

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: February 2021

For our Church Family & our Christian School Family

Tahoe Douglas Christian School & Childcare

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!

Fellowship Hall Is Finished!



After five months of waiting, the restoration project in Fellowship Hall is now completed! We were able to take advantage of the situation and made some improvements to the room during the renovation process.

- Instead of the floor being all carpet, we put in flooring starting at the main door, going around the sink, and over to the Kitchen area.
- We added a cabinet by the stove, and put a new sink and toilet in the bathroom. We also widened the bathroom door.
- The carpet is a little different color than it was and matches perfectly with the floor, countertops, and chairs. We hope it will be more stain resistant as well.

Kathy Pavich, Jan Hurst, and Christine Feinberg spent most of a day reorganizing and putting everything back into the cupboards. Thank you ladies! Some things may be in a different place now so if you can not find what you need, please ask one of the ladies for assistance.

Preschool Room: As you can see from the photo, work is progressing in the preschool room but there is a lot left to do!

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

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Fri. 6:00 p.m. Word of Live Worship Service



- All of the electrical work and most of the plumbing is done and has been brought up to code. We still need to install the hot water heater and the appliances.

- The dry wall work is completed and the walls have been painted.

So what is left?

- Door jams, doors, and trimming
 - The front door will be replaced with a safety door and will look a lot different
 - The half wall from the front door to Sarah's office
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will be built when the new door is put in.

- The flooring will go down last after the new cabinets have been installed.

After the construction is completed, the room will need to be refurnished. We will salvage what we can from what was saved in the pods but many items will have to be replaced. We still anticipate this room being ready for use by this summer.

If you have any questions about the improved preschool room, please talk to Sarah Tran.



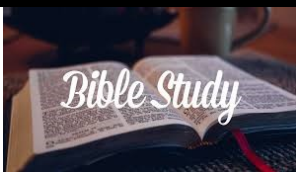
Other Building Projects

As most of you are aware, we have been having ongoing problems with the heaters in the worship center. Our heating contractor had to be called out three times but we believe the problems have finally been resolved.

While we were working on the heaters we also replaced the thermostats in the worship Center and put new lock boxes around them. We think it is best if only a few people have access and make the adjustments to the system. Please let the ushers or one of the deacons know if you are uncomfortable with the temperature we have set the system at.

On a different note, the old speakers in the worship Center have been replaced with new ones. The old speakers were installed when the building was constructed and technology has improved a lot since then. I think you will experience a noticeable improvement in the quality of the sound!

Thank you Kai, Kaylena, and Katie Keith for your work installing them.



New Sunday Bible Study Class

We want to invite everyone to the new Sunday Bible Study Class on the Book of Revelation which has just started. Last week Mondo completed an introduction to the book. Next week will begin a line by line study through the last book of the bible. Come join in!



Security Cameras

The safety team did not have an article for the newsletter this month but I wanted to share with you that they have been at work. They have been planning for some time to add to the

security camera system on campus. Thanks to a special donation, we were able to purchase eight new cameras and the equipment to operate them.

The cameras are being placed around the worship center, the Kids zone Building, and one outside the office building. The cameras will be viewed from a monitor set up in the sound booth.

Mike Laremore and Bill Kolstad spent almost two weeks running the cables and installing the cameras and other equipment. The system should be up and running soon!

If you want to play a game, take a walk and try to find all eight cameras. If you get stumped, you can ask Mike, Bill or Matt Petty where they are.



Our Daily Bread
Ministries™

A Prayer of Trust

The following prayer was in the winter edition of Our Daily Bread's news letter and I thought you would find it useful in your prayer time.

"When the world feels uncertain, God's presence is where we find true safety. Even though we know we can trust Him with our lives, sometimes we need a reminder that He is still in control."

"Dear Lord, Today my heart feels heavy and concerned about the future. I don't know what is ahead and things feel bleak.

But even in the middle of my worry, I know You are a firm foundation-Jehovah Jireh-the God who provides my every need. You are my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. I choose to place my trust in You again... to find hope in Your unchanging, powerful, and everlasting love. You never change.

As David recalled, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I Fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Free my heart from fear to trust in You, to find strength and solid footing in You. Help me to fix my eyes on You. Please Quiet my heart and mind with Your love. In Jesus name, amen"



Missionary News & Prayer

by Carol Borsos

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

Macedonia Missions to the Balkans

Petre Petrov, Director

Please cont. praying for full recover from the virus for Marino, Vesna; Stojan, Lenka; Zlvko, Fani; Sasho, Renata; and Jonatan, Valentina and their families. No update on how they are doing.

MMB has a vision of 100 new churches planted all around Macedonia. Pray for the next generation of young leaders, for God's provision, wisdom, and guidance to fulfill their vision.

The new church in Kavadarci has 15-20 believers attending. Pray for the Community of Resen & Novo Selo that have established home groups will grow into official churches.

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, the church is active and alive. People are hearing the Gospel and our humanitarian work is growing. The best example of this is the Evangelical Church in Veles. Besides regular services and activities, this church is meeting the needs of families in their community through compassion ministries. It currently provides monthly food packages for 80 families and their soup kitchen that serves hot meals for 30 individuals each day.



The recent Alpha Course in Tetovo has 4-5 Muslim background Albanians attending as well as Macedonians. Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften their hearts and minds to the truths and hope the Gospel offers. Pray God saves them. (Alpha Course is evangelistic, introducing basic Christian faith through talks and discussion "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life")

Praise; the new church in Radovish has a building. Pray that Sunday services start soon.



Royal Rangers is for children in the EV churches. Pray as they learn from God's Word and honor Him going out to do service projects.

Praise; the renovation of the church in Shtip (*Petre is pastor there*) is finished and now more than 100 people can worship together. They are thankful to those who have donated to this project!

Central Asian Family

February 24th was to be a soft opening of a 2nd sandwich shop location. This one is in partnership with a very well known gas station. We prayed for these negotiations and God has answered! The hope is that the new shop will be open 24 hours a day, 6 days a week. Pray for good new workers, God's favor, protection, strength, wisdom, and endurance. Pray for a financial breakthrough so that the shops may become profitable and debt free.

On March 8 the family plans to fly to the USA for the birth of E #3 son. Pray for the long journey and the three flights!

- Pray for H & E's birth in May. Pray for the midwife to partner with them and determine the location for the birth.
- Pray for contentment regarding who they should and shouldn't meet during the trip.
- For their kids and J&H to have good transition, being away from friends and home in Central Asia.
- Pray for their business partner and his family as they lead the organization in J&H's absence. Pray they rise to all the challenges and overcome all the temptations.
- Pray they hear clearly from the Lord regarding their future.
- Pray for those they've trained to lead similar small groups like their own; to gather others and to multiply their faith and obedience.
- While they are in the USA, pray for rest from their usual busy schedules and to have time for continued growth and breakthrough in their personal lives and marriage.
- Pray for the opportunity and means to return to Central Asia in mid July.

Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

During our 26 years of church planting in Japan, God has brought many changes but their mission is still the same: To see the Gospel spread that all the people of Japan may know Jesus! Through the years, we have come to see more and more that in order to reach this goal, the church in Japan is key and our work needs to be more centered on equipping the Japanese church.

Barriers faced in the culture that often keep Japanese from risking spiritual conversations with their family and friends is the thinking that not all Japanese believers can share the Gospel and be salt and light to the many non-Christians around them.

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Tim is finishing the "Evangelism Training." As he keeps the culture in mind, pray for good connecting and networking with pastors and churches desiring to be equipped. Pray that God would work in pastors and Christians, giving them a heart and conviction to grow in their passion and commitment for sharing Jesus with others.

Pray for the Lord's leading to what role they should take in contributing tools, platforms, print, broadcasting, and social media for mass evangelism.

Pray the Word of God spreads rapidly and is honored in Japan.

Pray that the workers are diligent and bold in their personal outreach and that ministries come along side Japanese brethren in equipping them form effective outreach.

Pray for the Lord's blessing on their Japanese language evangelism training launching this year.

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

Pray for the volunteer advocates meeting with clients to be discerning in what to say and how to guide. Ask the Holy Spirit to help them to be good listeners to their client's needs, fears, and concerns.

Pray that those who test positive will choose life for their baby and that they will make and keep an ultra-sound appointment. Ultra-sounds show without question that there is life!

For those who come abortion minded and may already have an appointment for an abortion elsewhere, pray that the Holy Spirit would give them knowledge that there are other choices open to them besides abortion.

Some clients have had an abortion in their past. Pray that those in a Bible study know they are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior.

Salvation for a client is always the goal. Pray that the seeds of truth given lead to repentance, surrender, faith, and hope in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

J.O. in Ethiopia

Praise the Lord that J's His health has improved. Thank you for praying! He has been out to eat with students and has had great conversations.

The search for a new location for the school is still underway. Pray for a possible grant to come in which would help with start-up costs.

The women on the team have started a yoga class. Another avenue for evangelism.

A man J has been walking with has a heart for orphans and sex workers, and desires to start a non-profit in Kenya. Pray for God's provision, guidance, and a future for this kind of ministry there.

Continue praying for conversations about Christ with the students who come to learn English. Pray that the Bible is open and that they read the truths for themselves. J currently has two students he has been talking with about the Good News.

FMI, Pastor W. in Pakistan

In early March a team will travel to a province in Pakistan previously unvisited by any of our American staff. It is an especially dangerous region. (special government permission is required and military troops will accompany them.) Intercede for safety, good rapport with military, clarity in the visits, and divine superintendence of activities.

Bibles continue to be given out in the countries FMI partners with. Pray for boldness to share God's Word. Intercede for recipients of the Scriptures – to read, understand, and obey its message and to place their faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray that the virus is more controllable so that believers can continue to worship together.

Pray for those who are fearful. Pray that they trust the Lord's Sovereignty, power, and goodness and encourage others to do the same.

Pastor W. travels much. Pray for good health, physical strength, and joy as our Lord's servant. Continue praying for the brick kiln families. Intercede that God makes time for them to pray and if they have a Bible, time to read and know that God loves them.

A recent story from the Sandwich Shop (From J & H in Central Asia)

"One of our workers grew up in an orphanage. He has cerebral palsy and is a very hard worker. Last week during his shift a young lady came in to order a sandwich. She too grew up in the same orphanage as our worker and came to believe through our worker's foster parents. When they saw each other they embraced and cried. It was truly a family reunion!

We have been hearing testimonies of how the sandwich shop is touching people's lives. This week we were asked to cater sandwiches for a fund raiser for a little girl with muscular dystrophy. The money raised went to help pay for her extremely expensive medicine. We were thankful to be asked to be a part of this fundraiser and to continue to support and love those with special needs."



Church Membership

In February's
newsletter, Mondo

wrote an article about church membership. I thought it would be beneficial this month to include the section from our church by-laws about Church Membership.

ARTICLE V Church Membership

Section 1. Purpose of the Fellowship

The congregation of Christian believers who have applied for membership and have been duly accepted shall constitute a spiritual body, united for the spiritual purposes set forth in Article II of these By-laws.

Section 2. Active Membership

Active membership in the Tahoe Community Church of Stateline, NV shall be open to all persons who: 1) confess Christ as their Lord and Savior and 2) who have been baptized; in this sequential order. According to the pattern demonstrated in Scripture, baptism shall be by immersion unless there are extenuating circumstances prohibiting immersion. Active membership is open to those who are seasonal residents in the local area. This section of the by-laws shall allow for dual membership at TCC and the other church fellowship during the off season.

Section 3. Voting Privileges

Membership in this church shall not vest in any member any proprietary rights in the Church, but shall only entitle the member to vote at a meeting of the members on those matters that the Board of Elders chooses to submit to the church membership for affirmation. In such cases, voting privileges are restricted to members who are in good standing, who are not under any disciplinary action, and who have passed their 18th birthday. Membership shall not be assignable inter vivos by any member nor shall membership vest to any personal representative, heir, or devisee (i.e. no proxies).

Section 4. Applications for Membership

All requests for membership shall be made to a Pastor, Elder, or Deacon. Upon making such a request, the person shall be given an application for membership, along with a copy of these Bylaws (including Appendix 1 Doctrinal Statement). The applicant shall be offered to attend a membership class if a class is offered at that time. Each applicant shall assent and subscribe to the Bylaws and the What We Teach Statement, and meet with the Elders privately. If there is any disagreement with the Bylaws

or doctrinal statement, it must be made in writing to the Elders during their meeting.

Section 5. Denial or Removal of Membership

If, upon review of an application for membership or after meeting with a prospective member, the Board of Elders determines that the applicant does not confess Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior, or that there is a lack of evidence of a godly lifestyle, membership shall be denied. The decision made by the Board of Elders shall be final and there shall be no appeal to any court from that decision. The Board of Elders reserves the right to revisit an application at any time.

Separate and apart from the process of church discipline, but subject to the discretion and approval of the elders, the names of any members who have not attended a worship service, Sunday School class session or Fellowship Group meeting at Tahoe Community Church for a period of three months or longer may be removed from the membership rolls.

Section 6. Admission of Applicants

Applicants admitted to membership shall, if possible, present themselves at a worship service designated by the Pastor-Teacher and Board of Elders, at which service such applicants shall publicly affirm their membership commitment and be publicly acknowledged as members.

Section 7. Responsibilities of Members

Members shall seek to exercise their spiritual gifts for the mutual benefit of all the church body and shall submit to the loving rule of the Elders while demonstrating a recognition of accountability to the local church (e.g. Matt 18:18). Listed below are some of the responsibilities of those who join themselves as members to this local body.

(a) **Serving** - God has given each member of Tahoe Community Church a giftedness to be used (1 Peter 4:10). This may include teaching, visiting the sick, serving in the various ministries, singing on the worship team, maintaining the physical building and its property, or working in committees, etc. We do feel that all have a responsibility to the Lord Himself to be faithful stewards of the gift that He has entrusted to them.

(b) **Learning** - Members of Tahoe Community Church must first develop a growing faith, learning more about the character of God, and be able to articulate it by participating in Bible study groups and by developing the habit of daily Bible study (2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15; Matt 4:4).

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(c) **Giving** - Members of Tahoe Community Church are expected to give as God

has purposed in their heart to help support the ministry that God is doing in this community. Members should give freely and cheerfully understanding that they are simply stewards of God's resources (2 Cor. 9:8-9; 1 Cor. 16:2).

(d) **Witnessing** - "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8). At the same time that Jesus commissioned His disciples, He set forth our responsibility to spread the Gospel everywhere (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15). This means members are called to be an effective witness to friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members.

(e) **Praying** - Each member should have a practice of consistent prayer (1 Thess. 5:17), being persistent in requests, aligning petitions with God's will for his/her life and the life of the Church and its leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 4:7).

(f) **Worshiping** - Tahoe Community Church is set in the South Shore community to shine as a lighthouse for Jesus Christ and will shine as long as its members remain faithful in the matter of public worship (Matt. 5:16; Rev. 2:5). The Lord is glorified when believers consistently participate in the ordinance of the Lord's supper (communion).

(g) **Relationship with other members** - Members should realize that we are a body of believers (1 Cor. 12). Members are encouraged to try to get to know other members they don't know and be united for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. The members are to love and build up other members, to come alongside those that are not members, as well as sharing with others who are less fortunate (Eph. 4:13; Heb. 10:25; James 1:27). Recognizing that we are a community church made up of a diversity of spiritual backgrounds, we affirm the following statement: In essentials, unity; In non-essentials, liberty; In all things, charity (love).

If anyone has questions about church membership, or desires to become a church member, please talk to Mondo or one of the elders.

The Church Membership list is maintained by me. If you are not sure if you are a member or not please contact me and I will let you know! Ted



More Than Just Hats

By Karen Beverage

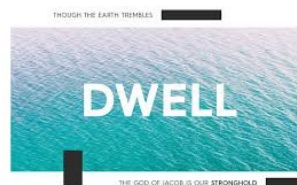
The Knifty Knitters are happy to report that our first box of knitted items is on its way to the Mexican Medical Mis-

sion. They have requested many different types of knitted items to give away once their medical fairs are able to resume. We praise God for this opportunity to grow in our craft as we endeavor to help fulfill the needs of His children in Mexico.

Mexico Medical Missions is a non-denominational Christian organization that provides medical and community development services to the people of the Sierra Madre Mountains of Chihuahua. Their mission: To glorify Jesus Christ among the peoples of the Sierra Madre through acts of mercy, service and proclamation of the Gospel.



Knifty Knitters are still interested in new opportunities to share God's love through our talents. Please Contact Karen Beverage or Kathleen Huggins if you know of any.



Youth Summer Camp

Our youth group is making plans to attend Centrifuge Camp at Geness park again this summer. The theme is "Dwell." The dates selected are July 26 through July 30. Look for fundraisers to begin soon!



Men's Ministry

The men's breakfast and Bible study group is continuing to meet on Wednesday Mornings at 7:00am at the church. They still enjoy breakfast together before feasting on God's word. All men are welcome to come by for good food, good Bible Study, and good fellowship!



Christian School Updates

Sarah Tran, Director

"My friends, COUNT it all joy when all kinds of trials come your way, for you know that when your faith succeeds the result is your ability to endure." JAMES 1:2,3

This Spring we are COUNTING ON MATH: exploring numbers in the World and in the Bible. As we get ready to celebrate Easter we are learning about the 9 fruits of the Spirit, the 6 pieces of spiritual armor, the 12 disciples, 5 loaves, 2 fish, 5000 people, 24 clean feet, 3 days, and 1 savior.

We are also counting the days until our Woolies classroom is fully renovated, and until our teachers who are waiting to complete their Covid vaccines are able to safely return to the classroom. Please continue to pray for Teachers Balin, Bonni and Katie to be back with us in the classroom soon!

Please also pray for good health for the Teachers who are already working with me in the classrooms: Theresa, Anna, and Sky. We are very grateful for our good health overall, but we have had several extended teacher absences due to cold and flu symptoms and appropriate isolating. As a result, there have been many, many days with only two teachers and a few times only a single teacher aided by classroom volunteers. We are so grateful for all the extra help from Ted Beverage behind the scenes to make those days run smoothly! We are counting it all joy, but please pray that our ability to endure continues!

The Nevada Department of Education and The Children's Cabinet have been very sensitive to the needs of Preschools and Preschool Teachers. We have received assistance with payroll expenses, cleaning and sanitation supplies, and been provided resources for the classroom and Teacher Training and Development. We are currently participating in a series on Social Emotional Learning and Trauma-informed Care that has been very beneficial. We are all growing personally, professionally and spiritually as God continues to provide for us in the midst of trials and challenges.

Spring begins with so many opportunities for celebration: Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We are looking forward to all of our celebrations and our upcoming Easter break (April 5-9). Please continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families as we count it all JOY.

Thank you,
Sarah Tran

Teachers Corner

We finished our winter program with a bang...Hidden messages was our last theme and we did activities that the children enjoyed so much! The Lambs and Woolies colored with white crayons on white paper and then painted over the coloring to reveal the hidden message! Our new season brings us a new theme where we will be concentrating on our math skills. We are planning so many fun activities and "counting on Jesus" to remind us of his ultimate sacrifice to show us how much He loves us! --*Teacher Theresa DeGraffenreid*



Audio Visual Help

Our Audio/visual Team is getting short handed.

Mark Kaczar has recently joined the audio team thanks Mark, but we could still use one more person trained on the soundboard. We could use two more on the video side. You do not need any prior experience, we will train you and encourage you along the way! Please see, Kai Keith or Carol Borsos if you interested in serving the Lord in this capacity.

**Week of Prayer for
North American
Missions
March 7 - 14**



Church Sells "Adventure Van"

The Church mini-bus, also know as the adventure van. has tentatively been sold. The elders were considering selling the bus but it was never advertised that it was being sold. Out of he blue, in February, a gentleman saw the bus and asked if we were interested in selling it. The elders took it as prompting from the Lord and decided to sell it. We were able to get back what we put into it.

The bus will be sitting in our parking lot until we finalize the paperwork and remove the Tahoe Community Church stickers.



Upcoming Events

Daylight Savings time

Daylight savings time begins
March 14th. Set your clocks ahead one hour!

Palm Sunday: March 28

Good Friday Service: April 2, 5:00 pm

Resurrection Sunday: April 4

Vacation Bible School

(Dates are still to be determined)

Centrifuge Youth Camp

July 26-July 30

Memory Verses for March

- March 7 Daniel 9:2-3
- March 14 1 Peter 2:9
- March 21 Proverbs 15:31
- March 28 Galatians 3:26



Prayer Requests

From Ted

Ephesians 6:18 ***“And pray in the spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”***

One of the things your deacons are called to do is to pray for you. It is hard for us to pray for you if we don't what to pray for. I encourage you share your prayer needs so that we can obey God's word and "pray for all the saints." We know some things are personal. In that case, you can keep your prayer request between you and your Deacon or Deaconess. We will honor and respect your confidentiality.

If you have a prayer request to share with the congregation notify me by phone or email. I do my best to forward prayer requests right away. We also but pray concerns on the back of the Sunday bulletin as appropriate. Let's keep on prying for each other!

Here to Serve You

Elders: Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Mondo Gonzales, Leonard O'Malley (Emeritus)

Deacons/Deaconesses: Susie Brumbach, Jacky Daly, Jerry Klosterboer, Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich, Ted Beverage, Bill Kolstad, Jan Hurst

Church Staff: Mondo Gonzales, Pastor; Kai Keith
, Worship Director, Ted Beverage, Office Administrator

Christian School Teachers Director/Shearlings Teacher: Sarah Tran, Sheep Teacher: Anna Bailey, Lambs Teacher: Theresa DeGraffenreid, Teachers Aide: Sky Rosselle, Woolies Teacher: Balin Usher, Substitute Teacher: Thomas Tran

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