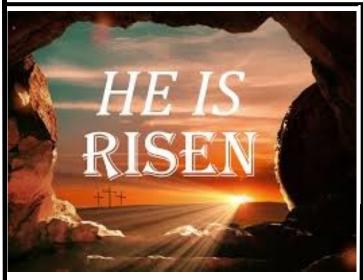
# Tahoe Community Church

# Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: April 2021

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

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

"The Angel said to the women, "do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. ..." Matthew 28:5-6

It was great to able to worship together on Good Friday and Easter Sunday! Last year we were in the middle of the Covid-19 shutdown. We had a virtual Easter Service but did not do one for good Friday.

Our Good Friday Service was well attended and the attendance on Easter was the largest we have had since reopening last summer.

For Good Friday, Mondo and Bob Daly did something similar to their "Fireside Chats." Together they guided us through the meaning of good Friday. On Easter Mondo took us from Isaiah to Revelation explaining the relevance of the resurrection. Both of these messages can be found on our website.

A special thanks goes to Kai Keith and the worship team for all the work they put In to making both services worshipful and one to remember.

It was so good to see church family we have not seen in a while. It looks like we may be on our way back to "normal" again. Praise to God for seeing us through this difficult year!

# Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.9:00 a.m.Praise Team Warm Up10:10 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

Mon. Classical Conversations in Session 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 am Knitting Group at Kathleen Huggin's

Life Groups as scheduled

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

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



# Mondo and Angela called to Serve in Oklahoma

On March 28, Mondo made the announcement from the podium that he has been called to serve the Lord with Prophecy Watchers in Oklahoma City.

Mondo and family will be leaving around the 5th of July. On the next page I included a copy of an e-mail Mondo sent out about his new ministry.

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#### (Mondo and Angela called cont.)



"TCC Family,

Several people have asked about the new work that God is calling me to. I apologize for not sharing this yesterday. (March 28th in Church)

I will not be pastoring a church, but doing ministry at

Prophecy Watchers in Oklahoma City. Their website is <u>prophecywatchers.com</u>. You can also download their app on any iPhone or Android device.

Prophecy Watchers currently have a large internet presence through their website and Youtube channel. Additionally, they are on many television studios throughout the southeastern part of the country as well as worldwide through various satellite and cable networks. Their goal also is to start a radio network also in the next few months for the purpose of using prophetic news as a tool for evangelism in the same way they do this with TV programs.

My responsibilities would be to research, write for their monthly magazine, and teach studies to add content to their phone app and website along with co-hosting the program with the current host, Gary Stearman, who will be retiring in the future.

Here is a program I did with Gary that was just uploaded on Saturday. This was the program that we did on the Ten Kings based on the article that I wrote and shared with you all a few weeks ago.

They made me wear a suit!

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKxk0Xwv884

The great thing is that I will have an extensive amount of freedom to create my own teachings and post them online throughout all their platforms as well through the upcoming radio network opportunities.

We definitely know the time is getting shorter and evangelism through prophecy seems like a tremendous opportunity to use God's gifts to reach a lot of people with the saving gospel.

Blessings and thank you for you prayers, By His grace, Mondo"

Please pray for Mondo, Angela, and the girls as they all make preparations for their upcoming move! The elders will be deciding when to start the search for our new pastor soon. I will pass information on to all of you as it becomes available. Feel free to call the church office if you have any auestions.

Ted Beverage

## Vacation Bible School!



#### Unearthing the Truth about Jesus!

#### June 21 through June 25

Grab your pickaxe and shovel! VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

We will need everyone's help make VBS a successful even so please see Jacky Daly to sign up to help. Preregistration for kids will begin soon.

Stay tuned for more "earth shattering" news from VBS!



# Youth Summer Camp

Join us for FUGE Camps 2021 as we discover how

to dwell with God, rest in His presence, push past distractions, and focus on His peace. Spending time with the Lord changes everything!

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!



# Restoration Continues

We are seeing progress as we near the end of the Preschool Room restoration project, not as

fast as we would like, but we are seeing progress!

As you can see from the photo, the new flooring is completed and the doors have been finished and hung up. So what is left? Quite a lot!

- Appliances need to be installed and the electrical and plumbing need to be finished up including installing a new hot water heater.
- New cabinets need to be constructed
- Baseboards and some trimming need to be put in
- The front door will be replaced with a safety door
- The half wall from the front door to Sarah's office needs to be constructed.
- Ceiling tiles need to be put in.

Our contractor is telling us that the project should be finished in about three weeks. After that, 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 Construction Projects

The Discovery Zone and Kid's Zone buildings are getting new exterior doors.

Some of the existing doors are not exterior doors at all but are actually interior doors!

The doors have been received and have been painted by Mike Furno. Thanks Mike, they look great!

Instillation of the doors is scheduled for two weeks after Easter. These doors will not only look better but will be a lot more secure and safety compliant. The doors are designed to open out instead of in, which is important in case we have to evacuate the buildings in an emergency. They will also have crash bars on them. Ted will have the new keys if you need to get one. (All doors will be keyed the same)



# Your Security Team at Work

By Matt Petty

Good people,

Happy Easter! The Safety Team continues to work behind the scenes to

address any safety concerns surrounding TCC from an all-hazards perspective. We are excited to have our security camera project nearly completed which allows 24/7 monitoring of our campus, especially the children's ministry buildings. Our children are escorted to their classes by a safety team member and the entrances to those buildings are visible to the sound technicians during services.

The Safety Team also actively reviews best practices for the protection of our attendees and our respective ministry efforts such as those from the Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention (ECAP) https://www.ecap.net/; legal updates and guidance from Telios Law at https://telioslaw.com/practice-area/religious-nonprofit-law; fire safety, disaster preparedness and wildfire warnings from the Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities at https://www.tahoelivingwithfire.com/get-involved/; and coordination with local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. The Safety Team also solicits your input and suggestions. Any questions, comments, or suggestions for improvement can be directed to the church office.

Current Threat Environment: although there was a bombing of a church in Indonesia on Palm Sunday, there are no known threats to physical safety in our region. There are numerous cyber-related threats that are active in our region and some that are directed at Churches specifically. The Safety Team would like to remind folks to be extra cautious about their on-line activity. Do not respond to suspicious emails that you were not expecting, even if they claim to be from someone you know, and do not click on any links that you are not certain of. As we are headed into Spring, it is a good time to update your on-line passwords, check your extinguishers, and change your smoke detector batteries. Tips for on-line safety can be found here: https:// www.forbes.com/uk/advisor/personalfinance/2021/01/05/fraud-5-hot-scams-in-2021-andhow-to-avoid-them/.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

**TCC Safety Team** 



# Missionary News & Prayer by Carol Borsos

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

In general, please pray for our Lord's will regarding the Covid virus, healing, and vaccinations for all our missionaries, believers, and the people they reach out to.

#### Macedonia Missions to the Balkans Petre Petrov. Director

Pray that all the Services, Bible Studies, and Youth Meetings that are gathering will be able to continue. Macedonia is not supplied with very many doses of any vaccine at this time. Pray that the believers who are fearful will read their Bible and put their faith and hope in Jesus. Pray that He comforts them, especially those who have lost family members to the disease.

Pray for Kosta & Nada Milkov suffering with Covid. The country is experiencing their 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the virus. The five pastors and their families we prayed for earlier are all home and recovering well from the virus. Praise the Lord!

The new church in Radovish opened and is conducting services. Robert & Krasi are the leaders and God is richly blessing the church.

The Tetovo Alpha Course had to be put on hold a bit because of covid. Pray those affected will recover and that they will be able to meet again soon. Petre says the people really enjoy learning more about God.

The small church in Kratovo is closed but God is using a believer, Anita, to lead a Christian radio program every day in the city of Ohrid. She also helps with Bible classes for children and teens. Thanking our Lord for how He gets His Word proclaimed.

Pray for a new vehicle for pastor Socrat who serves among Macedonians and Gypsy community.

#### **Central Asian Family**

We have welcomed the family to Tahoe and pray for a Sunday they can share with us.

Pray for their travels to North Dakota on April 21st. Intercede for them to have good rest and time together for all their family.

Continue praying for a midwife to partner with them and for the location of the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> son due in May. Pray for the delivery and adjustments for E&E with their new baby brother.

Continue praying for who to meet with during their time in the USA. J&H desire wisdom, discernment and unity as they seek the Lord for what goals He wants them to set for the future.

Continue interceding for the sandwich shop business and all involved as they work in J&H's absence. Pray they rise to all the challenges and overcome all temptations.

Pray their small groups gather and multiply in faith and obedience while they are away.

A good friend, A, died March 25<sup>th</sup> in a car accident. Pray for her family as they grieve her loss and for them to be transformed during this time of great pain. (J says there was no definite evidence she was saved. We trust God's perfect will.)

Continue praying for the opportunity and means to return to Central Asia in mid July.

#### Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

Pray for pastors, churches, and believers to grow in their passion and commitment for sharing Jesus with others. Pray the Holy Spirit gives them a heart and conviction for evangelism and how that takes place within the Japanese culture.

Pray God strengthens members and leaders through worship, the Word, and fellowship. Pray churches understand their challenges and receive God's grace to overcome them.

Pray that God provides a new generation of church planters that includes pastors, missionaries, and lay leaders.

Continue praying for the Lord's blessing on Tim and Susan's Japanese language evangelism training launching this year.

#### Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

Clinic volunteers are thankful for how our Lord provides for this ministry through prayer, answers to prayer, and finances. Pray the Holy Spirit guides the Director and the board members in decisions and direction for the clinics future.

May God be pleased to grant clarity and courage, repentance and hope to each of one who comes into the clinic.

Pray for the males and family members involved with the clients who come into the clinic. Sometimes they come too. As clients receive truthful information that it helps educate them regarding their choice options and that they understand the outcomes they can expect from the choices they make.

Pray for clients who need the Lord's healing from a past abortion as they spend time in God's Word and are prayed for.

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#### (Missionary News Continued)

Clients call for many reasons, sometimes just for information. Pray that God causes those who should come in and meet with an advocate to make an appointment and agree to have

an ultrasound if they are pregnant.

#### J.O. in Ethiopia

J is meeting new people all the time. Some are curious about the Good News he speaks about. He makes plans to meet with them again, Lord willing.

Pray that the relationships the Lord is forming, and the seeds J is planting, will be on fertile grounds. Praise our Lord for His faithfulness when we are so weak.

The grant we were praying for may materialize in a few months but for now there are enough funds to make first payments on the contract for the new building for teaching. They are trusting the Lord to provide as they need.

Pray for additional uses for the building; a women's gym, taekwondo school, and cooking classes, and that all of theses will be a blessing to the community.

#### Pastor W. in Pakistan

Pray for our pastor to have a deep joy that would be his strength through adversity. (Nothing specific. There is much persecution in Pakistan towards Christians.)

The Lord presents opportunities to those who serve Him to reach the lost. Pray the Holy Spirit leads Christians to those whom He is opening the heart to hear the Gospel all over the country of Pakistan.

The team traveling to the unreached dangerous area of Pakistan was delayed because of a covid spike. They should be going later on in April. Pray for them to be used mightily by the Lord.

Covid #'s have increased in Pakistan and vaccine is not quite as available or widespread there. Pakistanis are skeptical of getting the vaccination.

Pastor W. is doing well and asks for prayers for his children, their jobs and potential future spouses.

The brick kiln churches are doing well. Illiteracy in the kilns is the norm. Pray for those who can read to be a light to others.



## 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!



## Classical Christian Community

The classical conversations community we sponsor at our church is going strong with 22 kids in attendance. Director Jenna Cabral incorporates learning into every activity. For example, today they ordered pizza for the kids and learned that the probability that each student would get the pizza they liked was one in seven!

Each week the students have to give a short oral presentation. Kind of like show and tell but more involved. And the higher the age group, the more involved the presentations get! This activity, along with many others, really prepares these kids to succeed latter on.

I am constantly impressed with the education these kids are getting including Christian education as bible lessons are included in the curriculum. If any of you are considering homeschooling, you need to check this group out!

We as a church should be proud to host this community of Christian homeschoolers!



# Al Tahoe Life Group Restarts

The Al Tahoe Life Group has started up again! This home group meets at Jacki Wright's home on the 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of the month from 2-4-pm. Contact Jacki for more information.



# 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. Alex Salvador has just recently started training on video, thanks Alex!



## An Easter Study from the Navigators

The resurrection of Jesus proves that there is life after death (1 Corinthians 15:13-22) and it shows us that Jesus was, in fact, who He said He was! Navigators U.S. President Doug Nuenke shares encouragement to walk in the Good News during Holy Week.

As we approach Easter, there are many things that could be said about the importance of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. However, there are three primary things to highlight:

# 1. Every aspect of the Good News of Jesus is rooted, connected, catalyzed, and proven through the events we remember during Easter.

This includes our adoption, the promised Holy Spirit, reconciliation with God, and more.

The resurrection of Jesus proves that there is life after death (1 Corinthians 15:13-22) and it shows us that Jesus was, in fact, who He said He was! All of Jesus' truth claims and "I am" statements are proven true in His rising on the third day.

# 2. The cross and the blood of Christ are the basis for our redemption.

Read the following passages of Scripture:

Romans 3:25 Ephesians 1:7 1 Peter 3:18 2 Corinthians 5:21

# 3. The resurrection is the foundation for our new life and the power of living in Jesus.

Read the following passages of Scripture:

Romans 6:5-9 Ephesians 2:4-7

The fact that, in faith, we are now alive in Jesus and no longer stuck in the death of sin is very good news!

#### Application

As you reflect on these aspects of the gospel, what new insights do you gain? How does it make you feel? How does this encourage you as you walk in the Good News during Holy Week?

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# South Shore Life Group

Good news! The South Shore Home Group resumes on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00pm. They

will start with dinner fellowship at 6:00pm and Bible study at 7:00pm. The group will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The group is hosted by Dan and Louisa Boone and meets in their home at 1246 Boren Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA.

#### Our Christian School Kids in Action!



It's Spring and we are planting seeds!



Easter Egg Fun!



# Christian School Updates

Sarah Tran, Director

"But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength re-

newed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak." Isaiah 40:31

Welcome Spring! We are grateful for the spring thaw that has melted the icebergs around our playground and classrooms. We are also very grateful to Ted Beverage and Thomas Tran for breaking up those huge chunks of ice so they could melt faster! It is such a blessing to have a safe play space for the children to enjoy!

We are very excited to enjoy the many festivities of Easter in our classes. We are looking forward to the celebration of New and Renewed Life along with renewed strength for the remainder of the year. This past week we have been enjoying coloring eggs, making baskets, planting seeds, and learning Resurrection Songs! A special thank you to Kai Keith and his daughter, Kaylena for providing a Good Friday Service especially for the children!.

This past month, in March, we marked one year on our calendars since the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic reached Nevada and our little Christian Preschool had to shift into a very isolated, essential care mode. Then in the following September we were able to expand into a less strictly isolated, essential care and school-age learning environment mode. We give thanks to God who has brought us safely through these transitions. We are now in the last 13 weeks of our school year program and we are looking forward to our next transition into our summer program. We will continue to observe all the Child Care Licensing isolating protocols until they are officially lifted, but we are praying for a less isolated and less restrictive summer.

We have been on quite a journey this last year and we have experienced some dramatic changes along the way. We dropped from having a full staff of seven full and part-time Teachers to having just two or three full and part-time Teachers; we lost the use of our main classroom due to the flooding from the Fellowship Hall back in August; we also created a virtual learning environment for our CA school age children and adjusted and readjusted their schedules based on the everchanging lock-down and hybrid learning

requirements in our neighboring state. Through it all God has been faithful! We are surrounded with evidence of this faithfulness on a daily basis. One of the clearest signs are the fruits of the Spirit (*Galatians* 5:22,23) we see growing in us and in our children. We talk about these fruits often throughout our day.

Here are some of the explanations of how we show these fruits to one another from our 3-5 year-olds:

**LOVE**: hugs and kisses, making cards with hearts, writing valentines

**JOY:** being happy, celebrating birthdays, giving someone a balloon

**PEACE:** having peace and quiet, being nice, not being worried

**PATIENCE**: when someone says "one second" you say "okay" in a nice voice, being calm when you have to wait

**KINDNESS:** using nice words with people who are being mean

**GOODNESS:** being grown-up and taking care of people just like Daddy does

**FAITHFULNESS:** praying and blowing kisses to the sky for God, listening to Bible stories

GENTLENESS: leaving people alone when they say "leave me alone", hugging people with hurt feelings SELF-CONTROL: doing something nice when you don't want to, looking at the floor and taking deep breaths when you're mad, stopping strong words from coming out of your mouth until you are grown up and live in your own house by yourself so no one else has to listen to you say it, squeezing your hands in a fist but with your arms straight so you do not actually hit anything

(Self-control is probably their favorite fruit to talk about.) Please pray that each of us will continue to grow all of the fruits of the Spirit and please continue to keep our Christian School in your prayers!



Spring has come and our children are excited to get out and play without snow clothes! We have been coloring Shamrocks and Easter eggs and learning about the Easter story and all of the events leading up to it. We

are looking forward to counting everything Spring (counting bugs, butterflies, flowers and seeds) and learning about the 7 days of Creation, 10 commandments and so much more! Thank you so much to the Church volunteers who have kept our walkways clear through Winter and working with us as we are confined to a limited space while we wait for our downstairs classroom to be ready. **Teacher Anna Bailey** 



## Upcoming Events

#### **Church Cleaning Day**

Saturday April 17th at 9:30am

We will be "deep cleaning" in the church buildings

#### **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday May 6th at 12:00pm We will meet at the flag pole in front of the Sheriff's office to pray for our community and our country

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Destination Dig: Unearthing the truth about Jesus June 21 - June 25

#### Centrifuge Youth Camp

July 26 - July 30

#### Memory Verses for April

- April 4 Psalm 89:8
- April 11 Proverbs 19:21
- April 18 Ruth 4:14
- April 25 Ephesians 4:2



# Children's Church Needs Help!



Some of our faithful children's church leaders are leaving soon and we are in need of replacements. All you need is a willing spirit and love for children! All the materials and training that you need are provided. You will only be asked to serve about once a month. Please pray about this and contact Jacky Daly if the Lord leads you to serve in this area.

**Special Note**: Hannah and James Thorson will be sharing about their adventures in Central Asia next Sunday. They will be departing for North Dakoda soon so you don't want to miss this opportunity to them speak.

#### 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, Tootie O'Malley (On Sabbatical)

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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