

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

July 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 will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son Jesus 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. Most positions have been filled but we could always use more volunteers and assistants.

Registration is now open! Make sure you sign up your kids, your neighbors kids, and any kids you know! We have forms and posters in the Foyer and in the Office. You can also register on our website. Preregistration makes it easier for all of us on the first day!

Jacky Daly

P.S. Set up day is Sunday July 30. We will need many hands to transform our campus into a royal Kingdom! A light lunch will be provided.

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
	4:30 pm	Afterschool Tutoring (Returns in the Fall)
	6:00 pm	AWANA Bible Club
Thurs.	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Returns in the fall)
Fri.	6:00 pm	Word of Life Worship Service
Sat.	10:00 am	Praise Team Practice
	1:00 pm	Grateful at the Park



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



Building and Grounds Update

There has not been a lot of progress on our roof repairs since the last newsletter.

We have requested several bids but have not heard back on any of them yet. All of the roofers in the area are extremely busy and we have to be patient.

We have just started repairs on the playground fences. Part of the fence on the upper playground has been removed and we are waiting for the fence company to replace it. We plan on putting up a partial wall behind the fence on the hill side of the playground to hold back the rocks and dirt. We will let you know when man power is needed for this project.

We are scheduled to have some trees on the property trimmed on July 17th. There is one tree up along the office parking lot that needs to be removed but we will wait for a later date to do that.

Overall, the Church grounds are looking pretty good! Leonard O'Malley, Mike Furno, myself, and probably a few I don't know about, have been working on it as we have time. Mike has done a lot! This is a big property and there is always more that can be done. Please contact Leonard O'Malley or Mike Furno if you see anything that needs to be done or if you would like to volunteer to help fix things up. This is property that the Lord has given us and we want to keep it looking good.

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. It can be for the Elders only, for email only, for the bulletin only, or for all three.



Help Needed!!!

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

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! Contact Kai Keith or Annarose Salvador for more information.

Thanks in advance for volunteering!!



Grateful at the Park

I visited "Grateful at the Park" on Saturday and I am glad I did! Kevin Mayer wanted a ministry similar to "Grateful at the Lake" only one that would reach more locals. I think he hit it on the head! Bijou Park is the perfect location. The park is beautiful, there is good parking, and it attracts mostly local people out for a family friendly outing.

When I arrived at 1:15 Mike Furno already had some hotdogs ready, a lawn dart game was set up, and Kevin and his team were getting ready to play some familiar Christian songs. Kevin was joined by Tim Cantwell on keyboard and his wife Erica on vocals. (Pictured above with Dawn Wood who came by to visit.) There was a large group behind them using the Gazebo and a steady flow of people going by hiking, biking, and just out for a good time.

As the music started, Mike went around the area asking people to join them for a free hot dog and to hear some live music. Some took a hotdog and left, and some stayed to listen to the music and to talk with Mike and Jonathan who were at a nearby table, which along with the hotdogs had some bible tracts and Bibles on it.

The main idea was to just meet and talk to people and to invite them to Church. However, all of the Church volunteers were ready to share their testimony and the gospel as appropriate.

My takeaway was that this event not only provides an opportunity to share Christ, but it demonstrates to the community that Christians are kind, generous, fun people. My congratulations to all for putting this outreach program together. Everyone should go one week and check it out!





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)

The Driscoll's have returned to Japan and are currently staying at OMF's guest home. Pray that God provides a suitable apartment for them in the area they want to live in.

Pray for God's provision, protection, and guidance as they get settled in and begin serving and reaching out to the people of Japan.

Central Asian Family

I have included a full article on the Central Asian Family later in this newsletter. Continue to pray for God's guidance and protection for them while they continue to live and serve in what can be a very dangerous environment .

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

Fifteen-year-old Fadumo lacked purpose and often wondered what would become of his life. His Muslim family crossed the border into Kenya from Somalia ten years ago to escape the violence of warlord rule there. But terrorism remained a threat even in their new homeland.

A few weeks ago, Fadumo was invited to a three-day Christian youth conference. Nothing like this has happened in his district before. The conference was sponsored by Christian pastor Jaali. "The first day we had 92 youth attend the gospel-themed conference. On the second and third day there were more than 100!." Several of them began a relationship with Jesus Christ during the conference. Fadumo was one of them.

Almost 40% of Kenyans are under the age of 15, so outreaches geared toward youth can have great gospel impact. In addition to pastoring his church plant which now has a little more than 200 people attending weekly, Jaali's ministry includes operating a school in his city of 22,000 residents.

FMI currently supports three church planters in the Kenyan countries bordering Somalia; our national leadership team would like to empower more partners in that region. While their ministries, like Jaali's are fruitful, there are many challenges. Muslims make up 98% of the population in these countries and Christians are often discriminated against. Pray for the Lord's protection of His people here and for his provision of resources for expanded outreach.

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



"Warm greetings from Macedonia!

It seems that finally in our country we have a real summer. I thank the Lord for all his amazing mercy that He has shown and I thank you for your faithfulness in your prayers for Gods work in Macedonia. In addition is our June prayer and praise letter and I would like to invite you to pray with us."

(Articles on all their activities and prayer requests are available on the bulletin board in the Foyer)

"In the last three months EC Skopje had a renovation of the facade of the church building, after 40 years. The project is completely financed by local



donations of the believers and we thank God for his provision. Now, we need renovation of the roof, that leaks water every time it rains. Please, pray that the Lord will provide necessary finances."

Thank you and may

God Bless you, Petre Petrov

ANM is looking to build a gathering space large enough to hold all the new believers. Information on this project and how to donate is on the bulletin board. Please pray for God's will in this large project!

Here is list of other support ANM is providing:

- Bibles delivered to believers
- Middle East earthquake relief
- Spreading the Gospel in Muslim Central Asia
- Equipping Mexican Missionaries for ministry
- Reaching the unreached in South Asia
- Church building in Serbia
- Providing chicks for needy families
- Providing sewing machines to women
- Providing warm socks for North Koreans

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Remember Me. Bible memory app APK

Remember Me App

Are you
looking for a tool
to help you

memorize scripture? In his sermon on June 25th, Kevin Mayer talked about two of them, kind of old school, and new school.

The old school method is to print out cards that have a Bible verse on one side and the reference on the other. I personally have used memory cards and found them great! You can go online and get them premade or make them yourself. Kevin passed out one sheet of the verses that the AWANA Kids are learning on Sunday to get you started. I have copies in the office if you did not get one.

We are not endorsing any particular organization, but the Navigators Ministry, similar to CRU, has a really comprehensive collection of these cards called "The Topical Memory System." As the name indicates, all Bible verses are organized by topics to help you remember the versus you are memorizing.

On the new school side, you can now download Apps onto your phone or other devices that read versus to you outloud. There are several different apps of this type available but the one Kevin talked about was Remember Me Bible app by Poimena.

Remember Me reads and repeats verses so that you can listen to them while you are driving or while exercising. It works on the Web, iPhone or Android and they all update your account so if you make changes in one it updates the others.

Versus are subcategorized by **New, Due** (versus you are working on) and **Known** (versus you have memorized.) Kevin provided step by step instructions on how to use the Remember Me app. I have copies of those in the office as well.

No matter what method you choose, Memory Verse cards (Old School) , or the Remember Me App (New School), Bible memory is encouraged for everyone!

If you run across, or know of, an App or Bible memory method you like that is not mentioned in this article, please share it with us. We would love to hear about it!

**"How can a young man keep his way pure?
By living according to your word. I seek You with all
my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I
have hidden your word in my heart that I might not
sin against You."** Psalm 199: 9-1



(Missionary News Continued)

Life Choices Clinic, Carson City

"What an exciting time we had last month as SELAH joined us in celebrating 40 years of life-affirming work here at Life choices. We are grateful for times like these to gather with those who support us daily in prayer, encouragement and finances that make this ministry possible. Because of you, we continue our mission to see lives saved and transformed through the power of God. Through the power of Christ we are able to care for many and offer God's grace alongside meeting their tangible needs.

On behalf of the Pro-Abundant Life Movement,
Becky Katzorke, Community Outreach"



AWANA Has Changed for the Summer

By Kevin Mayer

We are making a slight change to AWANA on Wednesday evenings until VBS. Technically it won't be AWANA which generally follows the school year and does not meet in the Summer. The name we are using, at least for now, is "Children's Summer Fellowship."

The format will be family friendly and more camp-like with games, crafts, barbeques, campfires, and lots of singing. The participants will not be using their AWANA handbooks but we will memorize at least one Bible verse per week.

We will go back to the regular AWANA program when the school year starts up in the fall.

It's CRU Time!



Every Summer we are joined by a group of CRU (Formerly Campus Crusaders) on their summer missions outing to Tahoe. Three of their leaders, Sydney Corley, Laura Gill, and Nicole Billings arrived on June 11th and nine of their students starting attending our Sunday Worship Service on June 18th.

As in the past, we will be providing an opportunity for these amazing young people to share their testimonies with us. We will be hearing from one or two of them every Sunday starting June 25th running through July 30th.

Everyone is encouraged to talk with the CRU each Sunday to meet them and to encourage them on their Summer Tahoe Adventure! I am hoping they will join us on July 23rd for our next Fellowship Meal.



An Update from MMM

(This is one of the places the our
Knitting Group sends items to)

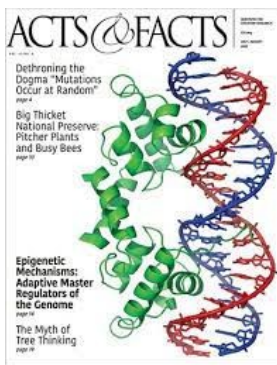
"Some of us in the fourth quarter of life remember when we got Easter Week off from school rather than Spring Break. As a young evangelical, it was my favorite event of the year. It meant new clothes and a basket of candy-the only time of the year the peeps were fresh.

As I grew up to be a teen, Easter Week began to include something ever better: missions trips to Mexico! Having attended Vacation Bible Schools during the summer as a child, now I was on the other end, helping prepare a VBS!

I recently asked a 50-something pastor in Mexico who grew up in an orphanage what he remembers the most about the missions teams that would visit them during Easter Week: snacks, crafts, songs, or stories? He said none of those things really stood out-he mainly just remembered that the teams came and he felt very loved!

It is Spring, and teams are heading south. There will be VBS, health fairs, snacks, crafts, games, songs and stories, but most of all there will be cross-cultural fellowship and people from both sides of the border will feel the love of Jesus. Please pray for those heading south to serve this season. Thank you to all who support the missionaries and teams!"

Blessings,
Pastor Steve Crews



The New Edition of Acts and Facts

The July/August edition of Acts & Facts magazine is now available. Featured articles are:

- "Dethroning the Dogma that Mutations Occur at Random"
- "Big thicket National Preserve: Pitcher Plants and Busy Bees."
- "Epigenetic Mechanisms: Adaptive Master Regulators of the Genome"
- "The Myth of Tree thinking"

If any of these articles sound interesting to you can pick up a copy of the magazine in the church foyer. Feel free to take copies to share with friends and family as well! We have plenty!



Keith Family Leaving

Our Music Director, Kai Keith, and his family have decided to move on from Lake Tahoe. They are not exactly sure where they will be moving to yet but as of now, their last day at church will be on Sunday July 30th.

Kai took over as music director when Allie Jones departed in January of 2021. Kai has been involved with our church since August of 2016 when he started volunteering at the food Pantry. He started playing guitar with the Praise Team shortly after that and was joined in church activities by his wife Katie and two daughters Kaylena and Kiyrah. Look for a longer article in the next edition.

We would like to honor this family with a special Fellowship meal on Sunday July 23rd after church. Karen Beverage will be providing the main course of macaroni and cheese. Everyone else is asked to bring Salads and deserts. Please plan on attending so that we can send this family off with style!

Operation Heal Our Patriots A Ministry of Samaritan's Purse

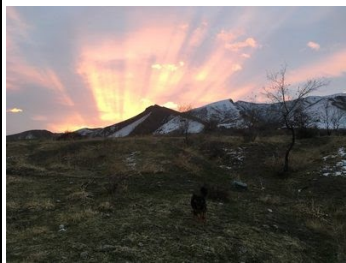
Marine Lance Corporal PJ Kehs returned from one of the bloodiest battles in the Iraq War as a shell of the man he had once been. Several combat buddies had died, and he couldn't understand why he survived and they did not. Anger consumed him, and he formed "a heart of rock," he said. His coldness and hair-trigger reactions to the most mundane things soon began straining his marriage.

PJ and his wife, Chelsea, attended the first week of Operation Heal Our Patriots this year at Samaritan Lodge Alaska in an effort to restore their broken marriage. There, PJ learned to let go of his anger, and he and Chelsea accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. At week's end, they were baptized together.

For 17 weeks during the Operation Heal Our Patriots summer season, we fly up to 11 couples to Alaska for Biblically based marriage enrichment. Many of them come to know Jesus and are baptized. Many also rededicate their marriages to one another and to God.

PJ and Chelsea's transformation wouldn't have been possible without the support of generous partners like you. Will you help us continue to introduce couples like them to the Savior and find the healing they need?

Go to the Samaritans Purse website for information



First Fruits An Update from the Central Asian Family

"I did not go out looking for Christianity. I went out looking for the truth. And it happens to be Christianity"

Our new sister in Christ said the above quote to her friends who have been harassing her for leaving Islam. It has been a very exciting and fruitful season. Several months ago I (H) shared the good news at a store with the seller. She told me "you are the third person who has shared this message with me in the last few months. This must be a sign from God. I want to learn more." (!) Unbeknownst to me (H), three others from our church network had shared the good news with her independently and God in his kindness to me allowed me to be the harvester! She is now daily reading the Word and studying. She is sharing with her friends and coworkers and desires to get dunked. Please pray for A* to get dunked soon. Pray also for her children and for her family to believe.

Redemptive Agriculture

Why Focus on Agriculture?

We live in a "creative-access country." Which means in order to live and minister here long term we have to be creative with work and business so we can get a visa. Thank you for your patience and prayers, as we seek to love God and love people in the place we live. There are so many complex decisions involved in living where we do, and we need the Lord's wisdom!!

In the powerful book, *When Helping Hurts*, the authors offer their perspectives on how one can "alleviate poverty without hurting the poor...and yourself." They highlight the four key relationships that God designed us to have: relationship with God, with self, with others, and with the rest of creation. Brokenness in these relationships is the underlying cause of poverty. "If we treat only the symptoms or if we misdiagnose the underlying problem, we will not improve their situation, and we might actually make their lives worse." (p. 54)

I (J) want to bring redemption to people's four key relationships, simultaneously, not sequentially. I'm sensing that the most natural, and effective way for me to do this work is through a farm.

Short-term Goals & their progress!

Learn best practices from farmers around the world

God's provided at least 15 neighbors here, and many more around the world, who are passionate about Jesus & agriculture and who've helped guide me during this research & vision forming stage.

Begin Farming

Construction: In partnership with local young men who are interested in agriculture, we built 1 greenhouse, 1 chicken brooder, and 3 mobile chicken coops (see picture below)

Land: A neighbor provided land (for free!) for us to place 10 bee hives, and to raise 150 meat chickens. **Finances:** Gifts and personal funds helped us cover all our expenses!

Products:

Just last week we butchered our chickens, and the taste of their meat is fantastic!!

The rabbit mothers have had 4 litters of bunnies, but they sadly haven't been able to keep them alive. All 10 hives of bees are still alive and the bee colonies are all healthy.

Deep Relationships!! "I didn't understand the farming ideas you were sharing before, but now I do! This is such a wonderful idea! I took pictures and I will share with my relatives about it!" These comments came from my neighbor who I brought to see our chickens in mobile coops. This is someone who I share Biblical stories with regularly, but who for now remains far from God.

Long-term goals

- Develop a clear business plan
- Purchase ideal land to further develop our farm, where we can research best practices, and model them for others
- Start a youth club (possibly "Future Farmers of Kyrgyzstan") to begin developing the next generation of leaders
- Please pray for us as we decide how to proceed forward!

Adoption

Our adoption is still in process. Please pray for all the funds to come in and for favor with all the documents and governments we will be interacting with. Currently Given: \$6,750 of 30,530

Partners in Prayer We've created a group in the Signal phone app where we can share more frequent and specific prayer requests. So far we have 2 of the 100 partners we're praying for. Let us know if you'd be willing to partner with us in this way!

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Personal Finances

Current Monthly Partners: \$3,750 / Month
Budget Goal: \$5,000 / Month
Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement and support! We always love to hear from you!

Serving together,
JHEEE

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School Teachers Update

We currently have a wonderful core of Teachers for Children's Church including Kate Warner, Jacky Daly, Tootie O'Malley, Kevin Mayer, and Julie Christ.

We are sad to announce that Kate Warner will be moving to Gardnerville and will no longer be serving as a Sunday School Teacher. Kate has been the coordinator for our Sunday School Teachers for the past year working with Jacky Daly to insure we had someone scheduled to teach our children every week. Kate, we thank you for your service with us and pray that God will bless your future endeavors!

The Bible teaches that the Lord Gives and the Lord takes away. (Job 1:21) The Lord is taking away Kate Warner but is giving us a new teacher, Noel Cary. Noel and her Husband Tim are new church members and have started volunteering right away. Tim is currently leading the Wednesday Breakfast Study and they both have started serving as Church Greeters. Welcome to the Children's Church team Noel!

Even with the addition of Noel to the team, there is room and a need for more teachers. 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, or just want to be an assistant that would be great!

Beneath the Surface

30 ways to pray for Japan

Tim and Susan Driscoll have sent the church a personal thank you note for our prayers and support which is posted on the bulletin board. They also sent us a few copies of a prayer booklet called "Beneath the Surface." These are available for your use in the Foyer and the church office. We have only a few copies so please return them after you have looked them over. Thanks!

Here are a few facts: 18 cities and 524 towns in Japan are without a church. 1 out of 8 Protestant Churches have no pastor. The main religions are Shinto and Buddhism. Less than 1% of the population are Christians.



Bible Studies

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

Wednesday Breakfast Study: The Wednesday Breakfast Study gang has started a new study. Tim Cary is leading the group through a study on the book "No Reason to Hide" by Erwin Lutzer. This study is scheduled to run through August depending on how lively the discussions are! This group tries to remain flexible in their Bible Studies. Books and workbooks are still available if you would like to join in! Not only is the Bible Study great but so is the breakfast at 8:00 am and the warm Christian Fellowship. 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 are taking a break for the summer and will reconvene in the fall with a new study. Look for information on the next study in the September Newsletter and in the Sunday Bulletins. 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. Bill Kolstad led the study in June while Bob Daly was off traveling in England and Florida. Bob is scheduled to be back teaching on July 9! Anyone can join this group at anytime. This is a great study to invite visitors to!



Upcoming Events

Special Fellowship Meal for Keith Family
Sunday July 23 after Church

Vacation Bible School Set up Day
Sunday July 30th after church

Vacation Bible School
Monday July 31 through Friday August 4th

Note: There will be no fellowship meal in August. Join us on September 3 for the next one.

Note: There will be no Newsletter in August. The next edition will be out the first week of September.

Memory Verses for June

- July 2 Psalm 62:8
- July 9 Isiah 58:6
- July 16 Psalm 107:28
- July 23 Philemon 1:4
- July 30 Deuteronomy 5:1



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 church newsletter, and of course praying. Please contact the elders if you feel God leading you in this direction.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- July 9 Nick Stewart
- July 16 David Wade
- July 23 Corbet Robertson
- July 30 TBD
- Aug 6 TBD

Here to Serve You

Elders: Jeff Brumbach, Bob Daly, Bill Kolstad, Leonard O'Malley, Bill Rowell

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

Church Staff: Kai Keith, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian

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