

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

February 2023

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



The Pastor Search May be Over

The pastor Search Committee and Elders have agreed to bring Pastoral Candidate Doran Wray before the church to vote on whether or not we feel led by God to call him as our next pastor. The vote will be made at our Annual Church Business Meeting on Sunday, February 5 after Church. If the church approves, we will ask Pastor Wray if he feels called by God to become the next pastor of Tahoe Community Church. If for some reason Pastor Wray does not feel let to come here the Search will continue.

Either way, we would like to thank the Pastor Search Committee and the Elders who have worked for two years to get us to this point. Remember, the search actually started six months before Modo left on July 4th 2021.

Your Pastor Search Committee is:

Bill Rowell, Bill Kolstad, Bob Pavich, Christine Feinberg, Jan Hurst, Kathleen Huggins, and Kathy Pavich.

Pastor Way and his wife Kim recently made a visit to Tahoe and we had the opportunity to meet them and hear him preach. We also shared a Fellowship Meal which included a time for questions and answers.

Here is portion of Pastor Wray's Biography

"I am Doran Wray and I have been in ministry for 30 years and 16 years at my present church. God has so blessed us here that the church has more than doubled and provided a wonderful facility and an ever maturing and active local body. God has also provided an Associate Pastor who is now ready to assume the duties of the Senior Pastor, and so my wife,

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Sunday Prayer
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class
9:00 a.m.	Praise Team Practice
10:10 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Preschool and Children's Church Available

Weekly Church Activities

Tue.	11:00 am	Knitting Group at Kathleen Huggin's
Wed.	8:00 am	Bible Study Breakfast
	9:30 am	Prayer Gathering
	3:45 pm	Afterschool Tutoring
	6:00 pm	AWANA Bible Club
Thurs.	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Fri.	6:00 pm	Word of Life Worship Service
Sat.	10:00 am	Praise Team Practice



**So what
were the
big events
at TCC in
2022?**

As we began 2022, the pastor search committee was one year into their search for our next pastor. Remember they started six months before Mondo left. Kai started his second year as our music director and there was no snow in January. I think some of us actually complained about that!

In March we started celebrating regular fellowship meals again after taking some time off.

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(Pastor Wray's Biography Cont.)

Kim, and I now perceive a clear calling to move on to Jesus' next work for us to partner with for the coming years. I will be leaving my current ministry at the end of October, and am now ready to seriously consider a new place, after having finished well in my current position.

I am a Biblicist with a long history of strong, expositional teaching. I have performed a great many roles in the church through the years as a counselor, administrator, teacher, head of school etc. and have lead initiatives including building programs and educational redesigns. However, I view myself primarily as a Bible teacher and pastor. My teaching may be accessed through the sermons tab at churchofthelivingchrist.cc or by looking up Church of the Living Christ of Loysville on YouTube."

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

- Senior Pastor offering 30 years of experience in pastoral care and spiritual leadership to growing church. Committed to creating thriving community and guiding individuals transformed by the gospel.

- Successful background in organizational leadership, ministry program development, and mission-oriented strategy planning.

EDUCATION:

Trinity College of The Bible and Seminary – Evansville, IN – 2017 PH: Religious Studies – Emphasis in Apologetics

Columbia International University – Columbia, SC 1996 Master of Arts: Old Testament

Columbia International University – Columbia, SC 1992 Bachelor of Arts: Bible and Pre-Seminary

SKILLS:

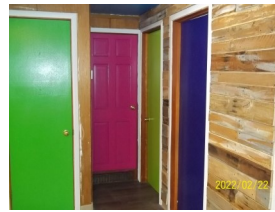
- Congregational Care
- Leadership / Administration
- Pastoral Counseling
- Preaching | Teaching
- Discipleship
- Operations Management
- Public Speaking
- Written and Verbal Communications

If you would like to view Pastor Wray's full biography, contact me in the office and I will email you a copy.

This is a very important step for our church. Please attend the meeting on February 5 and let your voice be heard!

(Events of 2022 cont.)

Fellowship meals are headed up by Karen Beverage with the help of many others.



Also in March we started reutilizing the preschool spaces in the Kids Zone building. Bob and Jacky Daly completely redid the building making a lot more friendly for adolescents.

In April we celebrated our first Easter without a pastor. Pastor or not, Jesus is still risen! Renovations on the Kids Zone were completed thanks to the hard work of the Daly's and some others. It turned out to be a really great space! We also started replacing the windows in the Discovery Zone and the office buildings.

May was ushered in with the National Day of Pray and the STEAM ID Club that was started by Wendy Petty came to a close. Proverbs tells us that for everything there is a time! The Classical Conversations home group ended their season in May and they chose not to come back in the fall. This group will be welcomed back any time! As far as building and grounds, Mike Furno and some others replaced the Kitchen in the Kid's zone and it looks terrific!



The big event in June was VBS: Zoomerang! We all went to the Land Down Under for 5 days and came out thoroughly exhausted, but satisfied with a job well done. A big thanks to Jacky Daly for heading

up our trip to Australia. Don't forget about the Knifty Knitters who sent off another box of items for missions in Mexico. They continued their work all year long! TCC and WOL hosted a free medical clinic and the women's Ministry held a "Spirituali-TEA" event.

In July we were visited by Pastoral Candidate Rob Lledo and his family. Pastor Lledo did not feel led to be our pastor but we enjoyed his visit anyway, and the search for our next pastor continued. July also saw the introduction of AWANA clubs to TCC. This Children's Bible Club was started as a follow up to VBS and continues to meet every Wednesday. AWANA is headed up Kevin and Myriam Mayer but it takes many volunteers to make it function properly.

In September, Carol Borsos, departed our Church and Ted took over as Missions Coordinator for TCC. The missionaries we support have not changed since that time. Also, the women held their second Ryan's Case for Smiles event.

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Happy New Year From the Central Asian Family

"When I was three my mom died. When I was six my dad died. I grew up in the orphanage and was told there was no God. Now I believe in God but don't know how to get to Heaven"

After hearing this J was able to share the good news. J has been faithfully meeting up and sharing with this family. This year we have had many opportunities to build relationships that open doors to sharing not only the good news but weekly coming back and sharing a story from the good Book. Please keep praying for us as we are sowing seeds. Praying the seeds grow and bear fruit 100 fold!

In 2019 we started meeting simply for ch[^]rch with another family in our home, with the vision to multiply simply through house ch[^]rches. In December 2022, we gathered all of the house ch[^]rches together and were amazed to see how much we have grown, from 2 families to about 12 families. Thank you for your prayers. We are seeing Dad work.

Redemptive Agriculture

J has continued to pursue business here, as a means to love our neighbors. Sadly, a number of factors have kept his efforts to continue the sandwich shop from being successful.

In the meantime, he's been developing business solutions further up the supply chain. In partnership with an agronomist and a local p[^]stor, they have begun raising chickens, rabbits, and bees. They hope this partnership will help locals provide food for themselves, and restore health to their land through use of regenerative agricultural practices. Through all of this, there are many opportunities for impactful relationships.

They hope to multiply their chickens, rabbits, and bees this year. Please let us know if you'd like to contribute financially to this project!

English Club!!

Every Sunday, H has been doing an English Club for the children in our village. Each week between 10-20 children come. It has been so good to meet more families and build relationships. Before Christmas, H made Christmas cookies with the kids and was able to tell the Christmas story and share that God loves them. (God loves you is a phrase we hear often in the west, but it is not commonly heard in the East). Please keep praying for these children!

(Happy New Year Cont.)

Adoption Moving Ahead

As many of you know, in faith, we started the process to adopt a child from Kyrgyzstan last July. February 5th we will have our home study. Please pray for God's help through each part of this process!

From H, and J



(Events of 2022 cont.)

In October Bill Rowell and Bill Kolstad were announced as Prospective Elders. Pray for them as they continue along this path. The Big event in October was the re-

turn of Trunk or Treat! A big thanks to the many volunteers who made this event possible.

November is shoebox time and we set a record number of boxes for our church with 419 boxes! As a drop off location we delivered 487 gospel opportunity boxes to Gardnerville to start



their Journey to reach children around the world!

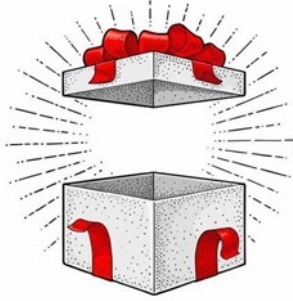
Also in November we celebrated life and death. Joanie Worley, the wife of our founding pastor, passed away and we celebrated the birth of Grayson Goodwin to Josh and Ashleigh Goodwin!

The Sunday night Music Event, "Some like it Loud" that Kai started in July came to an end for now. There is always the possibility of starting it up again if the Lord leads in that direction.

On December 11th, we had to cancel church for the second time in our History due to snow. And then again on January 1st!

There was some good news in December, we were able to have our annual Church Dinner and we Celebrated the Birth of our Lord and Savior on Sunday December 25th. (In between snow storms)

All in all it was a good year. And for a small church with no pastor, God used us in powerful ways!



TCC'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Presents

"THE GIFT"
Linda Robinson, Speaker

Saturday, February 25th @ 1:00 -3:00
TCC's Fellowship Hall

Sign Up for Delicious Soups, Salads, Breads &
Desserts
Bring a Friend & Come Feast on God's Word
and Delightful Food

Please RSVP # Attending to
Lois @ 775-690-0596



**A TIME TO CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIPS AND
GROW RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER
WOMEN.**

TCC's Women's Fellowship is excited to announce
two new opportunities for our women to gather and
fellowship.

WOMEN CONNECTING WITH WOMEN

Women Connecting with Women (WCW) is a
new branch of the Women's Fellowship Ministry.
WCW will have its initial gathering Saturday, February
4th 2023, at 9:00AM in TCC's Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of WCW is to offer an opportunity for
women to connect, build, and encourage new and
old relationships with Christian fellowship being the
focus. Women of all ages are welcome! For questions,
please call WCW Leader, Linda Robinson @ 406-285-
6701 (no texts please) or email her at
apnrcm@verizon.net.

FRIENDS BEING FRIENDS

Friends Being Friends is a ladies ministry reaching out
to our community and our church body with the pur-
pose of caring and supporting each other. FBF is also
a time of friendship, fellowship, good food, explora-
tion, and an all-around good time for ladies. FBF will
occur randomly throughout the year. For more infor-
mation contact Louisa Boone @530-208-8390 (call or
text) or email her at princessLT82@yahoo.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and
excited for all of us to see our relationships grow
together in Christ.

The next Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study will be a study by
Jennifer Rothschild on Psalm 23 called "The Shepherd
with Me." This study is scheduled to start on Thursday
March 2nd and will run for seven weeks. Please
contact Tootie O'Malley to order a book.



**Urgent Help
Needed!!!**

We are really short
handed in the Sound
Booth on Sunday

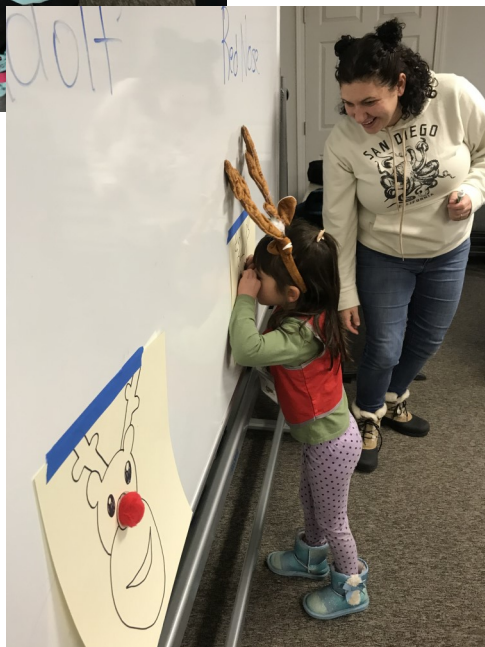
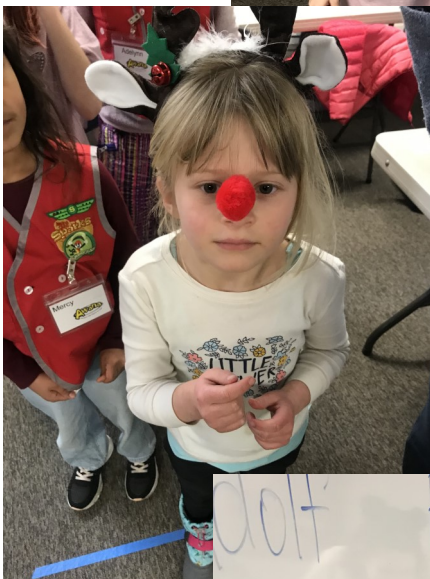
morning and could really use some more hands. We
especially need help with Video. Annarose Salvador
is our only full time video tech right now and she
could use a break from time to time. Prior experience
is not required, just a willing heart and spirit! Please
be praying about this, especially if you are not cur-
rently involved in another ministry.

Thanks in advance for volunteering!!



Our AWANA Club is going strong but they could certainly use more help if anyone feels led.

They are also looking for volunteers to provide meals which take place at the start of every meeting, on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Contact Kevin Mayer for more information. Here are some pictures of "Reindeer Games!"



Christmas Pageant



On December 18th our AWANA and Church kids put on a Christmas Pageant with the help of some adults. It was a wonderful presentation of the birth of our Lord!

Cookies for Firefighters



The first "Friends Being Friends" activity was decorating cookies to give to Tahoe Douglas Firefighters.

80 bags of cookies were delivered to five Fire Stations. The bags included 6 cookies and our church profile.

Look for more "Friends being Friends" events coming up!

AA Group to use the Discovery Zone

The Elders have agreed to rent the Discovery Zone building to a local AA chapter. They will meet Monday through Saturday 12:00 to 1:00 pm starting February 27th.



Missionary News & Prayer

by Ted Beverage

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

Tim and Susan Driscoll, Japan (OMF)

Here are a few sentences from the Driscoll's February newsletter that they called "Suitcases, Snuggles and Study."

"Our planned departure to Japan is 4 months away. We have already started to fill a suitcase with clothes and shoes purchased to take back (you know, those long legs and big feet we have). We continue to pray and work towards being rested upon our return! Please pray with us for God's provision as we start to look online for an apartment to rent somewhat near where we lived before. It's encouraging to have an idea of a church to attend since finding a church last term proved difficult. We are also asking God's provision for good renters for our house here in the U.S. "

The Driscoll's are grateful for the birth of their latest grandchild in December and for the extra time they were able spend with their family.

Pray for God's Mercy as Susan travels to Thailand and Tim travels to Belize in February for missions conferences and workshops.

I have posted their latest newsletter on the bulletin board in the Worship Center and I also have copies in the Church Office if anyone would like one.

Central Asian Family

I have just received a update from H and J and I have included an article on them in this newsletter. I have also made flyers and placed them in the Worship Center Foyer and in the Office. **Please do not publish information contained in the flyers!**

-Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

The following is from our January FMI Letter:

"Your contribution is gratefully acknowledged. Your partnership in the gospel through FMI is a blessing to many. Your engagement with FMI has always been an integral part of our fruitfulness. Thank you for your recent financial gift which propels our vision to become reality. Thank you for your prayers which keep us aligned with God's purposes and power.

You can find many more missions stories and prayer requests on the Bulletin Board in the Worship Center

Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic:

January is Sanctity of Human Life month, with a special focus on the third Sunday of the month, as Sanctity of Human life Sunday. On this special day, many churches seek to creatively celebrate, protect and champion the gift of life. Participation in this event helps to raise awareness for our mission at Life Choices and allows both the Church and a ministry like ours, to remind those that we serve that our identity in Christ must be cultivated and each human life must be celebrated and protected, especially for those that cannot protect themselves.

Please check out the bulletin board for more information on Life choices.

Macedonia Missions to the Balkans/ANM: Marino Mojtic and the Evangelical church of Macedonia"

Please read the newsletter from the Evangelical church in Macedonia to find out about all of the great work that they are doing for the Lord.

Here are some prayer requests. Please pray for:

- New church groups (least 10) in the churches, that started after the Christmas program.
- Pray for the Royal Rangers group of children in Ohrid and Shitp.
- Pray for the "bus ministry." The church in Resen is planning evangelistic ministry by visiting cities with a special big bus that will have a coffee bar and library with Christian books,
- Pray for revival in Macadonia and for our government. The economical situation is poor and there is big corruption in the government.
- Pray for the work among the Albanians. They have a Muslim background and most of them are not open to the Gospel.
- God willing, in February two of our pastors will go to Uganda, Africa again, where they help an orphanage with 100 children and serve in churches there. Pray for God's blessings and protection on their trip.

A few short facts about ANM:

- ANM was founded in 1992 by Bo Barredo
- Christians from all 50 states have donated to ANM
- ANM has ministries in 40 of the 50 most persecuted countries
- ANM recently launched its newest partnerships in Spain, Afghanistan, and Kyrgyzstan.
- ANM supports more than 13,00 native missionaries serving in more than 110 countries.
- There are still more than 7,00 unreached people groups.

Matthew 24:14 Promises that the Gospel will be shared with all nations before Jesus returns.



Snow Team

How would you like to be a part of one of the most important teams at the church? Most other activities can not happen if the snow is not cleared.

We have already had three major storms with more predicted soon. The Farmer's almanac is predicting a very snowy year. With that said, 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!



Join us in praising God for 10,599,907 shoebox gifts packed and donated worldwide in 2022

This worldwide number includes 9,303,130 shoeboxes donated in the U.S., with over 342,000 through Build a Shoebox Online! Each of these shoebox gifts represents a child and Gospel opportunity made possible through your partnership in ministry. We are grateful for you, Connect Volunteers!

Millions of the children who receive these shoebox gifts will go on to complete The Greatest Journey discipleship program, learning more about how to follow Christ each day.

Please continue to pray with us. We are asking God to prepare the way for the shoebox gifts that are still being transported and to open the hearts of children and their families to receive the Gospel. Pray also for the Ministry Partners who are leading the outreach and discipleship efforts in more than 100 nations around the world.

We look forward in anticipation to how God uses these shoebox gifts this year. It's a privilege to serve with you in this ministry.



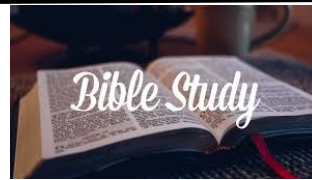
Afterschool Tutoring

We have just started a new learning opportunity here at Tahoe Community

Church, After School Tutoring!

The Tutoring will take place every Wednesday that school is in session from 3:45 to 5:45 pm. In Fellowship Hall. Subjects covered are Math and English and is for any student in grades 1-12.

Keven Mayer and Lois Furno, who are both experienced educators, and heading up this program with the help of others. Please reach out to them if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist.



Bible Studies

Here is look at what the Bible study groups are up to.

Wednesday Breakfast Study: The Wednesday Breakfast Study, which is once again open to everyone, is going through a video series on the book of Daniel by Chuck Missler. The next lesson is called "The Doom of Babylon." The sessions start with breakfast at 8:00 am followed by the Bible Study. Attendees are asked to sign up to bring breakfast if they feel led.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering: The prayer group is now meeting at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Study. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this event. This is a great opportunity to pray for our church and our communities.

Women's Thursday Study: The Ladies are finishing up a study on the book of Hebrews called "Better" by Jen Wilkin. The last two topics are "Consider the Faithful" and "Run the Race." This series ends on February 23 with a wrap up session. The next study, "The Shepherd with me," on the 23 Psalm, starts on Thursday March 2nd. Contact Tootie O'Malley to order a book.

Sunday Morning Study: The Sunday morning study is currently focused on the book of acts with Bob Daly as the primary facilitator. Anyone can join this group at anytime. This is a great study group to invite visitors to!



Upcoming Events

Church Fellowship Meal

Sunday February 5th at 12:00pm

Church Business Meeting

Sunday February 5th following the Fellowship Meal

Vote on new Pastor

Will take place at the end of the Business Meeting

Women's Fellowship Event "The Gift"

Saturday February 25th at 1:00pm

Memory Verses for November

- February 5 1 John 1:9
- February 12 1 Timothy 1:15
- February 19 Proverbs 4:23
- February 26 Psalm 40:8



Here is one more picture from the Christmas Pageant!

Thank you Jacky for recruiting the kids and directing the pageant and thank you Keven Mayer for accompanying them!

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- February 5 Noah Largent, Sierra Community Church
- February 12 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- February 19 Bob Daly, Tahoe Community Church
- February 26 Corbet Robertson, Sierra Community Church

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 ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian

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