absolutely sure who Jesus would vote for, we can be absolutely certain that Jesus would only cast His vote for the imperfect candidate who is going to put in policies that uphold Biblical values.

I tend to think of it in terms like this: we can be assured that Jesus would not vote for someone who would ever support a pro-abortion policy. It is clear from Scripture that the killing of the unborn is one of the most vicious plagues on humanity. In fact, in Exodus 21:22-23, if a man assaults a pregnant woman and the unborn child dies, the man is to forfeit his own life for being involved in the death of the unborn child. This is a serious crime in God's eyes. When we think about abortion and the intentional murder of the most innocent and vulnerable in our society, that murderer is worthy of death. Can that murderer be forgiven? Of course! God offers grace and forgiveness to those who repent, but it doesn't change the fact that a great sin was committed.

It has been the tradition of modern and recent presidents that on the first day of their inauguration, a pro-life president will rescind all previous executive orders of previous pro-abortion presidents to provide financial resources for abortion services in the various branches of government. When a pro-abortion candidate is voted into office, they will immediately issue an executive order lifting the restrictions on abortion that the previous pro-life president had put in place.

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Musings About Moral Issues... (Cont.)

This is a real issue that has real consequences on day 1 of any president's administration. Life or death will increase or decrease based on who is issuing the executive order. Our votes matter and definitely have consequences. Romans 1:32 describes a person who encourages wickedness as being complicit and worthy of judgment.

Consider also the moral and biblical issue of marriage, family, and sexual issues (adultery, fornication, homosexuality, etc.). Jesus argued clearly that marriage is to be between a male and female only (Matt 19). If Jesus lives according to the word, can we imagine even for a moment that Jesus would vote for a candidate that promotes policies which encourage or allow homosexual marriage or the confusion involved with transgenderism?

There are myriads of issues that confront each of us as we evaluate any candidate. However, it must be recognized that some issues are more important than others. No doubt, we can contemplate on higher or lower taxes, environmental regulations, social programs, etc., but the Bible doesn't speak explicitly on these issues. These all have lesser moral value than the issues of life and death and the disintegration of the institution of the family. The Bible does indeed speak explicitly on life, family, sexual standards, marriage, etc. As Christians we need to follow Jesus' example and dedicate ourselves to fighting against those things that Jesus clearly condemned.

Now I know that this sounds narrow in a society where tolerance seems to be the highest virtue, but we need to get back to the authority and clarity of what Scripture teaches. We should weigh each candidate carefully and ask ourselves whether these people will legislate and govern in a way that honors God, His Word, and His name.

There is a story about a good king in the Old Testament who unwisely supported an evil king who encouraged wickedness and was rebuked for it. ***"The prophet Jehu son of Hanani confronted him; he said to King Jehoshaphat, "Is it right to help the wicked and be an ally of those who oppose the LORD? Because you have done this the LORD is angry with you!" (2 Chr. 19:2 NET).*** If we vote for those who oppose the commandments and clear teaching of Scripture then we are putting ourselves at odds with the Lord who will be angry with us. Let us examine carefully and vote for those whom Jesus would vote

for... those who will honor the Scripture by the policies they put in place.

As Christians, we need to remember that our citizenship is in heaven (Phil 3:20), and that to become overly consumed with political causes can be unwise. We need to think it terms of biblical and moral issues and not politics. We need to stand up for those extremely important moral issues and vote accordingly. We will have to give an answer for how we vote and live our life as we stand before the judgment seat of Christ (Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10).

Knifty Knitters Fall Projects



The Knifty Knitters for The King are working on two projects this fall. We are knitting baby hats for premature infants born in developing countries. The hats are collected by UCSF and sent to birthing centers in Africa to help premature infants stay warm since they can lose a lot of body heat through their head.

The second project benefits the South Lake Tahoe Women's shelter. The shelter has been closed due to the Covid virus, but will open in November to help victims of domestic violence. We are knitting hats, scarves, and fingerless gloves to donate in December. We could use the help of Tahoe Community Church in collecting gloves, mittens, and small children's blankets for the December donation. Please speak with Karen Beverage or Kathleen Huggins if you have items to donate. If you like to knit or crochet and have time for a short time project, we welcome your help!

Kathleen, Karen and Liz



Missionary News & Prayer

by Carol Borsos

For more details, and photos on missions, check out the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Mirco & Nada Andreev, Macedonia

Situations with Covid have not changed much. About 12% of the people test positive. Everybody can enter Macedonia but local people cannot go out of the country.

Elections in July did not amount to any change. It is the same government as before, and the institutions in government continue to function without actions. The people are generally not satisfied and don't believe their vote is even counted. Pray the LORD's will for Macedonia is made clear to the Believers. They hold onto the peace that their true home is in heaven. Pray God would establish the government and institutions would start to act.

The number of people coming to church is increasing. Many are cautious or afraid to come and room is very limited in some churches. Pray for courage for our Brethren. Like us, they continue to record their services and many tune in that way.

Leaders are restricted from going to homes. Pray enthusiasm and joy remains among the believers as they serve our LORD.

A pastor's meeting was held August 24th to discuss guidelines for Autumn/Winter as people will not be able to gather outside and windows will be closed. Pray for wisdom to know what to do with the churches.

The Andreev's daughter, Anatasia, is working as a nurse in a cardiology hospital 12 hours a day. She is in the Covid center where the most complicated cases are. Because of this, and the fact that several of her colleagues have had the virus, she is isolated from the rest of the family. She can not risk exposure to Mirco due to his heart health issues and past strokes. Pray for Anatasia's protection and guidance of her work.

Central Asian Family/JHE&E

Pray they are strengthened daily, physically and spiritually, as they work and care for others. Pray our Holy Spirit helps them to serve with faith and humility. Pray their work leads many to decisions to follow Jesus as they share the hope that He has given them.

The challenges they face are uniquely great and with obstacles come opportunities. God is faithful and they trust Him.

J & H share God's Word daily and many times have sudden opportunities or short amounts of time to tell others about Jesus.

The sandwich shop is doing well, but facing many challenges. Please pray for enough business to cover the bills, and for transformation in the lives of the great employees we've been given. They're almost all young believers.

Pray for H as she cares for three young boys while the mother of one of them is at work. J & H are raising E & E, their sons, in the ways of the LORD but the other mother does not have the same mindset. The mother, A, is working at a salon and it's going well for her. She also found a job as a language teacher. She has three jobs and we believe she can finally provide enough to live on her own with her son! Please pray she can find a good safe place near a friend.

Recently two people were "dunked" and many more are being trained and shared with. Please pray for courage and endurance for J&H and open hearts for them.

Pray food and hygiene supplies are made available for those in need. During Covid, this has been an on-going challenge.

Pray that the leadership of their organization in their country is seeking our LORD daily.

Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

This season of life continues to have its challenges, concerns, and uncertainties. They keep steadfast, trusting in our LORD, and live wholeheartedly for Him in the midst of difficult times. They are thankful for partnership with their supporters with prayer and monetary support.

Pray for the many Bible studies, small groups, and worship services still meeting on-line. Mask wearing, when outside, remains mandatory.

Tim continues to meet with Mr. S & Mr. K, to read the Scriptures. They are interested in Spiritual things and want to know more about who God is.

Tokyo Summers can be very, very hot. Pray for stamina to do what God places before them to act upon. Pray that they stay hydrated and healthy.

The field conference postponed from March to September has now been cancelled altogether which is discouraging.

Pray that they would have continued faithfulness and not grow weary, keeping their eyes on Jesus during this season.

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

The Fundraiser Gala, set for September 25th, will be modified due to Covid. We'll send updates by email as to how we can participate.

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Missionary News and Prayer Cont.



Pray for guest speaker Roland Warren as he prepares and travels. Roland has successfully expanded Care Net's vision, leading the pro-life and pregnancy center movements

into a pro-abundant life build strong families.

Pray for the volunteer advocates meeting with clients to be discerning in what to say and how to guide them.

Pray the Holy Spirit moves those who are pregnant to choose life for their babies

Pastor W. FMI/Pakistan

There is no news on if the Global Summit in the Persian Gulf will take place in September or not. Pray for God's will, plan, & purpose.

The FMI banquet planned for November 5th has been postponed until 2021. Pray for how God wants to use A to share what ministry is like in pre-dominantly Muslim countries.

Pray or a spiritual hunger for Truth among the people of Pakistan.

Pray for health and safety as Pastor W. travels to meet with people.

Pray his family and congregations are cautious about their health as well.

Because outlying villages do not have technology like we do, pray that believers there remain in God's Word and are faithful.



To get to the juice, remove the purple plastic covering. Again, it should not come all the way off.

When finished with the elements, place the used cup back

into the cup rings in the chairs in front of you.

For those in the front row, a deacon will collect them. If we forget, simply place them under your chain and we will get them after church.

For those in Fellowship Hall, you can leave them on your tables.

The deacons will clean up the cups after the service.

Anyone touching the cups, except for the end-user, must be wearing gloves and a face covering.

I hope this clears up any confusion. I hope it won't be too long before we are passing the plates around again!



A New Normal and Communion

By Ted Beverage
Office administrator

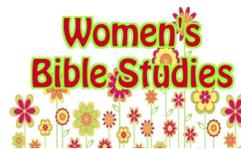
Since we will be celebrating Communion on September 6th, I decided to include the instructional article on communion that I wrote for last month's newsletter.

When you arrive on Communion Sunday, a pre-packaged Communion Cup containing a wafer and juice will already be placed in the cup loop in all the seats in the Worship Center. When instructed to do so, take the cup from the seat in front of you.

Please do not pass the cups to each other!

The front row will be served by a deacon. Everyone in Fellowship Hall will also be served by a deacon.

To get to the wafer, peel back the thin, clear plastic covering. Note: It will not come all the way off.



Women's Bible Study Returns in September!

The ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study group will resume on Thursday September 10th at 9:00 am! They will be continuing a study on the book of Acts.

The bible study will take place in fellowship hall but will look a bit different:

- Face coverings will be optional during Bible Study
- Distancing of 6 feet will be required so the tables will be spread out more than they have been
- There will be no sharing of food at this time and coffee will not be provided. Please feel free to bring your own.
- Hand sanitizer and gloves will be available for your use.

We hope to make the environment safe for everyone while not interfering with the fellowship.

Please contact Kathy Pavich at (775) 781-4992 for more information or if you would like a copy of the ACT'S study.



Christian School Updates

Sarah Tran, Director

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our end of summer Graduation, Promotion, Awards was a great success! Thank you to all of those who came out to support our children and their families and our teachers as we honored their achievements! We hope to have pictures from our event and our final weeks of summer up on our Facebook page very soon!

We praise God for blessing and sustaining us through these unusual seasons and circumstances, and for providing direction for the upcoming Fall season which starts on September 8th.

We are beginning this new school year with an unofficial name change for our early childhood ministry: **"Tahoe Douglas Christian School and Child Care."** We are still very much a preschool ministry, but this change will reflect the increased emphasis on the care we will be providing for our new Shearling (K through age 15) class as our school-age children are supported in accessing their virtual learning platforms while their in-person learning environments are on hold.

We are very blessed to have all of our summer teachers continuing in our Fall program: Our combined Shearling and Sheep (Pre-K) classes will be taught by our newly promoted Teacher Anna, with the help of our newly hired classroom aide, Teacher Sky. Our Lambs (young preschool) class will once again be taught by our very experienced Teacher Theresa. Our Woolies (toddler) class will again be taught by me while we continue our search for a dedicated toddler teacher. We are still hopeful that our teachers who remain on leave due to Covid concerns, Teacher Katie, Teacher Bonni and Teacher Balin, will be able to rejoin us in this new school year. Meanwhile it is always a blessing to have my husband Teacher Tom available to assist and to substitute as needed.

We are very excited about our Fall curriculum, The Wonder of Science: Discovering God's World through Hands-on Experiments and Classic Bible Stories. We will be exploring the amazing design of the universe and God's ever-present help to us in it.

Our Fall memory verse is **"Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."** Psalm 124:8

Please pray that God will continue to keep us healthy and safe, that He will continue to provide us with sufficient enrollment, that He will continue to sustain our high quality teaching staff, and that he will continue to meet every need according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus.

Thank you, Sarah Tran



The Five R's:

Plan a daily Appointment with God

From the Navigators

REFOCUS your heart and mind through confession and praise. Before coming into God's presence, consider any sins to confess. If you're anxious, quickly record your anxious thoughts on a piece of paper and ask God to help you focus on Him. Review the previous 24 hours and thank Him for His goodness toward you. Be as specific as possible.

READ a passage from the Scriptures. Select a passage ahead of time. You might begin by reading through one of the Gospels, focusing on Jesus. Many like to read a psalm a day or a chapter in Proverbs. A daily reading program, to read the Bible in an entire year, can be a good place to start.

REFLECT and think about what you're reading. Bible meditation helps us get below the surface of the text. Ask some questions of the passage or verse using *who, what, why, when, where, how*. Spend a few minutes answering some of the questions.

RECORD your discoveries in a small notebook. Ask the Holy Spirit to give a new insight from His Word daily. Record one take-away thought from your time of Bible meditation to reflect on during the day.

Classical Conversations

Classical Christian Community

Classical Conversations Group to meet at TCC

Starting September 14, a classical Conversations group will be meeting at Tahoe Community Church every Monday during the school season. They will be using the Worship Center, the Church Office and the Discovery Zone Buildings from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Classical Conversations is a Christian Home-schooling organization whose purpose is to lead the home-centered education movement by teaching parents and students the classical tools of learning so that they can discover God's created order and beauty-and as a result-enable others to do the same.

Their vision is to fulfill it's mission and purpose by establishing and supporting classical conversations communities across the United States and in several countries, and by empowering parents in the classical, Christian teaching of their children through Parent Practicums. They enable parents everywhere to equip their children with a Christ-Centered worldview and the classical "tools of learning" in order to impact the world for God's glory.

Goals of Classical Conversations:

- Provide compelling, influential Christian leadership in the home-centered, classical education movement.
- Provide weekly classical, Christian communities that hone students' academic and classical skills of recitation, logical thinking, and persuasive rhetoric.
- Provide Parent Practicums across the United States that empower parents to teach any academic subject classically.
- Provide a curriculum framework with a Christ-centered worldview while engaging the current culture in which we live.
- Partner with like-minded businesses to provide quality products and services for families.

The group at TCC will be lead by Geoff Hughes and Jody Nelson.

Grateful at the Lake to continue through September



Every Sunday night Bob Daly and a group of dedicated musicians lead a worship service and outreach program on Lake View Commons in South Lake Tahoe. This ministry will continue through the month of September at 6:00 pm. The time was changed from 7:00 pm because it was getting hard to see with the days becoming shorter now!

Everyone is invited to come out for worship and to help spread the good news of the Gospel to our community.



Please Collect Shoebox Stuff!

By Karen Beverage

Please consider picking up a few items for our annual OCC Shoebox Packing Party which is scheduled for Saturday November 14th

This is what we need:

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| Spiral notebooks | Coloring books |
| Crayons | Pencils/colored pencils |
| Pencil sharpeners | Mild soap/washcloths |
| Toothbrush | Brush/comb/hair clips |
| Beanie babies | Tennis balls/hot wheel cars |
| Toy jewelry | Plastic tumbler |

Items can be brought to the church office at anytime and given to Ted.

We also need monetary donations to cover the cost of \$9 per box for shipping and training the teachers who work with the recipients. Thank You!



Upcoming Events

All Life Group Meeting

Tuesday September 8th, at 5:pm
at Bill Kolstad's home. Please RSVP by Sunday pm.

Christian School Fall Program Begins September 8

The Wonder of Science: Discovering the world
through Hands-on Experiments & Bible Stories

Quarterly Church Business Meeting

Sunday September 27th after church

Adam's Road Gospel by Piano Event

October 11 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center
Flyers are available in the foyer if you would like to
have some to spread around.

Memory Verses for September

- September 6th Galatians 3:3
- September 13th Matthew 14:14
- September 20th John 16:33
- September 27th Psalm 119:18



Water Damage to Fellowship Hall and Preschool Classroom

On Sunday night, August 30, the toilet in the Fellowship Hall overflowed and kept running. By the time the problem was discovered on Monday Morning, water was running out the preschool door and down the street. The water was turned off by KGPD at around 9:45 am. Leonard and Mondo acted quickly to save what they could in the preschool room.

After talking with our insurance adjuster and Alpine Carpet reps, it looks like the following will need to be replaced:

- All of the carpet and pads in Fellowship Hall
- The flooring in the restroom and some cabinets
- Most of the flooring in the preschool room and all of the area rugs. One bathroom needs to be gutted.
- All of the cabinets along the far wall
- About half of the ceiling tiles need to be replaced

It is amazing how much damage can be caused by one toilet! The preschool will still open as scheduled but not the downstairs room. Please contact Ted in the office if you have any questions.

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 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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