

# Tahoe Community Church

*Notes, Announcements, and Reminders: May 2021*

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

*Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!*



## 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.

**Supply Needs:** Please start collecting round oatmeal boxes and empty "Pringles" style potato chip cans. You can bring them into the office any time. Give them to Ted or leave them on the front table.

**Teachers and Helpers:** We still have a lot of openings for teachers and helpers in all areas.

**Volunteer Meeting:** Our first volunteer meeting will be Saturday, May 15th at 5:45pm. We will have a pot luck meal at the start of the meeting. See you there! Dig it?

## 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

Wed.	7:00 a.m. 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.	5:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
Fri.	6:00 p.m. Word of Life Worship Service



## Pastor Search is Underway!

By Kathy Pavich

We are so sad that Mondo and his family have been called away from Tahoe Community Church. That means the Pastor Search Committee has once again been called to search for a new pastor.

The Pastor Search Committee members are: Kathy Pavich, Bill Kolstad, Bill Rowell, Bob Pavich, Carol Borsos, Jan Hurst, and Kathleen Huggins.

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### (Pastor Search continued)

At this time, we are revising the Church Profile that was used in 2016/2017 when the Lord called Mondo to be our pastor. The Committee has been going through this document line by line to update, correct and make slight additions to its wording. Mondo has been of great assistance in revising parts of this document, especially items having to do with our church theology and the pastor duties. The Committee is consolidating some of the steps used in the last pastor search, so it is possible it will not take us the eight months of our last search to find the candidate the Lord has for us. God's timing in this!

#### The following is a summary of how the Committee will conduct this search:

The Committee hopes to be able to post the job posting on various websites, where possible candidates typically search for positions as a pastor, in early May. As responses come in from these postings, the Committee will review each resume and any other information sent by the candidate. As the candidates are narrowed down, the Committee will send further questions which may or may not lead to Zoom interviews. The Committee, after 100% agreement, and with the approval of the Elders, will give you information on the candidate who will be invited to Tahoe Community Church so you have the chance to get to know him and for him to preach.

The Members of Tahoe Community Church will vote 'yes' or 'no' on this candidate as our new pastor. Per our church bi-laws, only members are allowed to vote.

You should know and understand that this Committee is unified in the Lord and led by the Lord in each and every step we take. Our new pastor will be called by the Lord – His will, not the Committee's.

All Information of this Pastor Search is confidential and as members of this Committee, we will not share details with you. Kathy Pavich as Chairperson, will try to keep the Body of TCC updated on the progress of the Committee. You are welcome to express your thoughts and questions to Kathy Pavich or other committee members on what our next pastor may be like, but again remember that the Committee will be listening for God's direction.

The Pastor Search Committee is asking for your prayers. Please pray for God's will in everything we do, open hearts and minds, discernment, and unity in Christ. His will be done, not ours!  
Kathy Pavich

## Grateful a the Lake is Back!



Grateful at the Lake is a weekly concert/ evangelistic outreach ministry meeting at Lakeview Commons Saturday afternoons at 4:00pm.

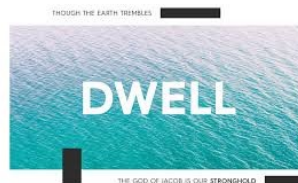
We are seeking volunteers to help unload, move, and set up equipment needed. Help for tear-down at the end would also be appreciated.

We need evangelism volunteers to reach out to people and pass out tracts and flyers. Generally, the band arrives two hours early, sets up the equipment and rehearses right out in the open providing opportunities for volunteers to speak to people.

We could also use helpers to set up an email list to communicate with participants.

Please pray for the Grateful at the Lake Out-reaches! Please feel free to call if you have any other Questions.

Bob Daly: (530) 545-9918  
Kevin Mayer: (831) 484-2035



## 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 finally seeing progress as we near the end of the Preschool Room restoration project!

As you can see from the photo, the new entry door has been installed and looks great! Keep in mind that the white siding you see will be painted to match the rest of the building. On the inside, most of the cabinets are up now including doors.

### So what is left? Not as much as there was!

- Electrical and plumbing need to be finished up including installing a new hot water heater
- Sinks and toilets need to be installed
- Some cabinets still need to be constructed
- Counter tops need to be installed
- Baseboards and some trimming need to be put in
- The half wall from the front door to Sarah's office is framed but needs to be drywalled
- Ceiling tiles need to be put in
- The window to the new crib room needs to be put in and framed.

We are pushing our contractor to have the project finished in about two weeks. The next step will be to move Sarah's office items back in and empty and get rid of the Pods. After that, we can refurbish the rest of the room and get ready to welcome our kids back into their new classroom!

Please contact us in the office if you have any questions. Ted



## Post Vaccination Scams

By Matt Petty

The Safety Team would like to provide the following information for your situational awareness. As stated previously, TCC makes no recommendation about personal healthcare decisions involving Covid-19. That said, for those who choose to get vaccinated, the following is important information.

The FBI is warning people about a new scam targeting people who have received a COVID-19 vaccine. An increasing number of those vaccinated are being asked via email and/or text message to participate in a fraudulent post-vaccine survey. If they participate, they are promised "a prize or cash". Neither Pfizer™, Moderna™ nor Johnson & Johnson™ are conducting post-vaccination surveys. The FBI says any emails or text messages that appear to be sent from these companies seeking financial info are fraudulent.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), and the FBI recently published a Public Service Announcement regarding fake COVID vaccination card scams as well. Since the beginning of COVID-19, there have been numerous scams identified seeking to capitalize off public panic and unsuspecting individuals, including the elderly. These scams have unanimously been aimed at seeking to collect personal identification information and are identified as financial fraud schemes. The FBI urges vigilance during the pandemic and has multiple tactics to avoid being defrauded. Signs of potential scams include:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on vaccine waiting lists or to get early access.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

**Protect yourself!** Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.



## Missionary News & Prayer

by Carol Borsos

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

### Missions Prayer and Praise

More than three billion people worldwide don't have access to local churches, pastors, and Bibles in their native languages. They represent more than 7,000 people groups ("nations"), with their own languages, cultures, and traditions.

**(Info from Advancing Native Missions)**

### Macedonia Missions to the Balkans/ANM Petre Petrov, Director

In April, Macedonia was under a new wave of the Corona virus. Pray for the evangelistic work the brethren desire to do in several communities there. Pray for how our Lord will get the Good News out to people whose hearts are prepared to hear.

Recently the church in Skopje completed training for new Sunday School Teachers that will work with children and teens. Pray for the restart of regular services there.

The believers of Prelip church to the Gypsy people went outside, on the streets, and in the market place in the city. They gave out Christian booklets, and seeds for planting to the people they met. They were able to start conversations with many of them and to share about their hope in Christ.

Pastor Dragan doing pioneer work in Resen, is trying to reach new families and villages. They visited three schools and gave Christmas Shoeboxes to every child. They also received New Testaments and Christian booklets.

Pray for a new online project in Gevgelija, in cooperation with Sarang Church from South Korea. Included is English and Korean Cooking, Computer, and Instrument learning instructions for children ages 12-17 years old.

Their biggest need and challenge right now is financial support. Every month is a new battle. They don't know if some of the pastors, leaders, and families will have something to put on the table. Pray for God's provision for His servants.

### Central Asian Family

J., H. and family arrived safely in North Dakota in mid April. What a joy it was to have them visit us here in Tahoe for a month! We were even blessed with a wonderful time of sharing one Sunday.

Pray as they get in contact with a midwife, health for H. and baby boy E's arrival at the end of May.

Pray the boys E & E adjust to being with another part of their family, and grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord from instruction and example provided by their parents.

Now in a new location, pray for who to meet during their time there. Pray also for continued wisdom, discernment and unity as they seek the Lord for what goals He wants them to set for the future.

The sandwich shops in Central Asia are going strong. Pray for health, endurance, and joy for the workers. Pray for opportunities to share the Truth with customers.

Pray for the children and workers at the orphanages in Central Asia as they receive and give therapy to those with disabilities. Pray for the love of the Father to shine through to them all.

### Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

Thank you for praying for the recent training. Participants gained more focus on ministry activities to reach their vision, mission, values, goals, strategies and action steps. It was tiring as they continued to fulfill their regular ministry roles at the same time. Pray for the workers to serve with new vitality and encouragement from the Lord.

Workers aren't currently able to go to Japan due to Covid restrictions. Because of that, "Journey Through Japan" will launch May 8<sup>th</sup> through two zoom calls. Pray God uses it to build His Kingdom and that workers and prayer would be mobilized.

They have added the role of care-taker for one of the ministry's owned holiday homes. It is a three hour drive from where they live. These homes are used by missionaries for rest and retreats. Pray they have humble, servant-hearts as they do what is needed.

Over Easter they shared tracts and home-made bread with neighbors, Mrs. Ito and Mrs. Uehara. Pray the Holy Spirit enters their hearts. Also, Yui, whom Tim disciples over zoom, has returned to Japan for college. Pray her faith is sure and unshakable.

Pray for God's wisdom for a difficult situation with a few of their workers. Pray for good relationships and opportunities to serve and be influential with the small Baptist Church they are attending.

### Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

The services provided are free and are making a significant difference in the lives of many in our community. Pray as the counselors give life-affirming truth to each person they encounter.

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### (Missionary News Continued)

The counselors desire, above all else, to reflect God's promises and to show His heart for each life, and every unborn life.

The Mobile Medical Unit should be on the move soon. This front-line work can reach those who may not call or step foot into the Clinic. Pray for a dedicated team as it is being developed.

When a client chooses life for her baby, the next way she can be encourage and informed is by signing up for the clinics parenting classes. These classes provide opportunity for the relationship between advocates and clients to grow, and more opportunities to share Gospel truths.

The clinic has slated Friday, September 24, 2021 for their annual Fundraiser Gala. Pray for the preparations and planning. Information about the Gala will be released early this summer.

#### J.O. in Ethiopia

J. is blessed to be meeting new people all the time. Pray the Holy Spirit is putting people with open hearts in J's path. Pray for relationships to grow and opportunities to share Good News with them and that they will ask questions he can answer with Truth.

Language study, and teaching English as a second language to students, continues. This is J's main focus. Pray for how the Good News is incorporated into this work and God gives the words in the responses each teacher can give. Pray for unity with J's team.

There is still no word on the grant they are waiting for. Pray for God's wisdom in the choices that are being made.

#### Pastor W. in Pakistan

Ask for God's favor on all FMI pastors as they aim to make disciples, not simply converts. There are several pastors in Pakistan, and FMI also has pastors and workers in Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Kenya.

Continue praying for whom God will provide to take Pastor W's place for future ministry. There is no urgent request, but it is always good to pray for preparation as Pastor W. is getting older.

Pray for the team that was supposed to travel to a dangerous area of Pakistan to scout out a new area for ministry. There is no word on the outcome of this trip but we trust God is in the work, guiding and leading.

We rejoice with Nadimah, one of the leaders in the Women's Discipleship Initiative. The ministry flourishes and grows! Many younger females are being raised up to engage in evangelism and discipleship.

Pray for a revival to sweep among the women of Pakistan.

Pray for ministry leaders when they travel overseas. With Covid and other religious regulations, their travels are dangerous. They have to pass through checkpoints with military and police, and are experiencing unexpected delays. Despite these occurrences, God is faithful to them. Pray for His wisdom in them as they travel.

## Classical Conversations

Classical Christian Community

The Classical Conversations Community that we have been hosting has concluded their 2020-2021 school year. They are scheduled to start the next school year sometime in August.

It was a real pleasure hosting this group and we looking forward to continuing our relationship with them in the fall!



### Bible Study Breakfast

The Bible study and breakfast 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.

Stop by sometime and join in for some good food, good Bible Study, and good fellowship!



### 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.

Alex Salvador has joined our video team, thanks Alex, but we could use one more trained volunteer 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 are interested in serving the Lord in this capacity.



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## Life Groups

We currently have two Life Groups that are meeting regularly.

### Al Tahoe Life Group

The Al Tahoe Life 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.

### South Shore Life Group

The South Shore Life Group is hosted by Dan and Louisa Boone and meets in their home at 1246 Boren Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. They start with dinner fellowship at 6:00pm followed by Bible study at 7:00pm. Contact Louisa Boone or Bob Daly for more information.



## Women's Bible Study

The women have concluded their current study and are taking a break for the summer. Stay tuned for information on their Fall Bible Study which will start in August or September.



## Other Construction Projects

The Discovery Zone and Kid's Zone buildings now have new exterior doors! The doors are designed to open out instead of in, which is important in case we have to evacuate the buildings in an emergency. The two exit doors also have crash bars on them. New keys are available in the office for anyone who needs one. Please see Ted for keys.

Please do not copy any church keys! We are trying to control who has access to our buildings. Thank You!

You will also notice in the photos above and below that Leonard O'Malley has been hard at work on our landscaping. If you have time to walk around the property you will see how beautiful it is now! Leonard did a lot the work but there were others that helped as well.

Many thanks to All!



## Winter Food and Gospel Project

Our food collection drive for Christmas Cheer has come to an end for the season. Thanks to the generosity of all those who donated, we were able to help Christmas Cheer provide needed food and other items for the needy in our community.

The church would like to thank Mike Furno for coordinating this project and delivering all of the items collected.

We will restart this project again when the need arises, probably in the fall. Thanks to all!



## More than Shoeboxes

When we think of Samaritan's Purse, most of us think of the shoebox drive. While that is a large part of what they do, Samaritan's Purse does a lot more!

Here are a just a few examples from this year alone:

- In February, enough food was sent to Ethiopia to feed 15,000 hungry children for a month. Food was also sent to Venezuela following a flood.
- Also in February, food, water and other supplies were sent to Texas following the historic winter storm that left many without power for a long time.

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# Christian School Updates

Sarah Tran, Director  
May 2021:

***"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in" Psalm 24:7***

We have new classroom doors! Thank you to the Safety team for advocating for outward opening doors for our two upstairs classrooms (Kids Zone and Discovery Zone). Thank you to Mike Furno and his team of contractors for making that happen! Also thank you to Mike and his team of volunteer painters for improving our entries and exits and especially for improving our new street side door on the Kids Zone. And a big thank you to Leonard O'Malley for dramatically brightening our Kid Zone landscaping. Our Preschool families love their new entry! Our downstairs classroom has a new door as well (installed by Mike's son-in-law), again thank you Mike!

We still have two large storage pods sitting outside that downstairs classroom that have been there since August 2020. It may not look like much has been happening with them, but the larger one has been completely emptied, cleaned and sanitized and is now slowly filling up with furniture and materials that will be brought into the classroom in the next few weeks when the work is completed.

The upstairs Teachers are very excited to have our downstairs materials that have been taking up space in their classrooms back where they belong. We are all looking forward to having the Preschool office, which has been taking up every extra corner of the Church office, put back together as well.

Even as things begin to settle down in the classrooms we continue to have changes in staffing. (We are still below the Early Childhood national average which has a 30% change in staffing each year.) We are all very sad to lose Teachers Anna and Sky but wish them well in their new pursuits. We are also so blessed to have Teacher Bonni return from her long Covid absence. The Teachers and children have been so excited to have her return! You can read Bonni's note in our Teachers Corner.

Please continue to keep the Preschool in prayer as we finish out our school year and transition into our summer program. We hope to have the details of our end of year program and summer registration finalized in the next few days. Please watch for the announcements!

Thank you, Sarah Tran

Here is a picture of some of the kids in front of their new entry door.



How can such cute kids be such terrors at times?



## (More than shoeboxes continued)

In March Relief was sent to tornado victims in the southeast.

- Wells were dug in the Philippines, Kenya, and many other countries providing clean water for those who had none.
- At the end of March tornado relief was sent to Alabama and Georgia.
- Last year during the height of the pandemic field hospitals were sent to New York, Italy and the Bahamas providing many extra hospital beds for Covid victims.
- Samaritan's Purse workers in 24 countries trained 878,643 people in preventive measures in an effort to contain the pandemic. Also, 28,00 food baskets were given out and 119,700 people were presented with the gospel.
- Samaritan's Purse is equipping farmers in countries like South Sudan, Kenya, Cambodia, and Bolivia with seeds, tools, and training needed to help them yield a bountiful harvest.

**As you can see, Samaritan's Purse is a lot more than just shoeboxes!**



Hi Everyone,

Yes, this is Teacher Bonni, finally back from a year long leave of absence. I know I have missed so

much during this time but I am very excited to see what activities and adventures we will do in the coming year!



Teacher Bonni Leon



## Upcoming Events

**Church Business Meeting**  
Sunday May 23 following the  
Morning Worship Service

**Christian School Graduation Day**  
May 27th at 6:00pm in the Worship Center

**Vacation Bible School**  
Destination Dig: Unearthing the truth about Jesus  
June 21 - June 25

**Centrifuge Youth Camp**  
July 26 – July 30

### Memory Verses for May

- May 2 Hebrews 11:1
- May 9 Romans 8:15
- May 16 Romans 2:15
- May 23 Luke 16:31
- May 30 Revelation 5:12



## 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.

**Lost and Found:** We have a large amount of lost and found items in the Worship Center on the coat racks. Please look through it and take what is yours. From now on, I will keep all lost and found items in the church office. Thanks! Ted

### 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/Sheep Teacher: Sarah Tran; Woolies/Lambs Teacher: Theresa DeGraffenreid, Bonni Leon, Balin Usher. Substitute Teacher: Thomas Tran

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