

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

November 2021

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!

SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE



It's Shoebox Time!!

By Karen Beverage

Hello Church, I hope everyone has started packing their Gospel Opportunity Shoeboxes. Ted and I are packing ours.

There are still lots of empty shoeboxes for you to take home and fill up. The table in the foyer has all the information you will need to participate in this year's shoebox drive.

Our annual shoebox packing party is scheduled for Saturday November 13th starting at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We already have all the items we need to fill 250 boxes. We may do more boxes if the Lord provides more items for us to pack!

If you are unable to attend the packing party, there are other ways that you can participate. The best way is to pack your own boxes and bring them in during collection week which runs November 15th through the 22nd. Dedication Sunday is November 14th, and I would like to have all boxes in by then.

You can also help with a monetary gift. You can donate \$10.00 to cover the cost of filling a box, and we also need \$9.00 per box to cover the shipping cost.

God has done amazing things through these boxes in the past and we can trust Him to do amazing things in the future.

Yea! We get to pack Boxes!



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

Weekly Church Activities

Mon.	7:30 a.m.	Classical Conversations
Tues.	5:30 p.m.	TCC/WOL joint Bible Study
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 p.m.	Kingsbury and Youth Huddles as Scheduled
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Word of Life Worship Service

Pastor Search Committee News

By Kathy Pavich



The Pastor Search Committee is still in the process of vetting candidates to become our next Pastor. In case you missed the recent Church Business meeting, the following are the steps that are taken for each candidate. Some candidates do not make it very far into this process, others do, depending on God's leading. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and discernment for the Committee as we continue in this ministry to find Tahoe Community Church a new pastor.

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Pastor Search Committee Procedures

In order to move forward in the Pastor Search process, a candidate must respond to all our steps. Each step for every candidate, is prayed over by the

Committee members, discussed in full, and must be agreed upon by all members of the committee, as to whether the candidate is to be discarded or advances in the process. We dig deep!

*This position has been posted on 6 seminaries and other church staffing websites.

Step 1 – The Church Profile is sent to the possible candidate.

- a. What We Teach Statement.
- b. By-Laws

A few questions plus request for resume and link to recent sermons. Then there is an evaluation of the resume, answers, and sermons by the committee.

Step 2 – A 1st set of additional 23 questions is sent to the candidate, which is then evaluated by the committee.

Step 3 - A Tri-perspectival questionnaire is sent to determine how the candidate feels they relate to being a prophet, priest, or king.

Step 4 – A 2nd set of 19 questions is sent to the candidate for their response.

Step 5 – A Face-Time interview is conducted.

Step 6 – The candidate is sent a legal/liability related questionnaire regarding alcohol/drug issues, bankruptcy, discipline, dismissal, or resignation due to misconduct issues, etc. in the church, and more.

Step 7 - Phone calls are made on the Candidate's references.

Step 8 - A background check is done on the pastor candidate.

Step 9 – An invitation is issued to the candidate to visit TCC, preach, have conversations with Elders, and get to know the Body.

Step 10 – There must be a unanimous agreement of Committee members and elders in order to bring this candidate to a vote of approval by the members of TCC.

A vote is then held for the church members to hire this candidate or not. 80 % of the church members present must vote in the affirmative for the candidate to become our next pastor. If the members vote against this candidate, the committee continues its search.

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



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Tahoe Community Church's Women's Fellowship
Invites You to
"Resting in God's Comfort and Joy"

This year we are incorporating a women's workshop with our Women's Fellowship outreach, "Comfort and Joy". We are gathering small comfort items for women, especially mothers, of the "Live Violence Free Center" in South Lake Tahoe.

A box is in place at the entrance for your easy drop off of small, unwrapped luxury items. Our last collection day will be during our December 4th event.

If you do not have time to shop and wish for us to shop for you, please contact Christine Feinberg @405-609-9276. All gifts are Genuinely Appreciated and shall be Deeply Cherished by these women.

Our "Resting in God's Comfort and Joy" Mini Retreat will be a time of encouraging rejuvenation for each lady as well as a time of joyful fellowship and delightful physical nourishment with soups, salads, breads & desserts.

PLEASE RSVP Jan at 775-781-1783 to ensure we have adequate materials available. Bring your Bible & writing instrument. Blessings to You and May TCC's Women's Fellowship be a Blessing to Others.



The First Trunk or Treat was a Huge Success!



This event was spearheaded by Wendy and Matt Petty but required help from a lot of people! We had cars and trucks set up in the lower parking lot and in the lot by the office building next door over. All the vehicles were elaborately decorated and set up as stations for kids to do activities and get some goodies! I do not have room for all the pictures in this newsletter but will fill this page. I plan on putting together a slide show to show in church at a later date. Thanks everyone!! The picture on the left is an overview of the lower lot.

Bouncing Bob Daly was our greeter



A photo station and popcorn stand were popular.

The Pirate girl (The Petty's daughter) went all Out!





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

Recently Marino, (long time board member of Macedonia Missions), became the new pastor of the international church, which is part of the Evangelical Church. It is mostly for English speaking people. It has a very quick turnover with people coming and leaving. Pray for pastor Marino in this challenge that the Lord would provide a space for them to worship.

Pastor Petar Petrov has been reelected as director by the board of pastors for a 5 year mandate. He has been proven as a good steward, wise leader, and hardworking servant of God. Pray for wisdom and strength as he leads the Evangelical denomination.

Here is a list of prayer needs;

- Two new groups of the Alpha course are starting up, Aerodrom Church in Skopje, and Kavadarci Church. Pray for a positive response.
- The Negotino Church plans to start several humanitarian projects. Pray for each one.
- Pray for Refide, girl who works with deaf people in Bitola, for her ministry and provision for her.
- Pray for Pastor Tefik and his ministry among the Muslim people in Bair, Bitola.
- Alexander, son of pastor Socrat, recently received his PhD certificate. Pray for his future plans.
- Pray for a Woman's gathering in Volkovo to grow and for the Lord to provide guidance.

Several people from their churches finished their training at Royal Rangers. Pray that they may be involved actively and start new outposts, in their cities.



Children's Class, Roma Church in Kavadarci

Evangelical Church, Strumica, now Completed



Central Asian Family

Pray for safe travels to a Western Asian country November 10-17. Pray for health and strength. They will be meeting leaders from Central Asia committed to discipleship. Pray for God to stir the hearts of the people to be obedient to Him and to share their faith with others. Pray that all are encouraged, and better equipped to go back to their homes and reach people with the Truth.

Continue praying for J & H in their relationship with the new organization they are partnering with.

In North Dakota they had a booth at the local county fair to start conversations about "Simple Church North Dakota", the gospel, their testimonies, prayer etc. Great conversations happened in their booth and some when they went to the booths of other people who were there.

"Simple Church North Dakota" is simply the network of simple churches that they are in the beginning stages of starting there.

Pray for those getting together in Central Asia to grow in grace and knowledge of the Truth. Pray for wisdom in teaching, helpful materials, and copies of The Word.

While J&H and baby E are in Western Asia, Bob and Jacky will be taking care of their other 2 boys. Pray for health and an enjoyable time together.

Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

Praise our Lord! After almost a year of not being able to meet together in person because of Covid, the Kanto missionaries gathered (albeit outside)

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and with masks) for fellowship, singing, Bible study and obento (boxed/picnic) lunch. They are so thankful for well-needed encouragement after feeling really disconnected for so long. Pray for continued "one-anothering" among these members as small fellowship groups meet on line and now in person.

Pray workers would be grounded in God's word and protected from attacks from the Evil One. The Kanto Sector Leadership Team of 5, (which Tim leads and Susan is a part of) desire to faithfully call and see how missionary members are and how they can better support them.

Please continue to pray for Miho, a good friend from Saitama International Church. She's had cancer for 3 years now and has undergone continued radiation and chemo therapy. Praise the Lord for sustaining her life. Pray for encouragement, peace and healing for this dear sister in Christ and her love and witness of Christ to others.

Tim and Susan are planning to travel to New York November 23- December 16 for son Chad's wedding and marriage to Emily. The ceremony is on December 11th. As of now, a few family members cannot attend. Pray for multiple covid tests going and returning and needed paperwork. Pray for health, protection, and a blessed family time together in celebration.

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

The updates for the fundraising Gala will be made available later in December, but for now, they are blessed to say that God has exceeded their goals.

Continue praying for those who are attending "Forgiven & Set Free", a program providing Biblical Healing from Past Abortions. Pray that the Holy Spirit penetrates the truth of Scripture to each person's heart to find hope, healing and recovery. Pray this would be the time for anyone who needs to surrender to Christ would do so.

The clinic is now open the first Saturday of the month. Praise to our Lord for staffing to meet with clients. God orchestrates the opportunity for advocates to meet with clients. Pray for the time they have to listen to their needs and care for them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. They have had several abortion minded clients in the past few months.

All services are free, confidential, and provided without government funding. Life Choices does

not provide or refer for abortion. If you know someone in need the phone # is 775 885 1700.

J.O. in Ethiopia

As the English classes come to a close, and graduations to the next level take place, pray that the relationships that have been built would be a joy and comfort to all. J says this is the hardest time because, though joyful in accomplishments, it is difficult to say goodbye. And even harder for J this time as he will be leaving the country to come back to the states.

Continue. praying for J's plans to return to Idaho a week before Christmas. Also pray for a job, starting seminary studies on-line, and Biblical counseling training. Pray that as God provides for his needs, he will know God's will moving forward.

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

We were very blessed to have N. share with us in church on Sunday, Oct 10th. Much insight was given on how the church operates in Pakistan. It is a gathering of people, not usually in a building like we would think. Baptism is called "holy shower" and some travel many miles to be obedient to God through this Sacrament.

Pastor W. fulfills the vision of FMI through facilitating, mobilizing, and inspiring disciple-makers. These trained men go out to places where access for foreign workers would be impossible.

This past year through FMI partnerships in five countries; 2,340 people placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation through the ministry of 80 FMI partners, and 37 new churches were supported. The goal for 2022 is 25 new churches.

Pray for Nadima who disciples women and teaches them the skill of sewing. Having this skill allows them to work from home, provide for their family, and be safe from physical mistreatment and abuse. Christians live in colonies and Muslims cannot attack colonies. Discrimination does not allow Christians to live with Muslims.



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, and good fellowship!

“Evangeline and the School Supplies”

A Shoebox Story



“Growing up in a dump site you smell smoke and other unpleasant things, but the shoebox gifts smelled so good.”

I grew up on a small island in the Philippines. There were five kids in my family—I'm the second oldest. My parents were both young when they got married—my mom was 16 and my

dad was 17. They didn't know what they were doing, so my grandmother raised me and my older brother. When she passed away when I was 6, my parents took me and my older brother back. They started having more kids, and I was 9 years old when my mom got pregnant with my younger sister.

Around that time, my dad was working in a factory that caught on fire. After that tragedy, he didn't want to be a father to us, but instead became an alcoholic and a drug addict. This happened at the same time that the government of the island decided to make the land close to my parents' house a dump site. This turned into our livelihood. After my father lost his job and didn't want to deal with us, my mom and my older brother would go to the dump site and look for things they could sell so they could buy food for us. That's how our rough life began.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

When my younger sister was 3, she would sneak out of our house and go to a church at the dump site. Every time I would look for her, I would always find her there. They were teaching the kids Bible stories, singing Bible songs, and giving food to the children. I thought it was all a scam, but God showed me otherwise.

Around Easter, my pastor invited me to attend a youth camp where I accepted Jesus into my heart. That was the start of my journey with the Lord and it has been amazing since then.

One of my neighbors invited me to help cook food for the children. The first or second time I assisted, the pastor introduced Christ to me. While I was not initially receptive, I know there was a seed planted in my heart right away. After that, I became really involved with the church. Every week I would help them cook the food. I'd read Bible stories to the children and sing the Bible songs. It became my routine every Saturday and I really enjoyed it.

A HOPE REALIZED

That December, Samaritan's Purse came to the dump site. I was tall for a 13-year-old and tall for a Filipino, so they asked me to help distribute shoebox gifts to the kids. I helped, but every time I handed a shoebox to a child, I would shake it and smell it. Growing up in a dump site you smell smoke and other unpleasant things, but the shoebox gifts smelled so good. I was praying that God would give me one of them.

As I was handing out the boxes, the pile was disappearing one by one. The kids just kept coming and coming. I thought, I'm not going to get one. My younger brother and sister got theirs and sat down outside the church with their boxes and waited for me to finish.

To my surprise, a lady from Samaritan's Purse saved a box for me at the end. When she tapped me on the shoulder and handed it to me, I was amazed. This was the first gift I had ever received. It was precious. It was special. I was 13 and had never received a gift. It was really meant for me.

Inside I found school supplies and my favorite was the pink, glittery notebook that I used that year at school. I remember pretending to be a writer with it. I also received pencils, towels, a toothbrush, and two kinds of fresh-smelling soaps. That was the good scent in the boxes.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE

I received my shoebox gift the same year I accepted Christ, and it really solidified my relationship with Him. I knew that my life changed when I accepted Jesus into my heart, and I felt that through the shoebox He showed me the void in my heart had been replaced with love. It was a gift from Him. This love from my Heavenly Father meant so much, because it was at this time that my relationship with my dad started to crumble.

Since then, I've been able to introduce Christ to many of my family members—to my cousins, to my younger siblings, to my aunts and uncles. But unfortunately, my older brother, my mom, and my dad have not yet received Christ. I still believe that they will come to Him, but I am grateful the rest of the family has accepted Jesus into their hearts.

Now as an adult, I enjoy packing shoeboxes with my husband and two girls from our home in Kansas City, Kansas. A few years ago, we were also able to return to the Philippines to observe one of The Greatest Journey discipleship classes that is offered to shoebox recipients. I felt like I had come full circle watching that class. It just seems like yesterday that I got my shoebox gift.

Shoeboxes Impact Lives!



Youth Group Reorganized!

On Saturday October 23, our youth held a reorganizing party at the Petty's home. There were five youth present and they discussed what they wanted to see for the Youth Group going forward.

The group will be named "Teen Huddle" and will meet on ever other Thursday night at 6:00pm at the Petty's home coinciding with the Kingsbury Huddle that is already meeting at that time.

The youth will share a meal with the adults and will divide off to their own area for study and activities. Jennifer Paterson will continue to lead the group along with Wendy Petty.

There will also be a planned youth special event once a month starting in November.

Please pray for this group that they may grow in their relationship with Christ and that they would attract other youth in our community to join in with them!



Building and Grounds



What's missing in this picture?

The play structure on the upper playground was removed on Saturday November 30th and was donated to Dan Wilvers. There are

tentative plans to turn this area in to a fellowship space for church activities. Please contact the Elders if you have any questions or ideas!

The lower playground will remain as is and is available for any children's activities with adult supervision.



What is different in this picture?

The stable has been moved! The stable used to sit between the two windows on the left. It was moved for two reasons. First

of all, it was getting real shaky and need to be reinforced. Secondly, by moving it over to its new location it is more protected by the roof line. In the old location rain was splashing up against it and onto the window sill which was causing water damage.



Thank you

A big thank you goes out to the people who turned out for our work day last Saturday. We had Carol Borsos cleaning in the office, Bob

Pavich. Jeff Brumbach and Leonard O'Malley working on grounds, and Jennifer Paterson and Amanda Petty were cleaning the sanctuary windows. Wendy and Matty Petty and family were also here working in the adventure zone getting ready for Trunk or Treat.

We have a large property the requires a lot of maintenance and upkeep. Everyone can help out by keep an eye out for what needs to be done and bringing it to our attention. Please contact Ted or Leonard with what you find. If you would like to take on project yourself, that is great! Just let Leonard or Ted know what you have in mind before you start!

Adventure Zone Now Completed



We would like to thank Wendy and Matt petty, and others, who have worked hard to

complete the adventure zone. A large TV and furniture have been added to the main room. The Crib room in the back is now set up with a crib and changing area. What was once the office is now refurnished with age appropriate couches and cushy chairs for the older Sunday School Kids. You should check it out when you have time and thank those who did all the work!



Upcoming Events

Marge Luippold Memorial
Saturday November 6th at 2:00pm

Shoebox Packing Party
Saturday November 13th at 1:30pm

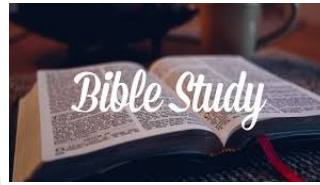
Shoebox Collection Week
Monday Nov 15th - Monday November 22nd

Ashleigh Easley and Joshua Goodwin Wedding
Sunday November 21st at 2:00pm

Women's Event: "Resting in God's Comfort and Joy"
Saturday December 4th, time TBD.

Memory Verses for November

- November 7 Colossians 3:17
- November 14 Acts 13:32-33
- November 21 Isaiah 43:4
- November 28 Psalm 62:5



Tuesday Night Bible Study

TCC and the Word of Life ministry have teamed up to do a Bible Study on Tuesday nights.

The group meets in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Kevin Mayer is leading the group on a study of the book of Genesis. The class is primarily in English but some Spanish may be used. Everyone is welcome.

Update on OA/GA Ggroups

I wanted to give an update on the 12 step groups that have been using our property for meetings. The Overeaters Anonymous (OA) group that was meeting on Tuesday in the office is no longer meeting on Church Property. The Gamblers Anonymous (GA) group is currently meeting every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Nov. 7 Bob Daly	Nov. 14 Dan Wilvers
Nov. 21 Noah Largent	Nov. 28 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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