

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: October 2020

For our Church Family & our Christian School Family

Tahoe Douglas Christian School & Childcare

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!

Water Damage!



1. What Happened?

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. We were left with a lot of damage in Fellowship Hall and the preschool room below. The Preschool room took the worst of it.

2. What has to be replaced?

- All of the carpet and pads in Fellowship Hall
- The walls on the restroom end need to be replaced up to two feet from the floor
- The flooring in the restroom
- The bathroom sink and toilet in fellowship hall
- Lower cabinets in Fellowship Hall may have to be replaced, we are not sure yet

- All of the flooring in the preschool room and office
- Both preschool bathrooms need to be gutted
- All of the cabinets along the far wall have to go
- About half of the ceiling tiles need to be replaced
- Anything that was touched by the water has to be either cleaned or replaced

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

Christian School in Session Mon.—Fri. 7:30a-5:30p
Classical Conversations in Session Mondays from 7:30a to 3:30p

- 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 Bible Study
- Sat. 6:00 p.m. Grateful at the Lake Ministry

3. Where are we at?

- With God's help, the Christian School opened for their fall Program as scheduled using the Discovery Zone and Kid's Zone buildings.

- The contents of the rooms have been boxed up and stored in various places around the campus.

- As you can see by the photos, most of the demolition work has been completed except for some in the preschool room related to the rebuilding phase of the project.

- We are waiting on our insurance adjuster to let us know if any of the upstairs cabinets can be saved. We also need to know how much money we will receive for the restoration project. The contents of the rooms are covered for up to \$25,000.

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Water Damage! (Cont.)

Half of the carpet in Fellowship Hall was still good so we had it moved up to the front office. It looks great!

4. What happens next?

Once we hear back from the insurance company, we will start to plan for the rebuilding phase. Cabinets, flooring, and any items that need to be replaced will need to be ordered.

The plan is to rebuild the two spaces as they were with some modifications.

- There may be some changes to the cabinets in Fellowship Hall to make them more usable.

- There may be changes in the preschool room to the entrance way, office, and restroom areas. We are still exploring what can be done based on Staff recommendations, money available, and Elder approval.

We will do our best to keep the church informed as we proceed with the project.

Please feel free to contact Ted in the office if you have any questions or concerns.



lifegroups

Life Groups for the Fall have Started

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

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.

The group will tentatively meet every other Wednesday night. Call Bill Kolstad at (775) 901-0860 or email to bill.kolstad@gmail.com



From: Operation Christmas Child's News Letter

Now more than ever, children need hope! As the world struggles with the coronavirus pandemic, we are praying for even greater opportunities to reach boys and girls with the Gospel.

We want to let them know that God loves them and has not forgotten them!

The best way to get involved is to pack a shoebox yourself. As you specially select each item, packing a shoebox becomes a blessing for you as well as the child who receives it. Be sure to include a note and a photo!

We are carefully monitoring local, state, and national guidelines to help protect the health of those involved in collecting, processing, and delivering shoebox gifts. You can check the Operation Christmas Child COVID-19 landing page for regular updates—it's the best way for you to stay informed.

Thank you again for partnering with us this shoebox season to bring Good News and great joy to children around the world! O.C.C.

Hello Church,

I hope everyone is starting to get as excited as I am about our shoebox drive this year! Our official kick-off date is October 18th and the annual packing party is scheduled for Saturday November 14th starting at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. (We may have to use the worship Center if Fellowship Hall is not ready) We already have all the items we need to fill 250 boxes which is 50 more than last year!

If you are unable to attend the packing party, there are other ways that you can participate. The best way is to pack your own boxes and bring them in during collection week which runs November 15 through the 22nd. Dedication Sunday is November 15th, and would like to have all boxes in by then.

You can also help with a monetary gift. You can donate \$10.00 to adopt a box and let Karen shop for you, and we also need \$9.00 per box to cover the shipping cost.

God has done amazing things through these boxes in the past and we can trust him to do amazing things in the future. **Karen Beverage**



Fire Safety

BY Matt Petty

Good people,

We have been fortunate (blessed) thus far this fire season. All we had to deal with was the heavy smoke and poor air quality. More

than five million acres burned this season in the Pacific States and the Bear Fire in Butte County in Northern California wiped out 2,000 structures. The picture below is all that remains of the Mountain Chapel Church in Berry Creek, CA.



Effective public and private fuels management is critical to prevent such catastrophes. Take a moment to review your property and mitigate excess fuel and brush to the best of your ability. Create a defensible space around your home. Increasing our survivability, if such an event were to hit Tahoe, depends on prior disaster preparedness planning. Are you prepared to flee at a moment's notice? What would you take? Where would you go? How would you get there? Do you have an emergency plan that would help you to evacuate and keep loved ones notified about your status? Tell someone your plans so they know where to look for you!

A simple, no cost measure you can do is to use your phone and walk through the inside and outside of your home taking a video of everything. Email the video to yourself so it will be saved, and date/time stamped on-line. This would help you to reconstruct a property inventory and document your belongings and their condition for insurance purposes if needed.

If you need any assistance in working out a plan, please contact your representative deacon or a member of the Safety Team. We are a church family and we need to look out for one another.

Matt Petty



Winter Food and Gospel Project

By Mike Furno

Hello Tahoe Community Church!

Welcome to our winter project to help Spread the word and feed and clothe those who do not have.

With Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and the unemployment situation in South Lake Tahoe, the South Shore food banks have been, and are, struggling for supplies. Many people have stepped up and have been making contributions but the need to build up stores for the winter is high. I have made contact with some sources and all of them are expecting a press in the coming days. One specifically is Christmas Cheer. Christmas Cheer is a nonprofit free food and clothing distribution center for South Lake Tahoe. 1120 3rd St, South Lake Tahoe, CA.

I would like to have our church start a small ministry to help supply Christmas Cheer with food donations for the needy.

I'm asking you to please donate food to the cause of feeding those who are unable to make ends meet. We have no idea what the winter will bring for many with all that is going on around us spiritually and physically, but I believe it is wiser for us all to be prepared for any way God should move.

I will set up a donation box in the Worship Center starting Sept 28th for you to drop off your donations and I will take the donations to Christmas Cheer weekly. Please help where you can. Cash is also welcomed and can be left with Ted in the Church office. Clothes have been abundant but winter items are in short supply. One item that is needed is socks, both children and adults.

So I'm asking you, a church member, to do some "Fall Cleaning" through your pantries and a few closets. I'm asking a small commitment for an ongoing donation ministry. I'm asking for prayer support. It's my prayer that God will work with us and through us to use this opportunity to outreach with the message of salvation, it's needed more than food. Let's see how the Lord will Bless those who are in need. I'm planning on being available at Christmas Cheer to share the word and anyone is welcome to join me.



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

They are praising God in this time of crisis that they are experiencing Him in many ways! He is alive and He is blessing them! He is the only hope for Macedonia and this is their message to those they meet.

Praise God that teenage meetings have started again and Sunday School for children will start very soon.

As the country continues to struggle with Covid-19 cases, new protocols are increasing the problem of meeting to worship due to having less space for the believers. With colder weather coming they are expanding the church building and pray that it will be ready soon.

Continue praying for their daughter, Anastasia, who is working in the hospital where Covid-19 is being treated. Pray that she stays strong in her faith as she must be distant from her family. Pray that her attitude and actions honor our Lord.

The Kavadarci Church is able to do house visits now and more people are allowing them to come in and share the Gospel with them! Pray that the Holy Spirit's work leads to repentance and salvation.

The town of Berovo has circulated evangelism literature for 15 years and only 1 family had received Christ as a result. Now there is a second family! Pray that God will lead Pastor Venco Nokav in his persistence to plant a church in Berovo.

Central Asian Family

"Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard." Ps. 66:8

The family celebrated a year living in their new home which God generously and miraculously provided for them through supporting churches.

Solomon Sandwiches is employing more people! Pray it makes a profit so they can not only pay the bills, but continue repaying the loans, and that their business partners can begin taking a salary.

Their roommate of 10 months is now working 2 jobs. She is a manicurist and a language tutor. Please pray for her as she embarks on a new life of independence, providing for herself and her little boy. Pray God strengthens her, putting into practice

what J&H have taught her from the Book and financial tools.

September 19th marked 4 years living in Central Asia. Pray for those they continue to minister to, that they catch the bigger vision of all that God has for them. Two ladies were baptized.

J&H are expecting their 3rd child in May or June 2021. Pray for health and strength for H and healthy growth for baby.

Pray for endurance and refreshment for JHE&E amidst many challenges. Pray for wisdom regarding travel. Due to Covid-19, if they left the country for any reason at this time they would not be allowed back in.

From the family: "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him."

Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

It has been difficult to get to know people for the past 2 years in their apartment building even before Covid-19. God has now opened conversations with 2 ladies. They are open to spiritual conversations. Pray for more God ordained "chance" encounters and that He will build the relationships with these 2 ladies.

Praise that Tim and Susan were able to enjoy a needed get-away 4 hours north of Tokyo at the OMF holiday cabin on the coast.

During October they will be leading a virtual small group for Serve Asia Workers hoping to come to Japan.

Praise God that a few long term workers were able to return to Japan from home assignments. After a 2 week quarantine, they are back in ministry. Pray that God brings fruit as they are grateful for His provision allowing them to return to Japan.

It is still difficult to connect with the Kanto missionaries. Pray encouragement for them despite limited or no face to face time.

Pray for son Chad, who is studying Bible, linguistics, culture, and church planting for 9 months in Tijuana, Mexico. He is signed up with Pioneers to go serve in Central Asia.

FMI, Pastor W., Pakistan

Pray for believers in the church's Pastor W. serves to stand steadfast in their faith during these difficult times. Pray that they count it a joy to be tested and tried and receive that which is unshakable for God's Kingdom.

In September, delegates from all FMI partner nations were present at Global Leadership Summit held in the Persian Gulf.

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Missionary News and Prayer (Cont.)



What a miracle in the midst of the Covid-19 virus! It was a wonderful time of training, prayer, encouragement, and expanding vision. Pray the lessons learned will be applied for God's glory.

Fall is generally the season when FMI connects with existing and prospective donors through regional banquets. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, events were cancelled, our Nevada one as well. Plead with our good Father to provide for the ongoing financial needs of FMI and overseas partners even without these gatherings. Pray that Western Christians will not lose their vision to support indigenous church planters in some of the neediest places on Earth.

A severe locust plague is devastating the food supply for already-impooverished congregations in southeast Pakistan. Intercede on their behalf for food, clothing, and shelter. We are not sure if Pastor W. is in that area but people are suffering.

Pray that laborers of Christ's harvest go out to reach the lost and dying.

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic

The fundraising Banquet Gala was held on Friday, September, 25th. Pray donor support has increased as people were able to see what goes on at the Clinic in north Carson and hear from some of the people who work and volunteer there every week.

Pray God opens hearts for His truth about life, about Christ, and about living hope that is shared with clients.

Ultra sound is free at the clinic and is the most successful tool God uses to show the life of a baby inside. For some, fear and denial turn to excitement and peace. Pray for the volunteers who meet regularly with their clients encouraging them with Christ's love on this amazing, and often difficult, journey.

We pray for the life of the unborn, but more importantly we desire that men and women, young and older alike, come to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord with the promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Men's Ministry

The men's breakfast and Bible study group is continuing to meet on Wednesday Mornings at 7:00am. All men are welcome to come by for good food, good Bible Study, and good fellowship!

Changes to Communion



After observing Communion the last two months, the Deacons and Elders decided to make some changes to our procedures.

When you arrive at Church on Communion Sunday, there will be a deacon in the foyer with a tray of the all-in-one communion cups. Please take a cup on your way in and place it in the cup ring in the seat in front of you until Communion time. If you have children that will be participating in Communion please assist them as necessary.

We will no longer be placing the cups in the seats before hand.

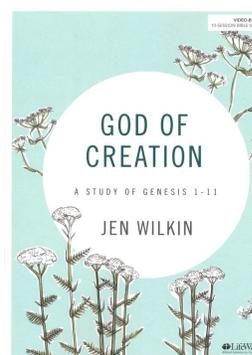
The Deacons will continue to pass out cups to those who sit on the front row and to those in fellowship hall at the start of Communion time.

After Communion, place the cups back into the ring holder. A Deacon will collect the cups from those in the front row. If you sit in Fellowship Hall, simply leave the cups on your table.

We ask that you do not help clean up the cups after service. The deacons will take care of this. We know you mean to help but it is not a safe practice.

We hope these procedures will save resources and will provide for a safer environment for everyone participating. Please contact Ted if you Have any questions.

A New Women's Bible Study Topic



The ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study group will start a new study based on Genesis chapters 1-11 on Thursday, October 8th. The study is "God of Creation" by Jen Wilken.

The ladies are currently meeting at 9:00 am in the Worship Center. Fellowship Hall is currently unavailable due to the restoration project.

Please contact Kathy Pavich at (775) 781-4992 for more information



Christian School Updates

Sarah Tran, Director

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16

Our new school year started by adding a class and (temporarily) subtracting a classroom! Our teachers have done an outstanding job creatively finding ways for our four classes to share the two available classrooms. We continue to add more students and our enrollment is currently at 24, the highest it has been in the last five years (4 Woolies, 6 Lambs, 6 Sheep, and 8 Shearlings)!

Our amazing teachers and wonderful students are really enjoying our Fall science curriculum and our Old Testament Bible stories. We started the year learning about Noah's Ark and the Great Flood, so that helped to put our Christian school flood into proper perspective.

Our days are filled with fun learning activities, ongoing clean-up, and all the never-ending admin tasks. Please pray that we can continue to successfully share our limited space and keep up with all the responsibilities that are part of having a licensed school and child care ministry. Please also continue to pray for the health, safety and well-being of all of our Teachers, children and their families.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who support this ministry. Special thanks to Carol Borsos for using her sewing skills on our classroom curtains, to Ted, Karen, and Sarah (Flannagan) and others who helped to pack up the Preschool Office and to all of the unnamed helpers who carried our many boxes into storage! And thank you to Leonard, Ted, and Mondo who were among the very first on the scene first who were able to rescue many of our resources and materials from disaster.

Thank you,
Sarah Tran



Teacher Theresa and the Lambs class

grateful

Outreach to "Live Violence Free" Women's Fellowship Celebration of Christmas

Ladies, we would like to give you the heads up that we are going to reach out once again to the ladies that are involved with the South Lake Tahoe "Live Violence Free" organization.

We will, as in years past, shower the ladies at the LVF center with small luxury items; such as Gloves, Hats, Slippers, Socks, Lotions, Body Washes & Gels, Make up Brush Sets, Lipsticks, Blushes, Eyeshadows, Manicure Kits/Pedicure Kits, Bath Salts & Bubble Baths, Body & Facial Scrubs, Shampoos & Conditioners, Towels/Wash Clothes/Loofas, Bath Robes, Blanket Throws, Candles, Journals, Stationery, Chocolates, Gift Certificates, etc.

The reason for mentioning this at such an early date is to give you the opportunity to find articles on sale or at very reasonable prices. Also, if you are making your gifts, that you have time to do so. The beautiful presents that you have donated in the past have been greatly appreciated and much needed by these women.

This event is planned for Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 PM. We will bring delightful dishes to share with each other as we nourish our bodies, fill up our hearts, and satiate our minds with His Word.

Thank you right now, before we even start onto this path of reaching out to the ladies at "Live Violence Free" and may our Lord truly bless you for your loving acts of kindness.

If you have questions, please contact Jan Hurst at 775-781-1783.

Classical Conversations

Classical Christian Community

Classical Conversations at TCC is underway!

A classical Conversations group started to meet at Tahoe Community Church on September 7th. They will continue to meet every Monday during the school season from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

They are currently using the Worship Center, Fellowship Hall, the Church Office and the upper playground.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns about this group you can contact Ted in the Office.



This is Jodie Nelson and the Middle School Class



The class in Fellowship Hall hard at work!

Grateful at the Lake

Saturdays 6pm
Lakeview Commons Beach
WORSHIP & WORD



This outreach ministry led by bob Daly is now meeting on Saturday nights at Lake View Commons in South Lake Tahoe. Bob plans on continuing the ministry through the fall but be aware that the time may change as it continues to get dark earlier.

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

Bob is exploring the possibility of finding an indoor location for this ministry in the winter. Please pray that God's will would be done regarding this possibility.



Urgent! Children's Church Urgent!

Dear Church Family;

First of all, thank you to all of you who are currently serving in this ministry for your faithfulness and dedication! We can't do it without you!

We are starting to get more families with young children in church which is great! The problem is we do not have enough volunteers right now to properly operate the Children's Church Ministry. Please contact Jacky Daly if you can help meet this urgent need! Even if you can only help out once in a while that would be great!



Upcoming Events

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.

Shoebox packing Party

Saturday November 14th 1:30 pm

Women's Fellowship

Saturday December 5th 1:00-3:00pm

Church Family Christmas Dinner

We are looking at either Friday December 11th,
or Saturday December 12th. We will let you know!

Memory Verses for October

- October 4th Philippians 1:3-11
- October 11h 1 Kings 3:9
- October 18th Isaiah 55:6
- October 25th Joshua 1:5



Here is picture of the class learning about Noah's Ark!

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

Christian School Teachers Director/Woolies Teacher: Sarah Tran, Lambs Teacher: Theresa DeGraffenreid, Sheep and Shearling Teacher, Anna Bailey, Teachers Aide Sky Rosselle, Substitute Teacher: Thomas Tran.

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