

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

September 2023

Worshiping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

VBS Kingdom Keepers,

Celebrating 30 years of Vacation Bible School at Tahoe Community Church. Can you believe it our children and now grandchildren attending. Kids who came are now bringing their kids. I can't believe God is still having me head up this ministry and some people have been faithful serving along side me for the entire 30 years. Church, we are faithful to His calling. Thank you so much to all of you faithful servants.

VBS is a huge undertaking. The first task after I decide and order the material is to pray for the volunteers. Some people get onboard quickly while others decide if they can commit to another year. This I understand as the work is tremendous, the time is a huge commitment, and it is exhausting! I am thankful for each and every person who gave themselves up for the Lord. There is so much prep and work the months, weeks, and days before VBS starts. And thank you for your donations!

This year the Furnos were able to obtain the decorations that Sierra Church used as they had done the same VBS a couple weeks prior to ours. The Saturday volunteers turned out to transform the Church into "The Great Hall" inside a Medieval Castle. It looked spectacular! On Sunday more volunteers turned up and converted the rest of the campus into the Kingdom Keepers VBS. On Monday, VBS started at 8am, 8:30 prayer, 8:45 first family arrives, and here we go!

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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
	3:00 pm	Praise Team Practice
	5:30 pm	AWANA Bible Club
Thurs.	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Fri.	6:00 pm	Word of Life Worship Service
Sat.	12:00 pm	Grateful Ministry, Lake View Commons



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



(Kingdom Keepers Continued)

Opening Assembly in the Great Hall, Truth Talks in the Keep, Science and Crafts in the Courtyard, Music and Memory verse in the Minstrels Gallery, Missions in the Manor, and the Closing Battle in the Great hall. 12:30 parents pick up and we prep for the next day! Some people prepped at church while others worked at home till late.

VBS runs for 5 days with a closing program and barbecue for the families on Friday afternoon.

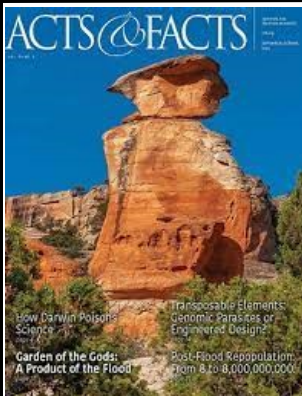
We had 65 children attend this year. It was wonderful to chat with and meet the families. The Gospel went out many times that week. Gods Children were faithful in much. Of course, then we have to tear down and clean up to get ready for church on Sunday.

We had more than 30 volunteers and I'm thankful for each one. Each person used their gifts. We are one body and we needed ,and used, each part. The children of this community will have fond memories of VBS, and as they grow they will be drawn to Christ because of the love of Christ shown through each one of you as you ministered and loved on each child. We may not know results this side of heaven.

If you missed out on the excitement and the blessing I am sorry, but there is always next year God willing!

Life Lesson: Children are not distractions from work. They are the most important work. C.S Lewis

Thank you Jacky:)



The New Edition of Acts and Facts

The September/October edition of Acts & Facts magazine is now available. The featured articles include:

- How Darwin Poisons Science
- Garden of the Gods: A Product of the Flood
- Transposable Elements: Genomic Parasites or Engineered Design?

- Post-Flood Repopulation: From 8 to 8,000,000,000!

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!

For those of you with children, we also have copies of the kid version of Acts & Facts which is packed full of fun and educational games.



Tahoe Community Church says Good Bye to the Keith Family

Our Music Director, Kai Keith, and his family departed South Lake Tahoe on July 31 after celebrating their last Sunday with us on July 30th. Here is part of their story with us:

When Kai first came here in August 2016, it wasn't to play music, he came as a volunteer for the food pantry. Bob Daly found out that Kai played guitar and since I was the worship leader at the time, Bob introduced us. I was skeptical at first because I have known a lot of people who said they could play an instrument but really couldn't Well, it turned out that Kai was a great player and started playing with the praise team right away. Kai's wife Katie and two daughters Kyra and Kaylena started coming to worship with us about the same time.

If you look back, you can really see God at work. Kai came to us right after Jim Brocket went to be with the Lord. We had Pastor Paul on piano, but we needed a guitarist and a base player. It was only a few months after Kai joined us that pastor Paul moved on to Sacramento. So, that left just Kai, me on drums, and about four vocalists. Kai told me that Kyra played piano, and Kaylena played bass. He actually said they played a little and asked if it would be OK for them to join the team. Again, I was skeptical and proven wrong.

While Kyra did not play too much piano at first, she was an incredibly fast learner and learned more in six months than most people do in years. Kaylena was a good player from the start but turned into a great player. Without a doubt, Kaylena is one of the finest bass players I have every had the pleasure of playing with!

When my time as worship leader was up, Allie Jones took over and the Keith family continued on. And boy did they work well together. The worship music they produced was incredible.

When Alli left in January of 2021, Kai took over as Worship Leader and continued to produce exceptional worship music.

And let's not forget Katie. Katie jumped in right away as well serving as audio technician, video technician, and recorded the sermons every Sunday.

Besides the music, the Kieth family was also involved in VBS, women's events, shoebox packing parties, and a lot more.

We pray that God will keep the Keith family safe and bless all of their future endeavors.

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**Saturday, September 23rd
11:00-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall**

TCC's Women's Fellowship is sewing colorful pillowcases for "Ryan's Case for Smiles" & participating in the annual

Miles of Pillowcase Smiles Campaign.

This campaign is held in September to coincide with Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. The goal for this year is to create 55,000 pillowcases.

Ryan's Case for Smiles is a nonprofit organization that was started by Cindy Kerr when her son Ryan was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) at the age of 12.

While Ryan is no longer with us, his inspiration has provided over one million hospitalized children an emotional boost with these comforting and uplifting pillowcases.

SEWING EXPERIENCE IS NOT NEEDED AND ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED

If you do have a portable sewing machine or iron that you can bring it would be greatly appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23, 11:00-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

For questions please call or text Sally O'Brien @775-720-8601 or email her sallysobrien@mac.com.



.We are excited and looking forward to this event and sharing the love of Christ with these children!!!

The photo on the left is from last year's event



(Keith Family Continued)

The last message I received from the Keith Family was on August 3rd.

"Hey Everyone,
We have been through 3 states already. We are currently in Wyoming! Here is a video and a couple of pictures from our visit to Devils Tower in Wyoming.
Lots of Love
Y'all."

Update: Yesterday I received a great update letter from Kai. It was too late and too long to include here so I emailed it out to everyone. Please keep praying for safety and God's will for the Keith Family.



Kevin Mayer Takes over as Music Director

With Kai's departure, Kevin Mayer took over as the Church Music Director. Kevin, on the right above, has been involved with the praise team for several years now. Allie Jones asked him to play in December one year and he has been playing, and leading the team, off and on ever since. The best way to describe Kevin is as a man with a great talent and huge heart for the Lord.

One of Kevin's contributions musically was the introduction of the Grateful ministry. He and a group of other musicians started playing music at Lake View Commons as part of an evangelism outreach. The ministry has continued to this day all be it in different forms and at different locations.

Kevin was playing with the Spanish Church before he started playing with us and he has also played and preached for the Lake Tahoe Juvenal facility, and at Barton Hospital on Sunday's for patients.

Kevin introduced the AWANA Bible Club to our Church in August of 2022 as a follow-up to VBS. The program has been a great success in reaching many kids and families in our community. O, and did I mention that Kevin has also become a regular preacher at the church! I don't know how he has time for it all!

Please welcome Kevin as Music Director the next time you see him and thank him for all that he does for the church and the Lord.

Building and Grounds Update

Praise God our roof damage has been repaired! It took a lot of doing but Mike Furno was able to find someone to repair the damage to our roofs caused by last winter's storms. The work was completed on August 5th. There is still some painting that needs to be done and we are working on getting that scheduled.

Work on the playground fences is progressing nicely. The fence on the upper playground is completed except for the gate and it looks great! The fence on the Lower playground has not been completed as of this writing but the work has been contracted.

The tree trimming mentioned in the last newsletter has also been completed. We had three large trees trimmed up nice and neat. There is still one tree up along the office parking lot that needs to be removed but we will wait for a later date to do that.

Leonard O'Malley has been working hard on the landscaping maintenance that is never ending, and Mike Furno is busy repairing the pony wall in front of Fellowship Hall that was damaged.

With a property this large, there is always plenty that needs to be done. Please contact Leonard or Mike if you have some time and would like to help with some of the many landscaping maintenance, building projects, or weekly cleaning that needs to be done. Volunteer help is greatly appreciated!

Mark Kaczar Increases Duties

The departure of the Kieth family left other vacancies that Mark Kaczar has graciously volunteered to fill. In addition to his Audio/Visual duties, Mark is now in charge of maintaining the Churches website. Along with that, he will be recording the sermons each Sunday and posting them during the week. If you have recommendations for changes, or updates to our webpage please bring them to Mark's attention. Thanks for stepping up Mark!

**Audio
Visual**

Help Needed!!!

We are really short handed in the Sound Booth on Sunday morning and are in urgent need of help. Annarose Salvador is our only video tech and Mark Kaczar is our only Audio Tech. They could really use a break from time to time. Prior experience is not required, just a willing heart and spirit! Contact Kevin Mayer, Annarose, or Mark for more information.

Thanks in advance for volunteering!!



The Ever-Changing Grateful Ministry

When I wrote the last newsletter in July, the Grateful at the Lake Ministry had changed into Grateful at the Park meeting on Saturday afternoons at Bijou Park. This was successful in reaching locals but not as many as desired.

In an effort to reach more people, with the focus primarily on locals, the ministry changed locations to the Farmers Market on Ski Run Blvd. This seemed like a great idea! They would meet at the O'Reilly's home on Ski Run and reach out to all the people going by to get to the Farmers Market. The O'Reilly's set up a tent and had a table with goodies and lots of Bible tracts and church information to hand out. There was a lot of foot traffic and the Gospel and information about our church was shared with many. However, Keven Mayer, the organizer and leader of the ministry, quickly realized that the same people were going by every week and the ministry location needed to be reevaluated.

So it seems like we have gone full circle and they have started meeting at Lake View Commons again. The problem we ran into last time was amplified music, we were informed that it was not allowed and had to leave. So, this time we are using only acoustic music which is perfectly acceptable. Kevin has told that the move has been successful and many people are being presented with the Gospel.

Thank you Kevin for your perseverance and steadfast desire to reach as many people as possible. for the Lord! Please contact Kevin if you would like to a part of this evangelistic ministry.

By the way, I will be referring to this ministry as "The Grateful Ministry" from now on in case they decide to change locations again!



Church Baptism

Sunday September 10th at
1:00pm at Nevada Beach

We will be in front of the pavilion at the end of the long boardwalk
The closest parking is the parking lot to the right as you go in the park. You may also park along Elks Point Road or in the Safeway parking lot and walk in
Please contact the elders if you would like to be Baptized

If you would like more information on what the Bible says about Baptism, there is a flyer in the Foyer.



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)

Tim and Susan's August newsletter was titled "Tongue, Travels and Transcendence." Susan had just returned from a ten day "Prayer Journey" across the main Island of Japan and she recorded some of her thoughts and prayer requests. Here are two:

"I was blessed to see our OMF workers in their place of ministry. I was spurred on by their faithfulness in small, hard places with sometimes little results of their efforts in outreach and evangelism; yet their vision and passion remains, fueled on by our faithful God who is building His church."

"In August, the Japanese celebrate a festival called Obon. This year we really felt the heaviness of the festival, physically, emotionally and spiritually. What a good reminder that our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual powers of darkness in high places. Please be praying for us to stand firm and faithful when the evil one attacks. Pray for God's hedge of protection around us, our family and our Ministry."

Copies of the entire newsletter can be found in the foyer. If we run out I can copy more.

Central Asian Family

I have not heard from the Central Asian Family in a while. The latest information I have is the flyer in the foyer and items posted on the bulletin board. I will certainly pass on more information as I receive it.

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

I just posted the latest newsletter from FMI on the bulletin board. It contains a very touching story of one family's conversion to Christianity and their struggle to survive in a hostile environment.

Here are short versions of a few prayer requests:

- September 2-9 Pray for peace in FMI's partner countries, especially Turkiye and Pakistan. Pray that Christians in these countries reflect the love of God to those on all sides of the conflicts.

- September 10-16 Thank God for his provision of a motorcycle for Pastor Pratapgarh who ministers across multiple tribal villages. Pratapharh requests prayers as he often experiences barriers and persecution when trying to share the Gospel.

September 17-23 Uphold Pastor Utku and his church. They have lost their lease and are in need of a different place to meet and worship. They currently have only 40% of the funds needed to move.

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

I thought letter from ANM was especially encouraging this month.

"It is often said: children are the future. Did you know that is true in missions too? The Native Missions you support are reaching today's children with the Gospel so they can become tomorrow's Christian leaders and missionaries. Here is the testimony of a young girl named Mint, who was brought up in a Christian children's home run by ANM missionaries in Thailand.

"When I first came to the children's home, I was in grade one. I did not know God. I thought that God was not real. But as I stayed here, God has taught me a lot, to have love and joy. I thank the Lord that He watches over me.

Mint did not know the Lord at all, and now she is a small group leader and worship leader for the younger kids at the home! Your support helps children like Mint learn about Jesus and receive a good education along with the loving care every child should have."

This letter and the newsletter from the Evangelical church in Macedonia are posted on the bulletin board.

Two prayer requests:

- In August-September Texas couple Randy and Debbie Fair will be leading 40 evangelistic events in over 20 cities. Pray for the message and protection for the servants of God, but also pray for those who will hear the Gospel.

- Pray for new workers because "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"

- Life Choices Clinic, Carson City

"Your commitment to support our mission at Life Choices is changing lives everyday. We see women and men come in with confusion and overwhelm and have the opportunity to point them toward hope. We could not continue to carry out our mission without the prayer and financial support from people like you."

Becky Katzorke, Community Outreach
**See the add on the next page about the
September Gala with Kirk Cameron**



Come Celebrate Life Choices' 40th Anniversary with Kirk Cameron

We invite you to join us for our semi-formal Fall Fundraiser Gala at the Paradise Ballroom of the Atlantis Casino in Reno, NV

Friday, September 15.
Registration opens at 6:00pm.

Tickets for the **FALL FUNDRAISER GALA** can now be purchased

Additional details are available at FriendsofLifeChoices.org.
O call at Life Choices: **775.885.1700**



Bible Studies

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

Wednesday Breakfast Study

The Wednesday Breakfast Study gang has completed their study on the book "No Reason to Hide" by Erwin Lutzer. A big thank you to Tim Cary for leading the group through this timely study.

For their next topic, the group has decided to study their way through the book of Philippians. Instead of having one person lead the study, they decided to share the responsibility and rotate facilitators (teachers) on a weekly basis.

If you have been involved with the breakfast study before, or are thinking about joining the study, this would be a great time to join in! This group provides a perfect mix of Bible study and fellowship. All you need is a Bible, an open mind to learn, and o yes, a good appetite for the breakfast! Participants are asked to sign up to bring breakfast if they feel led but there is no obligation to do so. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

The prayer group continues to meet at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Study although the starting time does fluctuate some depending on the length of the study and the enthusiasm of the fellowship afterwards! 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 start their fall study session on Thursday September 7 with a study called "When You Pray." This unique seven-week study takes a deep look at different prayers in the Bible. What makes it unique is that it is presented by seven different writers. This study is part video lesson and part study book discussion which is typical for the women's study group.

Another thing unique about the study is that every person who purchases a book has access to the video lessons on line so if you miss a lesson you can get caught up on your own time. Please contact Tootie O'Malley or Kathy Pavich for more information.

Sunday Morning Study

The Sunday morning study is currently working their way through the book of Acts. Elder Bob Daly is the primary teacher with others filling in from time to time. Anyone can join this group at anytime which makes this the perfect study to invite visitors to!

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School Teachers Update

We currently have a wonderful core of Teachers for Children's Church including Jacky Daly, Tootie O'Malley, Noel Carry, and Julie Christ. Kevin Mayer is not currently part of the team due to his preaching and music responsibilities.

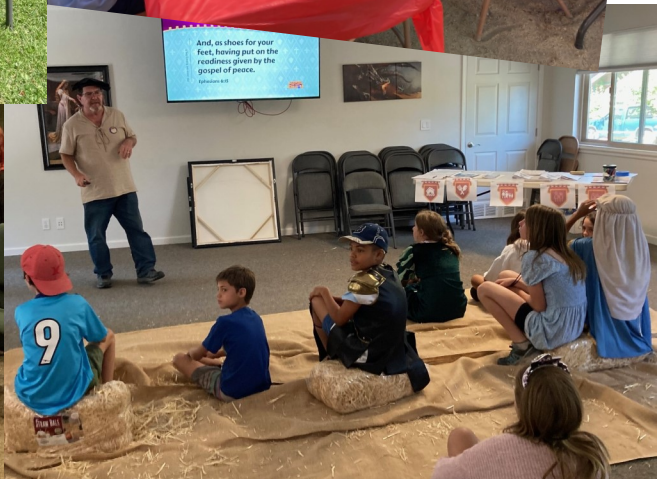
We pleased to have added Teresa Chavez to the team. Teresa has been attending the Women's Bible Studies for a long time and served this past August as a VBS volunteer for the first time. Welcome to the team Teresa!

Even with the addition of Teresa to the team, there is room and a need for more teachers and assistants. 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. Remember the more members on the team, the easier it gets for everyone! The goal is to have enough teachers so that no one has to serve more than once a month.

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!

Vacation Bible School 2023!

Jacki sent me some great pictures of VBS. I tried to show as many different teachers and kids as possible. My plan is to put together a slide show of all the pictures in the near future. Look for another page of pictures in Octo-





Upcoming Events

Fellowship Meal

Sunday September 3rd, after Church

Baptism

Sunday September 10th, 1:00pm on Nevada Beach

Memorial Service for Donna Rybak

Sunday September 17th, after church

Ryan's Case for Smiles

Saturday September 23, 1:00am in Fellowship Hall

Church Business Meeting

Sunday September 24th after church



Memorial Service for Donna Rybak

Church Member Donna Rybak went to be with the Lord on Sunday August 12th. Linda Robinson was with her at the end and said she went peacefully. The church will be having a memorial Service in honor of Donna on Sunday September 17th after Church. There will be a pot luck fellowship following the service in Fellowship Hall. (Donna is pictured above with Pastor Paul, Liz Cordero and Lisa Brocket.)

Memory Verses for September

- September 3 John 16:338
- September 10 James 3:8
- September 17 Romans 12:2
- September 24 John 14:26



Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- September 3 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- September 10 Bob Daly, Tahoe community church
- September 17 Rich Stein, Young Life Ministries
- September 24 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe community Church
- October 1 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: Kevin Mayer, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian.

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