## Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders
May 2023

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



## Vacation Bible School 2023 July 31-August 4 9:00am-12:30pm

#### Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they are bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given His children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

Kids at this VBS learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth.

Our Royal Majesty's kingdom is under attack and we must prepare for battle! Please prayerfully consider being a part of this very important outreach and discipleship ministry. Some positions have been filled but we still need for the following volunteers:

Prayer Coordinator Publicity Coordinator Craft coordinator Game Coordinator Decoration Coordinator Sound and Video Royal Trainers (Teachers)
Troupe Leaders (Teacher Assistants)

Please let me know if you would like to be apart of this ministry and if you think of others who might be able to help.

Jacky Daly

### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
Praise Team Practice
10:10 a.m.
Sunday Prayer
Bible Study Class
Praise Team Practice
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 4:30 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



## The Search Continues

By Kathy Pavich

The Pastor Search Committee is continuing its search for new candidates to consider for our next pastor.

At this time, we do not have much to report, just know that we are vetting candidates and praying for God to bring us a new pastor soon. Please continue to pray for God's will in this and for the committee to have discernment and wisdom as we vet these candidates.

#### Your Pastor Search Committee,

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

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## **Building and Grounds Update**



Good News and Bad News

The good news is that the weather has finally turned pleasant and the snow is melting quickly. The bad news is that the damage sustained

during the winter is being revealed. Most of the damage we knew about but there were a few surprises.

We already have bids out on repairing the roofs on the Worship Center and Fellowship Hall. The facia boards on the backside of the Worship Center and some shingles in the back and under the steeple in the front were torn off by the ice. The upper facia boards on the street side of Fellowship Hall need repair and paint and are just too high to get with a ladder.

It looks like the playground equipment survived but the fences around both playgrounds have taken quite a beating. It has not been determined if we can fix the fences ourselves or if we will have to hire someone to do it for us.

One thing we can do ourselves is yard work, and there will be a lot of it! There are downed branches, trees that need to be trimmed, and all of the property needs to be raked and picked up. Leonard has already removed a few branches but we plan on scheduling a clean up day some time in May to knock out the majority of the work. I will let you know when it will be as soon as I can.

Besides yard work, we still need to replace ceiling tiles in the Discovery Zone and in the storage room in the front of the Worship Center that were damaged earlier.

We have been blessed with a very large property which means we have a lot of maintenance and upkeep that has to be done on a regular basis. We are blessed to have Mike cleaning for us but he is only responsible for cleaning and not maintenance. Any volunteer help we can get is appreciated!

Please contact Leonard O'Malley or Mike Furno if you see any maintenance that needs to be done or if you would like to volunteer to help fix things up.

One project we already did was fixing the loose bricks on the stairs leading up to the office. Thanks Mike! Another was putting security camera wires back up. Thanks Leonard!

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2023 NATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 4th at 12:00pm At the flagpole near the Sheriff's Office Everyone is encouraged to attend!

"Pray Fervently in Righteousness and avail much" James 65:16B

#### Significance of the National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, this day has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation and in Washington, D.C. Every year, local, state, and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for our nation. It is estimated that over two million people attended more than 30,000 observances – organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers. At state capitols, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activities and gathered for prayer.

#### Fun Facts about the National Day of Prayer

- 1. There have been 151 national calls to prayer, humiliation, fasting and thanksgiving by the President of the United States (1789 2022).
- 2. There have been 74 Presidential Proclamations for a National Day of Prayer (1952 2022).
- 3. Every President since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.
- 4. 35 of the 45 U.S. Presidents have signed proclamations for National Prayer. Three of the Presidents who did not sign a proclamation died while serving in office. Two Presidents, not included in the count—William Howard Taft and Warren Gamaliel Harding, signed proclamations for Thanksgiving and Prayer.



The Elders have called for the Church Membership to vote on two changes to the Church Bylaws

#### 1. Article 5 Section 8 Ministry Leader Requirements

Current Section with portions to be changed in red: All teachers and ministry heads shall be required to be members. All others faithfully serving the church shall be encouraged to become members (James 3:1; Luke 12:48).

Proposed Section with revision appearing in red: All ministry heads shall be required to be members. All others faithfully serving the church shall be encouraged to become members (James 3:1; Luke 12:48).

**Reason for change:** The elders have decided that all teachers should not be required to be church members. However, all teachers will be approved by the Ministry Leader and will be background checked.

## 2. Article VI Section 3 Nomination, Selection, and Tenure of Office

#### Current Section with portions to be changed in red:

Once an Elder candidate is being considered, the church shall publicly post the nominee approved by the Elders in alphabetical order at least three weeks prior to the January meeting of the church members. All nominees are required to have been a member of the church for a minimum of (1) year at the time of nomination. At this meeting, the nominee shall be presented to the members to affirm or reject the decision of the Elders. If the nominee is affirmed by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of church members present, the newly affirmed Elders shall assume office immediately. There is no specific time limit for an Elder's service unless decided by quorum of Elders.

#### Proposed Section with revision appearing in red:

Once an Elder candidate is being considered, the church shall publicly post the nominee approved by the Elders in alphabetical order at least three weeks prior to any regular or special meeting of the church members. All nominees are required to have been a member of the church for a minimum of (1) year at the time of nomination. At this meeting, the nominee shall be presented to the members to affirm or reject the decision of the Elders. If the nominee is affirmed by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote

of church members present, the newly affirmed Elders shall assume office immediately. There is no specific time limit for an Elder's service unless decided by quorum of Elders.

**Reason for change:** This change will allow the church to approve elders anytime during the year and not just in January.

The vote on the Bylaw changes will take place during the regular church business meeting scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> following the morning church service. Approval requires a simple majority vote of church members.

Please refer any questions regarding this matter to the Office Administrator (Ted), or to any of the Church Elders.

Ordination

#### **Elder Ordination**

Bill Rowell and Bill Kolstad were both officially introduced to the church as Elder Candidates at the September 25th business meeting.

Since then, they have both been attending elder meetings and have served as the Service Leader for Sunday Morning Worship.

To continue the process, both will be giving their testimonies as part of the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Bill Rowell's testimony will be on May 7, and Bill Kolstad's will be on May 21.

The Church will vote to approve the candidates as elders during the May 21 business meeting. Approval requires a 2/3 majority vote of church members present.

The date for an ordination service has not been determined.

### Missions Ministry Chairperson

The elders are looking to call a Missions Ministry Chairperson in to service. We have not had one since Carol Borsos left. This person would be responsible for coordinating all of our missions efforts including: suggesting which missions to fund and at what level, gathering and posting newsletters and other information from our various missions, corresponding with our missionaries, writing articles for the monthly news letter, and of course praying. Please contact the elders if you feel God leading you in this direction.



## Knifty Knitters By Karen Beverage

The knitters are highly motivated after the great praise we received for our last shipment to the Mexican Medical Ministries. The ladies in the picture are wearing two of the hats we sent.

A box was just shipped containing 17 baby

hats, 8 adult hats, and 6 scarfs. It is very encouraging to know that our hard work is appreciated!

In 2022 we were able to donate 81 adult hats, 89 kid hats, 7 blankets, 13 pairs of slippers, 27 scarves, and 4 pairs of gloves to Mexican Medical Ministries.

God also led us to Knitted Knockers and we were able to provide 24 prosthetics for survivors of breast cancer. On top of that, we also knitted 247 washcloths for our OCC shoebox packing party.

We thank God for the ability to touch peoples lives through playing with yarn. If you would like to join us we would love to have you, no experience necessary. We can get you knitting square wash-cloths for our shoeboxes in no time!

### Connection Cards

The Connection cards in the bulletin are not just for visitors. Everyone should fill one out whenever your personal data, such as phone numbers and emails, change. We also want you to share your prayer requests with us. When submitting a prayer request please don't forget to choose how you want your request shared.



# Women Connecting with Women (WCW)

The (WCW) will be tentatively meeting the first Saturday of each month. The next two

dates are May 6 and June 3. Meetings start at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. The WCW provides an opportunity for women to build new and old relationships through fellowship. Women of all ages are welcome!

For questions contact Linda Robinson @ 406-285-6701 (no texts please) or email her at <a href="mailto:aprncm@verizon.net">aprncm@verizon.net</a>

### Sunday Morning Liturgy

The term Liturgy simply means "Spiritual Practices" that pertains to the order of events of a church service. The Elders want to encourage our body to be more involved in worship so here are some of the practices that we either have or will be adding to the worship service..

**1. Body Life:** Someone sharing a ministry opportunity, a report on an event that has already takin place, or a need in the body.

We have been doing body life all along but we have not been calling it that. When Jacky does a VBS promo, that's body life. When Karen shares about the shoebox ministry, or when Kevin shares about AWANA, that's body life.

Body life will be included in the service as the need arises. We may do one several weeks in a row and then go several weeks without one.

- 2. Meet and Greet: The elders have decided to suspend the meet and greet during the service. We can still "meet and greet" each other and our visitors before and after the service and everyone is encouraged to do so!
- **3. Corporate Prayer:** A vocalized prayer led by the Service Elder, preacher, or staff member.

Corporate prayer can take on several forms. One way is for someone to pray for something on behalf of the Church. An example of this is what Kai has been doing before the worship set.

Another form is someone praying for specific prayer requests from the congregation. There are different ways of doing this also and the elders have not decided the approach they want to take yet.

**4. Personal Testimony:** A person's story of coming to faith, or a story about something God either did or is doing in a person's life. A good example of this is what the Campus Crusaders do each summer.

Testimonies will need to be screened and scheduled in advance. If anyone feels led to give a personal testimony, please talk to one of the elders.

**5. Scripture Reading:** Someone reading scripture that goes with the day's sermon. Readers will be selected in advance and given the scripture passage they are to read so that they can practice reciting it out loud.

We would like to put together a list of people who desire to participate in any of the above. Please contact any of the Elders or Ted to express your interest and to learn more.



# 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)

"Lord willing, 2 months from today on June 5th we will be on the plane to Japan. We have to admit, the uncertainty and stress of another upcoming transition has a way of settling heavily on our shoulders at times. We want to continue to be all here, but we also are starting to feel the pull of what lies ahead as well as the busyness of our "to do" list. We are reminded of our weakness and desperate need of God's strength. Pray we would faithfully abide in Jesus and continually know His peace and presence these coming months."

#### Specific Prayer Requests:

- Pray for God to provide an apartment for them to rent in Tokyo and a smooth application process.
- Pray for a smooth handover of ministries when they return to Japan. Pray that Tim will be able to connect with pastors to partner with.
- Peace, energy, and grace in the midst of packing, moving, tiredness and goodbyes

"Thank you for praying that God would continue to go before us as we make preparations to leave."

Tim and Susan

#### **Central Asian Family**

Please do not publish information on this family on-line! It is very dangerous for them if you do so.

#### Our adoption funding page is here!

Praising God we were quickly approved by Lifesong for Orphans. We also received a matching grant for up to \$6,000. Please keep our adoption in your prayers, and if you want to give, click the link! We are asking God for about \$31,000. Feel free to share about this need with whoever comes to mind!

## Note: this link was sent to our all church email list. If you did not get it, or need it resent, please contact Ted in the office.

They need your prayers to get approved. The US side has been approved and they are now going through the process of getting the Kyrgyzstan government to approve the adoption.

Copies of the Central Asian Family's latest newsletter are available in the Church foyer.

#### -Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI Here are some specific prayer requests for May:

**April 30-May 6** Ask God to bless the many sports camps in Kenya designed to reach youth for Christ. Bibles are being distributed to participants.

**May 7–13** Pray that God will develop FMI partners to disciple their congregations to spiritual maturity with creativity and perseverance.

May 14-20 Pay that young people being discipled on Java have the courage to boldly proclaim their faith in Jesus and that they will have an impact on their families and communities.

**May 21-27** Intercede for Sohani's site that is experiencing spiritual resistance. Ask God to reveal his glory and power over obstacles.

May 28-June 3 Praise God for the work of translation of children's gospel literature. Pray that the proof-reading process goes quickly so the resources and Bibles reach those eager for God's Word.

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

"One of my favorite missions quotes is from Samuel Zwemer: **The History of missions is the history of answered prayer**. Prayer is essential to reaching the nations with the Gospel.

That is why I'm excited to share an upcoming opportunity for you to pray: May 28 is the International Day for the Unreached. In the week leading up to that day, many Christians will be praying for people across the globe who have never heard about Jesus.

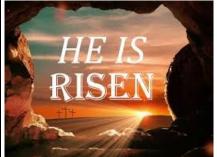
Would you join me in prayer? Would you tell other Christians about this opportunity to be part of a worldwide prayer effort? Look for more information about this event through social media and email.

Thank you for your continued partnership and prayers. Oliver L. Asher, President, ANM"

#### Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic, Carson City

There will be a family friendly benefit concert for the Life Choices Clinic on Thursday June 15, 2023 featuring the 11-time GMA Dove Award recipients, SELAH. With over 4 million albums sold, SELAH has earned a reputation for not only delivering compelling new music but also for reviving great hymns of the faith.

The concert will take place at the Carson City Community Center. Tickets can be bought in person at the Life Choices Clinic starting April 24, or online at FriendsOfLiveChoices.org/events.



## Easter Weekend at Tahoe Community Church

The First event to take place on Easter Weekend was the AWANA Seder Meal which began with feet washing. A big thanks to Jacky Daly for preparing and leading this special event for the kids.



On Saturday, we held an Easter Egg Hunt. This was an event we have had in the

past but it has been some time since we had one. The original plan was to have it outside but all the

snow on the ground did not allow for that! So, we split the kids up into three groups in three different buildings for the event. There were 150 eggs hidden in each room. Wow! Everyone in attendance had a great time!



On Resurrection Sunday we had a special Easter Fellowship Gathering. Again, this was not a new event for the church but one we have not held for a while. It featured light breakfast foods, coffee, and a meaningful fellowship time. It was a great celebration for visitors and regular attenders alike! Mike and Lois Furno were



many others. Our thanks to all!

Never forget the reason why we celebrate Easter:

> He is Risen!



TCC'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
PRESENTS
"EMBRACING OUR IDENTITY IN
CHRIST"
Speaker: Jan Hurst

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1::00 to 3:00 Tahoe Community Church Fellowship Hall 145 Daggett Way, Stateline NV

Sign Up for Hearty Appetizers, Delicious Finger Foods & Light Desserts
Bring a Friend & Come Feast on God's
Word and Delightful Food

RSVP ESSENTIAL

RSVP # Attending & Food Item You

Have Chosen to Lois @ 775-690-0596



### Help Needed!!!

We are really short handed in the Sound Booth on Sunday morning and could really use some more help. We especial-

ly 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 currently involved in another ministry. Contact Kai Keith or Annarose Salvador for more information.

## A Women's Prayer Gathering



Saturday – May 13, 2023 at 9:00AM Fellowship Hall Tahoe Community Church 145 Daggett Way Stateline, NV

For any questions contact: Linda Robinson at 406-285-6701 (no texting)

(light refreshments provided)

1Timothy 2:1



#### Bible Studies

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

Wednesday Breakfast Study: The Wednesday Breakfast Study, just wrapped up a video series on the book of Daniel by Chuck Missler. Bob Daly will be leading the group for the next two weeks while Bill Kolstad is away looking at rocks. When Bill returns, they will begin a new series so this would be a great time to join in!

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 continues to meeting at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Study. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this weekly event. This is a great opportunity to pray for our church and our communities.

Women's Thursday Study: The Ladies have one week left in the their study of Psalm 23 called "The Shepherd With Me." The last session for the season will be Thursday May 4th. They will reconvene in the fall with a new study. If you have suggestions for a new Women's Bible Study please contact Tootie O'Malley or Kathy Pavich.

**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**

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 4th at 12:00pm

#### **Women Connecting With Women**

Saturday May 6 at 10:00am

#### **Memorial Service for David Anderson**

Saturday May 6 at 12:00p;m

#### **Fellowship Meal**

Sunday May 7 at 12:00pm

#### A women's Prayer Gathering

Saturday May 13 at 9:00am

#### Women's Event "Embracing our Identity in Christ"

Saturday May 20 at 1:00pm

#### **Church Business Meeting**

Sunday May 21 after Church

#### Memory Verses for November

- May 7 John 17:3
- May 14 Isaiah 40:26
- May 21 1 John 1:3
- May 28 Habakkuk 3:18



## Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We currently have a wonderful core of Teachers for Children's Church including Kate Warner, Jacky Daly, Tootie O'Malley, and Kevin Mayer who are all very faithful. However, four volunteers is not enough!

Please be praying about this. Maybe it is you that God is calling to serve in this area. You do not need prior experience, just a willing spirit.

Please contact Jacky Daly if you are interested in helping out. Even if you only want to do it once in a while that would be areat!

#### **Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

- May 7 Corbett Robertson, Sierra Community Church
- May 14 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- May 21 Bob Daly, Tahoe Community Church
- May 28 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe 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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