

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: November 2020

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

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!

SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE



It is Time!

It is time to pack a shoe box!
By Karen Beverage

Our annual shoebox drive is underway and I noticed that several of you have taken boxes to fill. There are still a lot more boxes and almost two weeks

left to fill them up. All boxes are due back in by Sunday November 15th. Please let me know if you have any questions about what is allowed to be packed in the boxes. There are no changes from last year that I know of.

Our annual packing party is scheduled for Saturday November 14th starting at 1:30 pm. We will either be in the Fellowship Hall or downstairs in the Preschool Spaces depending on what is going on with the restoration project. We already have all the items we need to fill 250 boxes which is 50 more than last year!

Due to COVID-19, there will be some changes this year. We will have gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer readily available on the tables with the boxes. We encourage everyone to make full use of these items for the protection of everyone. We will also try to keep everyone spaced out as much as possible during the process.

Collection week which runs November 15 through the 22nd will also look different this year in that we have to offer curbside drop off. Right now, we plan on collecting the boxes in the lower preschool spaces which will allow us to use the parking spots right in front for the curb side drop off. Anyone who helps with collecting the boxes will be required to wear PPE (masks & gloves) at all times.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

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| 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

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| 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 |

Restoration Project



As you can see by looking around the campus, not much has changed since the last newsletter.

The Fellowship Hall and lower preschool spaces sit pretty much as they were, in a "gutted" condition. The dumpster in front of the preschool room has been removed for now but the two storage boxes remain.

Our contractor has submitted a bid to the insurance company for what needs to be done to restore our spaces and what the cost would be.

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The insurance company's bid does not include any modifications we might decide to make during the rebuilding process. Our insurance company has given us an initial offer, which as expected, is a lot lower than the contractors bid.

Now we negotiate!

We are hoping the negotiation process does not take too long so that we can get on with the ordering of cabinets, flooring, sinks, and a long list of other items that need to be replaced.

The only modification we would like to make in Fellowship Hall is changing the cabinets slightly to make them match the ones we installed last year. We are hoping to get approval to go ahead with that part of the project and get it done as soon as possible. The preschool spaces will take a lot longer because there is so much more to do.

Sarah has some great ideas for improving the preschool spaces but what we do will largely depend on what the insurance company gives us.



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Two of the drop off locations in the Carson City area have closed this year so we are expecting more boxes to be dropped off with us this year than last year. Please contact Karen if you would like to help during collection week!

The best help anyone can give is to pray. Pray for all those involved in the preparation process, but mostly pray for all of the kids will be receiving the boxes that the enclosed items would meet their needs and that they would experience the love of Jesus Christ. Pray also for the 12 week discipleship course offered to all these recipients called "The Greatest Journey"

God has done amazing things through these boxes in the past and we can trust him to do amazing things in the future! Karen (530)544-5925



The Greatest Journey Turns 10!

The Greatest Journey began in 2009 in Ecuador, and now, 10 years later, children in Ecuador and all over the

world are still being taught God's Word and how to share their faith with family and friends.

The remote jungle village of Sicha Puma in Ecuador has no electricity or running water. Children must walk almost one hour to reach the nearest school. Jobs are scarce, and poverty fuels desperation and despair.

Yet, Flor and other members of the village's small church refused to give up hope of a better life for the children. They had been praying for a way to teach the children about God. They wanted them to learn to follow God and avoid the pitfalls of alcoholism that so tightly gripped many of their parents.

Their prayers were answered when an Operation Christmas Child outreach event came to the community and children were excited to participate in The Greatest Journey. The children needed a place to meet, and all Flor had to offer was her simple wood and tin house along a dusty road, but she was eager to do so.

The children enjoyed the discipleship lessons so much that although the program is finished, they still gather on Flor's porch every week for Bible study.

"My entire heart is in The Greatest Journey," Flor said. "Having the children here in my home is the greatest thing because they have a chance to be saved."

To date 23.3 Million Children have enrolled in The Greatest Journey and 11.2 Million have made decisions for Christ!

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."—Deut. 6:6–7



lifegroups

Life Groups Continue to Meet

Our Life groups are continuing to meet and are doing well in spite of the many obstacles they had to overcome. We currently have two groups meeting every-other-week. If god is leading you to start an additional group please contact one of the elders. Here is the current information:

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](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:januarae@gmail.com)
[email Carol Borsos at roncarol.tahoe@gmail.com](mailto:roncarol.tahoe@gmail.com)



Safety Notes

BY Matt Petty

Current Threat Landscape:

Wildfires - Thank God we have been spared thus far but fires are still raging in California and we are currently under a red flag warning for extreme

fire danger. The USDA Forest Service extended emergency fire restrictions through October 30th. Please use caution as we are headed into winter. When we change our clocks, It is a good time to make sure our smoke detectors have fresh batteries!

Computer Safety – You may remember that recently, malicious actors got a hold of Mondo's email and sent out scam emails to everyone in the church directory trying to trick recipients into financial fraud. Computer related fraud is extremely high right now. Many phishing emails are being sent as Covid-19 related, DETR/PPP/Unemployment related and charity or fund raising related. Phishing messages can be sent to victims via email, social media, and text message and can be used to carry out a variety of different operations. In addition to creating new schemes to lure victims and trick them into falling for the scams, malicious actors are constantly finding new techniques to bypass email security features and make phishing messages appear legitimate to potential victims. Please do not click on any links you are sent. Hover over the link first and make very sure you know where the link is taking you. It is safest to not respond in any way to unsolicited emails or text messages.

Elections – Avoid social media as a source of credible information. Foreign adversaries are using social media to spread disinformation and disrupt our electoral process. Just like the computer safety warning above, be very sure about the source of your information and its validity.

Covid-19 – Tahoe Community Church continues to pursue a balanced approach in our approach to Covid-19 by worshipping together while still promoting public safety through social distancing and the optional use of masks. Matt

Children's Church Meeting

There will be a meeting for all children's church volunteers on Monday evening November 9th at 5:30pm in fellowship hall. We praise God for all of you who stepped forward to take part in this ministry this year! Contact Jacky Daly if you have any questions.



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 have 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.

With the Christmas Season approaching, pray for missionaries all over the world as they welcome spiritually hungry non-Christians who often attend special services. Pray that the visitors would come to understand the reason why Jesus came to earth and offered his life as a sacrifice, and that they would courageously choose to follow Him.

Mirco & Nada Andreev, Skopje, Macedonia

- The economy is weakened and the people are heavily burdened from the whole situation with Covid-19. The government is struggling with how to handle the increase of cases.

- Some people are still afraid to attend church worship/fellowship. The Church of God remains steadfast and even new people are coming to services. Praise our Lord for opportunities to share Jesus with these seekers.

- Many people are still in great need because they have lost their jobs, and with winter closing in, the situation will be worse. AGAPE, their supply relief ministry, will do their best helping widows, single parents, and disabled people but it won't be enough.

- The sanctuary expansion is close to completion which will allow more people inside to worship with distancing to stay warm. They are praising God that the church continues to grow.

- Recently two students were baptized and services for kids and teenagers have started up again. Pray that the kids and teenagers in the area will be encouraged to come.

- The New church in Bogdanci, South Macedonia is meeting every Sunday now. Pray for God's leading to disciple believers, and to have prayer meetings and home group fellowships.

- Pray for Pastor Zoran Kolev and his mission team.

- Pastor Zhivko Barbutov reports that the church in Aerodrom, is growing and becoming fruitful in their community. Finances are their greatest challenge at this time. Pray how our LORD will provide their needs.

Central Asian Family

- Continue to pray for the riots and unrest with their country's government. The Prime Minister stepped down recently to help the violence calm down. Pray for wisdom for all involved to bring good controls.

- The Solomon Sandwiches Shop is near the capitol building (they have a White House too). They had to close for a bit but have reopened. Pray that they can stay open and provide for their workers, customers, and business partners. Pray that they would be a beacon of hope and light in the spiritual darkness there.

- H hurt her knee but reports that it has gotten better. Pray for a wise doctor if she needs to have it checked out.

- Pray also for her pregnancy; strength, good health for H and baby, encouragement, rest, taking care of 2 very active boys.

- Pray E & E (the boys) will be helpful and obedient to dad and mom.

- Pray for the many "chance" encounters with people; for the Holy Spirit to prepare fertile hearts and minds to hear the Gospel.

- Pray that those they study God's Word with receive it as truth, and know they can trust what God says.

Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

- Praises that Covid-19 restrictions were waived so that Tim and Susan were able to visit Hokkaido, Japan on the north island. The church there was planted by them 20 years ago. Tim preached while there and they had many opportunities to reconnect with and support God's church that they dearly love.

- They are thankful to our Lord for faithfully sustaining this church. Pray that the church members continue growing in their love for God and others.

- Also in Hokkaido, is the OMF language/Culture Center in Sapporo. They visited new missionaries there, and shared God's vision for Japan church planting.

- Praise also for a good Women In Ministry Fall Day of Prayer. God gave encouragement through prayer, fellowship, and His Word.

- Pray for wisdom in planning a Pre- Home Assignment Workshop in January. It may need to be virtual due to the virus. Pray for God's clear leading and a completed facilitator's manual.

- Tim facilitates Evangelism Training encouraging Japanese Christians and churches. Pray for God's wisdom for them.

- Pray also for ways to connect with Japanese during the Christmas season, especially the two new ladies who have been open to spiritual conversations.

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

- The Fundraiser Gala on September 25th has brought in \$95,000 in gifts and pledges, and donations continue to come in! Praise the Lord for the overwhelming success including several first time givers who have contributed.

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Missionary News and Prayer (Cont.)



- Twelve 'Watch Party Groups' gathered at churches and homes to view the Gala live on-line. The Gala is still available at:
www.friendsoflifechoices.org

- A few of the clients who came in during October made the choice to carry their baby to term. Some left saying they would but we don't always know the outcome if they don't come back. Pray that contact made by the volunteers and the Holy Spirit intervene to cause the additional love, care, and counsel received by their clients to bring a good outcome.
- Thank you for praying! We can be excitedly thankful and grateful that our Lord uses the technology of Ultra Sound to show these mothers there is a baby, a created life growing, with a heartbeat, fully formed by 10 weeks.
- Pray for the clients who choose to take parenting and fatherhood classes, and for the students who are challenged to think seriously about their health and relationships through the clinic's "Abstinence Until Marriage" training. These classes took place on-line during the virus shutdown but some of them started meeting in person at the end of October.

FMI, Pastor W., Pakistan

- Continue to intercede for those affected by the severe locust plague. Pray that God provides for their needs; food, clothing, shelter.
- The country is still suffering with the Covid-19 virus as well. There are no updates on the severity, or restrictions they have at this time.
- Pray for Pastor W's health and safety as he travels and ministers to several churches. Pray for health for his family, believers, and those in these villages. As people hear the Good News of Jesus, pray that they repent and receive the truth of God.
- Pray for our Pakistani sisters in Christ who are part of the Discipleship learning at the Sewing & Literacy Center. Pray that God would grant Sister Nadimah, a leader there, with wisdom, patience and determination. Outsiders often cause trouble and it is often unsafe for the women on their way to the Center and home again.
- Uphold congregations as they open their doors for Christmas services. Pray that believers are refreshed, filled with good cheer despite the trials they are under from the virus and locust plagues.

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!



Christmas Comfort & Joy Outreach
Saturday, December 5th, 2020 - 1:00 PM
Tahoe Community Church - 145 Daggett Way - Kingsbury

Our Women's Fellowship would like to reach out this Christmas season to bless the mothers of the Live Violence Free Community by showering them with small luxury items.

If you would like to be a part of this blessing, please bring new, unwrapped luxury items to our Christmas Event or place them in the marked basket located in the church foyer
BEFORE 12/5.

Some Ideas for giving:

Gloves, Mittens, Hats, Slippers, Socks, Slipper Socks

*Lotions, Body Washes, Body Gels
Make up Brush Sets, Lipsticks, Blushes, Eyeshadows*

*Manicure Kits/Pedicure Kits
Bath Salts, Bubble Baths, Body Scrubs, Facial Scrubs*

*Shampoos & Conditioners
Candles - Journals*

*Towels/Wash Clothes/Loofas
Bath Robes - Lounge Wear - Blanket Throws
Chocolates - Gift Certificates Etc.*

If you do not have time to shop, but still want to give, we will purchase for you; please give your financial donation to Jan & she will make sure you get the receipt for your donations.

Please RSVP # of guests & sign up to bring a dish to share on the menu sign-up sheet
For questions please call or text
Jan Hurst @ 775-781-1783





Christian School Updates

Sarah Tran, Director

“Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8

We are more than halfway through our 12 week Fall program, “The Wonder of Science: Discovering God’s World through Hands-on Experiments and Classic Bible Stories.” The Teachers have been enjoying it as much as the children! Teacher Anna Bailey describes some of the fun in the Teachers Corner. It has gone by fast; we have just four more weeks of science. We’ll finish out the fall with Kitchen Science and celebrate with a Thanksgiving Feast. In December we will begin our 13 week Winter Program, The Wonderful World of Writing: “Exploring everyday opportunities for creative writing while looking at Bible stories through the eyes of the authors. “

We are very grateful for the blessing of good health!! Please continue to pray for the health and well-being of all of our teachers, children and families!! Please especially pray for the health and safety of our teachers as snowy weather begins. With high enrollment and low staffing we really need every teacher every day that they are able to come in! Right now we have exactly four teachers for four classes so even though we cover for one another as needed it is a great help to have everyone here at the same time. Please continue to pray for our three teachers who are still on leave. We all look forward to the day when we can be back together again, safely unmasked!!

While we are patiently waiting for the downstairs Woolies classroom to be restored, we have been very blessed to have renovations happening on and near our upstairs classrooms. Mike Furno has been resurfacing the Discovery Zone entry; Mondo and Ted have been painting the stair railing; and members of the safety committee have been looking at upgrading our classroom doors. It is such a blessing to have these classrooms, where our children come to learn and grow, safe and well-maintained. Thank you!!

Sarah Tran



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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 on to 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.

Annual Church Dinner

Our annual Church Dinner is tentatively set for Saturday December 12. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are planning to have the event catered so it is important that you RSVP to Ted or Mondo in the office if you haven't already done so. Thanks!

Classical Conversations®

Classical Christian Community

The Classical Connection Community at TCC is thriving and growing. There are currently three groups meeting on the church Campus every Monday. There are 8 kids in the 4-5 age group, 12 in the 6-12 age group and 4 in the middle school group that meet in the office. These 20 kids come from 12 different families. The director, Geoff Hughes, expects the group to grow in the new year.



I have been observing the groups and I am thoroughly impressed with the level of teaching that takes place and the enthusiasm and eagerness of these children to learn. The greatest thing about it is that it is a Christian based curriculum. Pray that God continues to bless this program! Ted

I will do my best to keep you informed of the changes as they occur. Ted

Grateful at the Lake

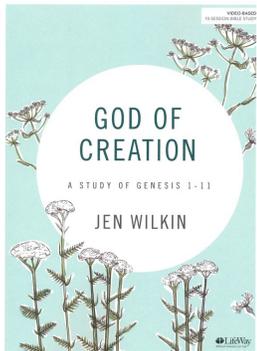


This outreach ministry led by Bob Daly and the grateful band, plan on meeting through the winter on Saturday nights. The time and location are still to be determined.

For more information contact Bod Daly (530) 545-9918 or Kevin Mayer (831) 484-2035.

I will do my best to keep you informed of the changes as they occur. Ted

Women's Bible Study



The ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study group are studying "God of Creation" by Jen Wilken.

The ladies will meet at 9:00 am in the Worship Center or Fellowship Hall depending on the restoration project and heat in the worship Center.

The last meeting this year will be November 19th and they will resume on January 7th.

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



Thanksgiving is on November 26th. Be sure to make it a day of thanks for all that the Lord has done for you and your families!

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thess. 5:18

(Preschool Continued)



Teachers Corner:

We have been having lots of fun focusing on science for our fall curriculum. We have made slime during color science and made drip paintings when we talked about gravity. Our most recent science subject was pumpkins. We cut them open and baked pumpkin seeds and we taught the children how being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16) Then he washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17) He opens you up and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6) Then he carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23) And finally he puts his light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

Teacher Anna Bailey (Sheep Class)





Upcoming Events

Children's Church Meeting
Monday, November 9th 5:30pm

Shoebox packing Party
Saturday, November 14th 1:30 pm

Women's Christmas comfort & Joy Outreach
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 November

- November 1 Job 1:21
- November 8 Deuteronomy 8:2
- November 15 Hebrews 11:1
- November 22 1 Timothy 6:18
- November 29 Psalm 139:16



The Church Office get's a Facelift!

If you get a chance, take a look at the church Office building. We just finished a large patching up and painting project.

It turned out to be much more than just painting!

Mike Furno had to replace some of the wood that was damaged and there was a lot of calking, scraping, and sanding. All most all of the building had to be primed before we painted. We also took down some wires that ran along the building because they were no longer being used. The result is a much nicer looking, more water tight building.

We still need to do the back side of the building, but that is a job for next summer!

We have an opportunity to replace three of the windows at a good discount if we can get the funds. One person has already donated toward the project. If you feel led to contribute, please contact Mike Furno.

Thanks to everyone who dedicated their time and energy toward this project!

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/Woollies 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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