

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

December 2021

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



Prepare for the Coming of Christ

I invite you to prepare for Christmas by exploring how the Bible points to

Jesus' birth. (An article from the Navigators)

"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters." [Galatians 4:4-5 NASB](#)

Take time over the next weeks to consider how Jesus' birth at Christmas is part of God's larger plan for humanity. Consider God's careful preparation for His Son who came to redeem the world. Take time to reflect and pray on your own preparation for welcoming Jesus this Christmas.

How Jesus Came

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." – [Isaiah 7:14](#)

Where Jesus Came from

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." – [Micah 5:2](#)

Who is Jesus

*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called*

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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.	Genesis 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

December 2021

The Pastor Search Committee is still in the process of vetting candidates to become our next Pastor. The interested candidates who are sending us their resumes are slow in coming in at this time. Possible reasons for this could be attributed to the following:

- There are a large number of churches throughout the country that are looking for pastors.
- The possible candidates who are sending us their resumes are not in theological agreement with Tahoe Community Church.

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- The committee, after prayer and consideration, may not see a candidate as a good fit for us for various reasons.
- Lastly, the cost of living in Tahoe is high and may be of concern to a potential candidate.

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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. God is in control and everything is in His timing!

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



(Preparing for Christ Cont.)

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace.

*Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,*

*establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this. "– [Isaiah 9:6-7](#)*

Why Jesus Came for You

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,

the oil of joy
instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor. – [Isaiah 61:1-3](#)

"Yet to those who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. Children born not of a natural descent, nor of a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. "– [John 1:14](#)

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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.



Teen Huddle

The Teen Huddle youth group had our first monthly group activity on Saturday November 20th. We went to the arcades at Harvey's and Harrah's and we had pizza for dinner. There were nine kids in attendance. Photos attached.

The youth are starting a fundraiser for Xmas hand out to the homeless in the Tahoe community starting this week. They will be handing out backpacks with warm socks, gloves, a hat, and hygiene supplies along with a blanket and a \$10 gift certificate to McDonald's.

They will be doing the shopping on our next monthly outing on December 18th followed by dinner at Johnny Rockets and bowling at Carson Lanes.

Thanks, Jen





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

Near November 24th, there was a terrible bus tragedy that happened in Bulgaria. The bus was from Macedonia and 45 Macedonian citizens died. Most of them were young people and children. Only seven people survived. This was the biggest bus accident in Europe in the last 10 years. All who died were Albanian Muslims. Petre does not say they personally knew anyone. Pray our LORD uses this tragedy to save some of their family members and the Evangelical Churches have opportunity to comfort families and share the hope of Jesus Christ.



During outreaches scheduled in December and January, please pray they are well attended, hearts are changed, and people ask questions upon hearing the reason for celebrating Christmas.

Balkan countries celebrate Orthodox Christmas on January 7th. Pray specifically for Royal Ranger children's activities. RR seems to be very well attended by non-believers.

(Pictured above is a baptism in Dojran)

Central Asian Family

The family returned to the US in November following a trip to Western Asia. They are very excited and blessed as to how the LORD provided and blessed their time and the people they met with. Upon their return they stopped in Florida for a wonderful Thanksgiving with the Daly family. They return to North Dakota in early December. Thank you for praying for their safety during this trip.

Pray for the "Simple Churches" they are planting and encouraging to flourish. Pray that the people grow in the grace and knowledge of the Word and go out among others with this Good News, especially during this Christmas time in Central Asia.

Pray for their time as a family during Advent Season. Pray for them as they share the truth believed about Jesus's first coming, why He came as He did, and what He has done for His people.

Pictured below is a Teen conference in E. C. Prilep



Tim & Susan Driscoll, Japan

Thank you for praying for the three-day team building that we lead with a missionary team and pastor. It was a challenge but we leaned hard into the Lord and we saw Him faithfully lead, bless and provide.

Tim's evangelism training on Zoom with their little local Japanese Baptist Church went well also. This handful of older Christians seemed generally receptive and willing to engage as they discussed what it means to live out a life that draws others to Christ. Much was learned about why Japanese Christians have difficulty with evangelism.

Pray for more opportunities to engage with Japanese Christians and to spur them on to Gospel conversations!

Tim and Susan arrived safely in New York and celebrated Thanksgiving with some family. They are excited for, youngest son, Chad and Emily's wedding, on December 11th.

Pray for health concerns and especially for no Covid! Their return to Japan is scheduled for December 17th (and then a strict home quarantine for 10-14 days once back in Japan).

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic North Carson, Nevada

Many times those who call the clinic are looking for an abortion, which of course the clinic does not do nor do they refer for abortion. But what a blessing the phone call is because it gives the staff and advocates the opportunity to have a conversation, offer alternatives, a free ultra sound, and a chance to come in and talk with someone who cares about their situation. Pray the Lord turns these phone calls into appointments.

Pray for clients to choose life for their unborn baby and for those at the clinic to have opportunities to share with them about a saving-faith in Jesus Christ. For those who come to the clinic and test negative, this is a huge opportunity to talk about

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(Missionary News Continued)

Life style choices. There is grace and mercy in this outcome. Pray that the clients are open to talking about what the Lord says and see a different path for their life.

J.O. in Ethiopia/now in Idaho

Jeff is back in Idaho now. He suddenly had to leave Ethiopia on November 11th and was back in the USA by the 13th. If you would like details, please speak with Carol Borsos. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia who cannot flee the country to a safe place. You may have read about uprisings in Ethiopia recently.

During the last week of October the school term ended and graduations were held and Most of Jeff's students graduated. His heart was moved on graduation day from the speeches of his students. They gave him assurance that he had accomplished a whole lot with God's help. His students worked incredibly hard and Jeff was honored to have them as students.

Jeff ended up growing very close to a family while in Ethiopia and plans to partner with them in ministry even as he is in the states.

Please be praying that Jeff gets a good job, and that he can start a good international student ministry while in Idaho.

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

As our pastor travels to outlying churches, pray for safety and the Gospel message he gives to be used by the Holy Spirit to draw new people to conviction of salvation.

Pray for the Kiln Brick ministry (making bricks by hand). This is very hard, dangerous work and involves whole families. There is very little pay so the families who must do this work are trapped in it. Pray they have some time to gather, share the Word from an MP3 audio player, and pray for one-another.

Pray for persecuted Christians in this country, especially for those who have left Islam in order to follow Jesus Christ. Many must flee to a safe house to live. Carrying a Bible or handing out materials that speak about Jesus are forbidden, leading to arrest and prison. Those who love Jesus are willing to take the risk.

Bruce, FMI Director, recently returned from Pakistan. Here is a quote from his newsletter: **"How does God get his Word to people who have no access to it? He sends people with the gospel in their direction -- even if it takes dashed plans and detours to do it."**

The Lord used deadly landslides to bring the Word of Life to Gulab in a remote area of the Himalayas during Bruce's recent visit to Pakistan. Carol will have copies of the newsletter for those interested in reading the whole story!



CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 11th @ 5:00 PM
Tahoe Community Church Fellowship Hall

Please Sign up for Vegetable, Salad, Bread, or Dessert

Volunteers needed and appreciated!!!!!!
Please talk to or call Jan to volunteer

PLEASE RSVP

Jan @ 775-781-1783 (Text or Call, leave message) or
Church Office: 775-588-5860

Shoebox Drive a Huge Success!



We would like to thank everyone who made the 2021 shoebox drive a huge success. We packed 280 boxes at our annual shoebox party which was a record high! All together our church packed 370 boxes which is also a record! As a drop off location we collected a total of 444 boxes which is up from last year but not a record.

After we packed the boxes they were moved to the worship Center where they were prayed over and dedicated to the Lord. The next day they were put in cartons that hold 15 boxes each and moved to the Discovery zone building. We used the Discovery Zone for collection week this year and it worked out great!

The cartons were put in Leonard's trailer and Ted's truck and brought to our collection site in Gardnerville. After verifying our count, the cartons were packed in a trailer truck to be sent to the OCC Warehouse in Southern California.

At the Warehouse every box will be checked and repacked into cartons and sent to their final destination where they will be distributed to children who will receive the boxes and the Gospel message.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this project. And a special thanks to Karen for all the

shopping and organizing for the shoebox party.

Let's pray that next year we set a new Record for number of boxes!



STEAM I.D.

Club

Tuesdays | 3:45 – 5:30

January 4 – May 24

(Matches ZCE's school calendar)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math by Intelligent Design

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics at STEAM I.D.!

STEAM I.D. is designed for students in 1st - 6th grade. STEAM I.D. will improve your student's ability to innovate through creative thinking, constructive collaboration, and efficient problem solving from an Intelligent Design perspective.

All STEAM I.D. Club meetings are free. Snack is served. Expect to get messy!

STEAM I.D. is sponsored by Tahoe Community Church

145 Daggett Way, Stateline, NV

Contact Wendy 209.297.2229 TCCevents.org

Creativity | Experiments | Snacks | Building | Art | Friends





Thanksgiving Letter

When Karen was collecting Shoeboxes two weeks ago, a woman came by and gave here an envelope to give to the church. The envelope contained an offering and a nice letter. I wanted to share the letter with you.

"Tahoe Community Church,

As thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of a time about 30 years ago when my children went to preschool here and we were given groceries for thanksgiving. My ex-husband and I were both going to UNR at the time.

We would like to give back and pass on the kindness to another family. Please take this donation from Kevin Wines and I for a family of your choosing.

Love, Maggie Kersten"

It totally amazed me that an act of kindness given 30 years ago just now came into the light. Isn't it amazing how god works?

Sanctuary Decorations



We want to thank Jan Hurst and Christine Feinberg for decoration our Sanctuary for the Advent Season. The manger scene pictured above was donated to the church by Donna Rybak and is proudly displayed in the Foyer of the Sanctuary. We want everyone who enters the church to know that Jesus is the Reason! Not only for the season, but for everything!



Building and Grounds

Our building team has been very busy in November. Here is what has been done:

- The two heaters under the Worship Center have been replaced. These should last us twenty years!
- The old window shades on the Discovery Zone and Kids zone building have been removed. The widows in the Discovery Zone are going to be replaced some-time soon.
- The Big project we completed was in front of Fellowship Hall. The foundations for the roof support beams were giving way and needed to be replaced or we could have lost our roof. A new footer was poured, a pony wall put in, and the support beams were all replaced. We also raised up the sidewalk to make it door level and put a ramp on both ends to make it handicap accessible.



- Lastly, the stairs going up to the office are being replaced. Bill Kolstad, Mike Furno, and Jim Manning have put a lot of time and energy on this project and are almost done. Thanks for all your hard work!

Snow Team



I know it hasn't snowed yet, but it will! And when it does, it will need to be removed. If you would like to be a part of our snow

removal team please contact Bill Kolstad. We have five snow blowers now and not enough people to operate them all. Thanks in advance for your help!

Women's Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study has finished meeting for the year. They will start up again in January of 2022. Stayed tuned for more information.



Upcoming Events

Women's Event: "Resting in God's Comfort and Joy"

Saturday December 4th, at 12:00 pm

Church Family Christmas Dinner

Saturday December 11th, at 5:00 pm

Movie Opportunity

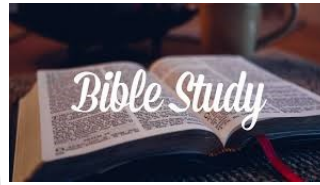
"The Chosen" are releasing a new Christmas movie December 1-10 at selected theaters. Go to <https://www.peoplemustknow.thechosen.tv/Christmas> to read about it and purchase tickets in advance for the theater of your choice. Contact Carol Borsos for more information.

STEAM I.D. Club

Stats January 4 2022. contact Wendy Petty

Memory Verses for December

- December 5 Psalm 78:4
- December 12 Galatians 3:26
- December 19 Luke 2:10-11
- December 26 Isaiah 41:13



Tuesday Night Bible Study Update

This group has changed its location from Fellowship hall to Michael Melvin's home. They will still meet on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm. Kevin Mayer is leading the group on a study of the book of Genesis. Contact Michael Melvin or call Kevin mayer for more information. (8310 484-2035

Congratulations!!!

Tahoe Community Church would like to congratulate Ashleigh Easley and Joshua Good on their Marriage. Elder Jeff performed the ceremony on Sunday, November 21st in front of their friends and family.

Congratulations MR. and Mrs. Goodwin!

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Dec. 5 Corbett Robertson	Dec. 12 Dan Wilvers
Dec. 19 Noah Largent	Dec. 24 Jeff Brumbach
Dec. 26 Bob Daly	

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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