

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

September 2021

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



The Preschool is Closed

After a great 40 year run, Tahoe Douglas Christian Preschool and child Care closed it's doors on Friday, August 20th for the last time.

Tahoe Douglas Christian Preschool was established in 1981 as a ministry of Tahoe Community Church to serve a need in our community and to provide early childhood education to children in a Christian environment. The goal was to meet that need as well as the specific needs of each young child attending our preschool.

The school was founded under the leadership of Suzanne Newell, the sister of Tootie O'Malley, a blank owner of Tahoe Community Church. It began as "The Big A Club" and transitioned into a fully licensed preschool in 1981.

The second director was Rachel Fazio who led the preschool for about ten years before passing on the leadership of the school to Beth Peterson .

Beth Peterson was hired as a teacher in 1989 and became the Assistant Director that same year. Records indicate that bath became a Director/ teacher in 1991 and assumed full directorship in 1999. Beth retired from the preschool in 2015 after 26 years of service.

Sarah Tran was hired as the fourth and final director of the preschool on May4th, 2015.

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

- Mon. 9:00 a.m. Classical Conversations
- 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
3:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
Life Groups as scheduled
- Thurs. 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 a.m. The Kingsbury Huddle (Life Group)
- Fri. 6:00 p.m. Word of Life Worship Service

Over the years the preschool grew from a one room facility below the Fellowship Hall into utilizing all three of the buildings we have today.

We have had many teachers over the years who have served faithfully. When the decision was made to close the doors, we were down to four: Sarah Tran, Therese DeGraffenreid, Balin Usher, and Bonnie Leon. Thomas Tran was serving as a substitute teacher.

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in making the preschool a great success over the years including: the directors, the teachers, the teacher assistants, the countless number of volunteers, and the parents who entrusted us with the care of their children.

As we close the preschool, we look forward with great anticipation to what the lord has planned for the use of our facilities next!



Pastor Search Update

By Kathy Pavich

The Pastor Search Committee has been very busy vetting resumes as they come in, listening to sermons, and reading answers to many questions that were posed to the different candidates.

We have a few candidates who are now continuing on in our pastor search process. There are specific candidates that are of great interest and are further along in the process.

This does not mean that God has absolutely shown us who our next pastor might be, but we are encouraged at this time. Please pray for our discernment and God's will!

Just another reminder that all information of this Pastor Search is confidential and as members of this Committee, we will not share details with you. However, the Committee will keep the Body of TCC updated on the progress of the Committee. Please feel free to ask Kathy Pavich questions.

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee. Pray for God's will in everything we do, for God to send us the man he would have for this church, His discernment and wisdom in us recognizing the perfect candidate He sends us, and unity in Christ. His will be done, not ours!

Kathy Pavich

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



A Note from Mondo

TCC,

You all are in my prayers constantly! I am so glad to hear most, if not all of you are back in Tahoe. Praise the Lord!

Bob and I began a series on the end times back in January of this year. Can you believe how far and fast our country (and the world) has descended into chaos, deception and the verge of tyranny? Even though I have taught end time prophecy for two decades, I am shocked at how fast things are accelerating.

To see our freedoms being stripped away and people being forced to take a vaccine or lose their livelihood is unprecedented. I am encouraged that Jesus's words are true and that our only ultimate hope is found in our eternal salvation.

Jesus appointed us for such a time as this, so I don't lose confidence because we know that He has equipped us to be part of the generation that stays true.

Please receive my hugs and greetings! We miss you all!

If the world isn't ending, we still plan on seeing you in early December sometime.



Restoration is Finished !!

After an entire year, the restoration project on the preschool building that began in August of last year is finished.

After we finally got over the hurdle of getting the Fire Control Panel fixed, tagged, and inspected, the rest fell into place. Bill Kolstad had a major role in getting that difficult project done for us.

We received permission to store items in the room while waiting final inspection and were able to empty the storage POD on September 6th. The POD was removed on September 8th and for the first time in over a year, the Church no longer looks like a construction Zone!

The Final inspection was held today. There were a few items to correct so the final inspection has been set for tomorrow, September 14th. Thanks to Leonard O'Malley for finishing up the project and for us and making the necessary corrects to enable us to pass the inspection.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mike Furno who has headed up this project from the beginning. Without Mike's hard work, the project would probably still not be finished. Thanks Mike!

Mondo is Praying for Us



The Photo to the left was taken on Mondo's last Sunday with us. I really like this picture and wanted to include it in the last

newsletter but there wasn't enough room. It reminds me that Mondo is still praying for us even though he is not longer our Pastor. Thanks Mondo!

Church Service Canceled due to Caldor Fire



September 5th was an historic date for us. For the first time in our church history Sunday Services had to be canceled due to a wild fire. We had to cancel services at least twice because of snow-storms, but never because of a fire!

The Caldor fire, which started near Pollak Pines, spread rapidly through the forest and threatened the Tahoe Basin. Because of this threat, the entire City of South Lake Tahoe was evacuated on Monday October 30th. That was also a first. By Wednesday, evacuation orders had extended to Nevada including the Lower Kingsbury areas.

Thanks to God's mercy, most of the Lake



Tahoe Area was spared from the fire and the evacuation orders for most of us were lifted Sunday afternoon on September 5th.

Lets pray that we never have to cancel Services again because of a Fire!

The photo on the Left is from Ted and Karen's back porch!



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 in the book of Hebrews. This study is now open to everyone so stop by sometime and join in for some good food, good Bible Study,

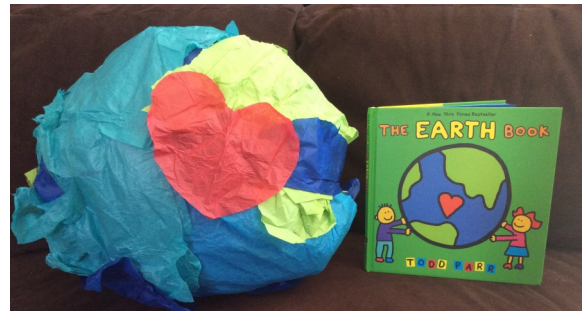


A Message from Sarah Tran

"For everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

What a wonderful finale for our 40th year of Preschool! On Wednesday, August 18, we celebrated the end of our 12 week Summer of Classic stories and the 7 days of Creation with an amazing performance of Bible verses and songs (one for each weekly theme). This was followed by a potluck and a silent auction of books and story props There were seven creation stories and twelve classic stories. Each story had an accompanying prop made by the children entirely out of recycled materials!!! We so appreciate those from the Church family who were able to be there with us as we celebrated with the Preschool families and said goodbye to our graduates on their way to Kindergarten. The love and warmth of that last gathering and the exuberant energy of that last performance are memorable.

Thank you, Sarah Tran
Former Preschool Director of Tahoe Douglas Christian Preschool (2015-2021)



From: Teacher Theresa DeGraffenreid

This past Tuesday, September 7th, I would have been going into my 4th year working at Tahoe/Douglas Christian Preschool. The opportunity to work at a church school was so important to me. I was so happy to be able to bring the love of God and Christian values to the children in the community. I am a bit saddened about the closure but know that God will get all of us through the changes that are required of us if we just ask for his help. I also, ask that the church members continue to pray for all the teachers, and we will continue to pray for you.



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/ANM

Petre Petrov, Director

The Evangelical Church (E.C.) played a big role in the July camp. In total there were 110 participants, children & teens, who participated in fun, good fellowship, and night services with deep messages. Many attendees were from unchurched families so this was an open door for God's grace to enter their homes. Five teens committed their lives to Christ and were baptized! Pray the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of many and adds them to the Father's Kingdom.

Over the summer there were several such camps and outreaches resulting in several baptisms. Pray for these new believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Negotino and Kavadarci there was worker training through the Bible League. Praise God for these Christian workers and His leading in using the gifts He has given them.

Pray for Mihail & Kate, a young couple that are motivating the youth and assisting the local pastor through a project called "Agape Connecting School" at the Gevgelija Church. The youth have been involved in several Zoom courses this summer. Pray for their spiritual growth and their relationship with Christ to go deeper.

Pray for Kire, a new believer from Resen who is willing to go to a Bible school.

Pray that Hope Centre (coffee house) in Resen becomes a place reaching a lot of new souls and a place of discipleship for new believers.

Central Asian Family

We were blessed to have the family visit with us for a week in August. Several people enjoyed an evening learning about their love for making disciples in a truthful, quick, and simple way. This is what they will be doing in North Dakota for a time before returning to their Central Asian home. Pray there will be a high level of interest in their discipleship activities.

At the women's event held at our church, we heard much about Women's Health Education groups from H. This is a much needed type of education for the physical, family, and spiritual health of women in Central Asia. The church has 2022 calendars available for a donation that helps support these groups. See Jacky Daly or Carol Borsos if you are interested in purchasing a calendar. The calendars are illustrated with pictures that tell about life in their Central Asian country.

J will also be helping with the family farm in North Dakota while they are there. Pray for the family to grow closer to each other and the Lord.

The sandwich business in Central Asia is doing well and the small groups they started are growing and thriving as well.

Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

After the Serve Asia Virtual Vision Trips in May and June, there was a flurry of emails of people interested in serving in Japan. Even though the borders are still closed to new visa holders, we are still encouraging people to start the process since it takes awhile for their application and partnership development. Praise our Lord and pray that He will make a way for new workers to get into Japan. If you know someone God is calling into ministry and specifically Japan, check out <https://opportunities.omf.org/locations/JP>

Praise and happiness; youngest son Chad is engaged!!! Emily and Chad met during a year in Mexico studying at a linguistics, Bible, and cultural training. We are thankful for the sweet and spiritually minded woman that she is. They are exploring getting more Bible training as well as discovering where God is leading them as they have a heart for East and Central Asia. The wedding is set for December. Pray for how and who can attend.

The Tokyo Olympics have finished and the Covid cases in Tokyo and Japan are at an all time high. Vaccine availability has slowed with shortages.

We are thankful for preaching opportunities for Tim. Please pray for healing from a broken ankle. We are thankful for good medical care, crutches, and some Olympics to watch as he patiently and diligently works from home.

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Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

Our monetary gifts and prayers are having an impact on this ministry helping to save babies and to bring transformation to many families. Praise to our God!

They ask for prayer to reach women who have had an abortion. The "Forgiven and Set Free" Bible study starts again this Fall and they want as many as possible to come through this session. Healing over a past abortion can be experienced. Pray God will bring connections with those in need of forgiveness and healing.

Pray for the Fall Fundraiser Gala "Justice for the Unborn" and for the special speakers, Amy Ford and her son Jess Ford. Pray many will attend and respond to the opportunity to partner with the clinic in life-affirming services they provide. To learn more about the Gala go online to FriendsOfLifeChoices.org.

J.O. in Ethiopia

Continue praying for J who is teaching English to Ethiopian students. He loves doing the work for God's honor. Building relationships with his and other students to share the Good News is his hearts desire. Pray for future decisions for J in regards to this short term work. The original time-line was 1 year which would be December 2021.

Internet service is spotty and we don't hear regularly from J. Pray that God gets any important communication out to those who pray and need to know.

Pray for continued good health, strength, and endurance. Pray for times of rest and fellowship with the Lord.

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

Pray that the missions banquet on October 7th in Carson City is well attended and that many who come will be introduced to the ministry of FMI. The Pakistani, Ahmed, (name changed for safety) whom we prayed for a few years ago will be the key note speaker.

Vincent, who visited TCC last year, was here for a week making connections with churches and people. The trip was very fruitful he said.

Persecution is high in Pakistan. Charges of blasphemy lead to prison, court, and many times death, even if the charges are not true. Ahmed was a victim of this type of blasphemy. Increasingly those who are accused of blasphemy simply never live long enough to see their case defended in court. Vigilantes and mobs often take the law into their own hands.

Pray for Pastor W. and his family to be safe from this type of persecution as he travels far distances to serve several churches. Pray for his health and endurance. Pray for his older children who work hard in their education to pursue a respectable life and their witness for the Lord to bring fruit.



Centrifuge Camp

Our Youth group went to Camp in July and came back with some great stories to tell. At the end of the week, students who have made professions of faith are given an opportunity to "Ring a Bell" to proclaim their decisions. We had three this year who rang the bell: Diangelo Hunter, Raymond Hunter, and Kalie.



Rebecca Petty from our church served as a camp counselor this year.

Please contact Jennifer Patterson or Keven Mayer for information about upcoming youth activities



Life Groups

We currently have three Life Groups that are meeting regularly.

Al Tahoe Life Group

The Al Tahoe Life Group meets at Jacki Wright's home at 2676 Knox Avenue, South Lake Tahoe CA. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2-4-pm. Contact Jacki Wright for more information. (530) 542-1777

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. (530) 545-9918

Kingsbury Huddle

We have added a third option for Life Groups, "The Kingsbury Huddle." This group hosted by Matt and Wendy Petty meets in their home at 210 Beverly road, Stateline, NV. This group meets every other Thursday starting at 6:00pm. Contact Matt or Wendy for information. (209) 405-0972

If you are interested in hosting a group, or serving as a facilitator for a group, please contact Elder Bob Daly at (530) 535-9918

Here are photos of our last teachers and kids

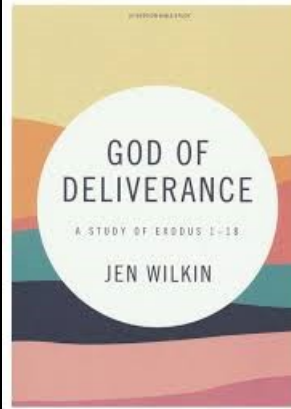


Balin Usher

Unfortunately, I could not find any pictures of Sarah or Thomas Tran. They



were always the ones taking the pictures!



New Women's Bible Study

The women's Thursday morning Bible Study group will be starting a new study on the book of Exodus: "God of Deliverance" by Jen Wilkins. Books will cost \$16.00 each.

This study is scheduled to start on Thursday September 9th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. The Ladies are excited about studying God's word together and look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Tootie O'Malley (530) 416-2492, or Kathy Pavich (775) 588-7996 to pre-order a study book.



Free Medical Clinic

"In Jesus Name medical Ministry" will be providing a free medical clinic at Tahoe Community Church on Saturday, September 18th from 9:00-12:00 pm. The following services will be offered:

- Routine history and Physical Exam
- Chronic Illness
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Basic Injury Care
- General Medical Problems

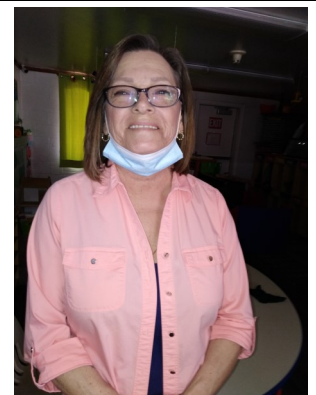
There will be no COVID-19 Testing

Please spread the word to anyone you know that might be able to advantage of these services.

This event has been canceled and will be rescheduled



Theresa DeGraffenreid



Bonnie Leon

All Ladies are invited!



To a shower for Julie Christ to celebrate the birth of baby boy Theo!

Date: Sunday, September 26th

Time: Immediately after the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

What to bring: This will be a potluck, so please bring salads or bread. Cake and drinks will be provided.

Gifts: Diapers – size 1 and up.
Gift cards from Amazon or Target

Julie is blessed to have enough clothing and other needed articles at this time, so if you would like to give her something, please give from the above list.

Please join us for a fun time of celebration!



Knifty Knitters Still Knitting

The Knifty knitters just sent two more boxes of hand-made items to the Mexican Medical Mission. These items will be given out at various clinics in Mexico.

So far this year the Knitters have sent 10 scarfs, 198 adult hats, 15 baby hats, 3 baby blankets, and some washcloths, socks and gloves. Every item sent was prayed for when it was made and when it was packed.

If knitting is a hobby of yours, the Knitters are always looking for more hands to make items to be used for God's glory. Please contact Karen.

One More Preschool Picture



Building Rekey

We recently had all the buildings on the church campus rekeyed. All of the exterior doors are now on the same key with the exception of the Church Office. This was a projected we talked about doing for a long time and it just seemed right to do it now. This will make it a lot easier to track who has keys to the buildings and for everyone who has a key. Now you only need one key instead of four!

Please do not copy your key or give your keys to anyone else. Anyone who needs a key must see Ted in the Church office. Thank you!



Safe the Date

Our Annual Church Baptism is Scheduled for Sunday August 8th at 4:00 pm. The location has changed this year.

Instead of Nevada Beach, we will be using Venice beach in the Tahoe Keys. We have maps and directions available in the church Office and in the Foyer of the Worship Center.



Time to Start Collecting!

Back to school time means it's time to start collecting for shoeboxes! What we need most is notebooks. We are finding them hard to find this year so if you come across any at a good price, snag them up and bring them in! Beanie babies (stuffed Animals) are also difficult to find now at a cheap price so keep your eye out for those as well! You can drop items off in the Church Office anytime!



Upcoming Events

New Women's Bible Study
Starts Thursday September 16th

Life Choices Gala
Friday September 24th at 6:30 pm
Go to Friendsoflifechoices.org/events for info

Baby Shower for Julie Christ
Sunday September 26th

Church Meeting
Sunday October 10th after church

Memory Verses for September

- September 5 Jeremiah 3:22
- September 12 Romans 5:18
- September 19 Jeremiah 1:8
- September 26 Matthew 11:28



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.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

September 5 No Service September 12 Dan Wilvers
September 19 Bob Daly September 26 Nick Stewart

Here to Serve You

Elders: Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Leonard O'Malley

Deacons/Deaconesses: Susie Brumbach, Jacky Daly, Christine Feinberg, Jerry Klosterboer, Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich, Ted Beverage, Bill Kolstad, Jan Hurst, Tootie O'Malley (On Sabbatical)

Church Staff: Kai Keith, Worship Director, Ted Beverage, Office Administrator

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