

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

April/May 2024

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!

Vacation Bible School 2024



Tahoe Community Church

July 8th—July 12th

9:00am to 12:30pm

Kids ages 5 yrs. through 6th grade completed

**Enhanced off-campus program
for students in 7th-12th grade**

Every day, our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's Ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible?

At this VBS, our kids will explore the Biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life.

**Prepare to swing into fun as we head out
on The Great Jungle Journey!**

**We need lots of volunteers!
Contact Jacky Daly at 775-901-0870 to sign up!**

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Sunday Prayer Time
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

Mon.	5:30 pm	Discipleship Training
Tue.	8:00 am	Bible Study Breakfast
	9:30 am	Prayer Gathering
	10:30 am	Knitting Group
Wed.	9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
	3:00 pm	Praise Team Practice
	5:30 pm	AWANA Bible Club
	6:00 pm	Design for Discipleship Class
Thurs.	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		(Not meeting until September)
Fri.	6:00 pm	Word of Life Worship Service



How to Register for VBS

There are several ways to register for VBS this year. The easiest way is to use the QR code on the left. Answers in Genesis set up a special website address for registration just for our church:

TahoeCommunityChurch.myanswers.com

You can also contact the church directly using contact information at the bottom of this page.

Finally, you can contact VBS Leader Jacky Daly at jackydaly@aol.com

**The sooner you register, the easier it is for us to be
prepared for an epic week with your children!**



The Search Gets Closer

The Pastor Search Committee has an update as to what we have been doing.

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Our committee members are: Bill Rowell, Bill Kolstad, Bob Pavich, Christine Feinberg, Kathleen Huggins, and Kathy Pavich.

*We meet on Monday evenings.

*We have vetted 135 Pastor Candidates and reviewed some of them twice!

* Each Candidate has many steps to go through before being discarded or moved forward in the process. This involves much time and energy by each committee member.

The good news: Save the date!

On July 7, 2024 we have invited a Pastor Candidate to visit TCC and give the message! You will have a chance to meet and greet at a Pastor Candidate Fellowship Lunch following the Sunday morning service.

Our Candidate is Todd Cheney who is currently a military chaplain in Germany. He is retiring from the service and will be back in the U.S. and available to visit us the 1st week of July. That week will include some behind the scenes meetings, etc. before the church body will get to meet him. Pastor Cheney is a Biblically sound man of God who has extensive experience not only in the military but in various churches in the U.S. with all age groups in ministry. His wife Kristin also seems to be a very solid helpmate in ministry.

We will give you more details on this candidate as it gets closer to the time of his visit.

Meanwhile please pray for God's will in all the details, as TCC discerns through God's wisdom if Pastor Cheney is to be our next pastor.

Blessings, Kathy Pavich

Planned Power Outage

There will be a planned power outage at the church on Thursday May 16th from 8:00am to 5:00pm



TCC Looses a Dear Friend

Dan and Alice Wilkinson were long time members of Tahoe Community church. Here are excerpts from her obituary:

Alice Wilkinson, age 87, of Parker, CO, passed away May 6th, 2024. She was born October 22, 1936 in Tulsa, OK, the daughter of Cecil and Helen Richardson.

Alice graduated high school in 1954 from Will Rogers High in Tulsa. Alice attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

Alice married her high school sweetheart Dan Wilkinson at 19 years old on January 27, 1956. They were married for 68 years.

After college, Alice taught grades K-3rd from 1958 to 1967. After her second child was born, she was a stay at home mom for 11 years. In 1978 she became a realtor and worked in residential real estate for over 30 years in California.

Alice spent most of her adult life in California. After retirement, Dan and Alice moved to their dream location in Lake Tahoe, NV. They moved to Parker CO in 2021 to be closer to their granddaughters, son and daughter-in-law.

Alice enjoyed being active in her church wherever she lived and involvement with VBS and the Shoe Box Ministry.

Follow the link below for the full obituary.

<https://www.afterall.com/obituaries/AliceWilkinson>



The May/June edition of acts is now available in the church foyer and in the office. Here are the featured articles:

- Why Biology Needs a Theory of biological Design part 2.
- Galapagos Finches: A case study in Evolution or Adaptive engineering?
- Hot Springs National Park: Hydrothermal Springs Formed by the Flood.

Please feel free to take some of these magazines to share with your friends and neighbors. I hate throwing them away!



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 latest newsletter I received from Tim and Susan is posted on the bulletin board and there are also copies in the foyer if you would like one. The title of their April Newsletter is "Praise and Prayer for Connections." Here is an excerpt:

"Along the lines of connecting, we would also value your prayers as we connect to our Serve Asia (short term) workers. This spring and summer is quite full for Susan planning missionary hosts, ministry placements and welcoming and orientating new workers; some coming for a month and some for over a year. Pray for energy and wisdom to tackle this work load well, to pace ourselves and that God would give wisdom to know our capacity when planning months in advance.

Pray for us, as we connect to our Kanto missionaries, those that we oversee in Tim's Kanto Sector Leader role.

By God's grace we aim to fulfill OMF's field vision by seeing the people of God in Kanto making and multiplying disciples to reach all of Japan and beyond."

Tim and Susan recently sent a post card to us. It said: "Thank You Tahoe Church Family for your faithful prayers and financial support. We are blessed and encouraged by you. Thank you for partnering with us so Japanese can know Jesus. Hope you are well. With thanks, Tim and Susan."

Central Asian Family

I mentioned in the last newsletter that The Central Asian family has transitioned to a new media platform to keep us better informed of their activities and adventures. They have informed me that the best way to get started with this is to email them at:

Centralasianfamily@protonmail.com

and request a link to their media site. Once you subscribe, you will be getting informative updates including photos, stories, and prayer requests.

They are still raising money for the adoption of a child: <https://mystory.lifesongfororphans.org/stories/our-adoption-journey-16/>

Look for a bulletin update flyer soon. I also plan on including a story of two from our Central Asian Family in the next newsletter.

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

Dear Friends of Missions:

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! Today I am giving thanks to the Lord for how the message of salvation in Jesus is advancing in the world's most challenging mission fields. And you are a part of it. Encouraging events:

- A Muslim man in Indonesia came to faith in Jesus through one of our missionaries and now he is leading a youth outreach among Muslim kids.
- Twenty villagers in Cambodia received Jesus as their Savior after missionaries dedicated a new well in their village and shared the Gospel.
- 83 children in Manipur, India are receiving care and education from our missionaries after their villages and schools were burned down in anti-Christian violence.

You can find many more encouraging stories on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

International Day for the unreached is May 19. You can read about this event on the bulletin board as well.

From the Evangelical Church: "I am very glad to know that we can all work together in God's Field. Here are a few things God has been doing:

- For a long time the Gospel was shared in the town of Negotino with no fruit but this month God provided encouragement when a couple and a young girl asked to be baptized.
- In Probishtip, the church community is small but they don't give up. They recently had locals ask for Bibles!
- Summer Camps for children and being planned pray that they find proper venues to hold them.

Check out the bulletin board for more stories and lots of pictures.

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

Pastor Arman drives a cab to make extra money and to share the gospel with people in his area. One day Mehran, a Muslim man, got in his cab and he was able to share the gospel with him. They met later and Mehran realized through the Gospel of Luke that Jesus delights to seek those who are lost. Mehran tried to find inner peace by memorizing whole Quran but he still felt empty. Finally, he found fullness of joy after accepting Jesus Christ as his personal savior. A page has been turned and a new chapter of his life began.

Please pray for pastor Arman and his taxi cap ministry!



Easter Fellowship Gathering Pictures

I want to thank all those who helped put together the Easter Fellowship Gathering this year. This event grew in attendance from last year and I look forward to what God will do next year!



Sound System Upgrades

We have switched from the Mackey analog mixing board in the sanctuary sound booth to a digital mixing board that was purchased for Grateful at the Lake three years ago along with two high end JBL powered speakers also purchased for Grateful at the Lake. Some rewiring in the attic was also redone, greatly improving the quality of the sound. Since the main speakers and monitors are all powered, there is no need for amplifiers which allowed us to eliminate a large amount of obsolete equipment in the room off of the stage. We also cleaned equipment out of the sound booth including four obsolete DVD players and two obsolete wireless microphone transmitters which were stacked on top of each other.

The digital mixing board consists of two parts. The first part is essentially a connection box where the signals for microphones come in and the mixed sound goes out to the various speakers. The mixing part is controlled by a computer interface on a computer in the sound booth. When the mixing board screen is up it looks just like our old mixing board. The difference is that it is controlled with a mouse instead of by turning knobs and pushing buttons. The signal is simultaneously broadcast across the room to a computer on the stage meaning it can be controlled from pretty much anywhere. This system is a lot more sophisticated than our old one and has a lot more capabilities which means there will be a learning curve on it. Kevin just purchased a 400-page manual for the new mixing board from Amazon and will be working with Michael Melvin to master the operation of it. Once all of this is completed, we will be able to train others in its usage and write simplified instruction manuals.

The sound is vastly improved and will enable us to have clearer sound at a lower volume level.

Kevin also bought among other things 3 Laptop computers: One for the sound booth, one for the fellowship hall and one for Kid's Zone. These computers will make it easier to log onto websites using a computer connected to the big screen TVs instead of trying to use the TV for internet access. The computers have built-in DVD drives eliminating the need for the DVD players in the closet. All of this is utilizing the upgraded wi-fi system.

Thanks Keven for all your work on this!



Building and Grounds

There has been a lot activity in building and grounds since the last newsletter. The biggest project was in the discovery Zone building which is pictured above. Leonard O'Malley cleaned out the room that was being used for preschool storage and tore down the wall that was there making the space much larger and more usable for our current tenants, the AA group.

On a history note, I was told that this storage room was once used by Pastor Sam as his office. Beth Peterson turned it into an indoor playground when she ran the Preschool and Sarah Tran used it for a classroom and then as a storage room. You should go down and check it out!

We had some electrical problems in the building that were corrected. We had a short in a microwave that kept popping circuit breakers and a faulty circuit breaker that needed to be replaced. And on top of that there is a plumbing issue that is being corrected as I write this article. Leonard has had a hard time keeping the room in good repair but was up for the challenge!

Mike Furno has been busy working in the church office. He repaired the damaged window in Ally's old office by building a nice frame around it and he and one of the Boatman boys painted the room. Mike and Tim Cary painted the entire reception area as well. The spaces is much cleaner and brighter now.

We also had some grounds work done for us. We hired a company to do the spring clean up this year instead of doing it ourselves. They did the whole property in a day! Well worth the cost.

We did some other work related to a recent fire inspection but I will get into that in the next issue. As always keep your eye out for work that needs to be done and let us know what you find!



Notes from Knifty Knitters

By Karen Beverage

Would you like to learn to knit for missions? Then join us

Tuesdays starting at 10:30 in the Church Office for an introduction to the joys of knitting! Needles and yarn will be provided.

We will start with making washcloths for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party. You will learn how to cast on, the knit and purl stitches, and binding off.

Once you are comfortable with making washcloths we will progress to creating the basic beanie for Mexican Medical Ministries.

We meet weekly so feel free to join us when you can.

TCC Mesh_Guest



Scan this QR code on another device to connect to TCC Mesh_Guest without entering the password.

New Wi-Fi

The new church Wi-Fi (was installed on April 27th. It is called a Mesh. I never even head of a Mesh until we got one! The installer was a company called. EZdoesit. (Nice name) Essentially it is like putting a blanket of Wi-Fi coverage over the entire church campus. We now have Wi-Fi access any where on church property using

one log in. Under the old system there were three different logins and we still did not have good coverage in some buildings.

There are six routers on campus: one in the Office two in the Worship Center , one in Fellowship Hall, one in the Kids Zone Building and one in the Discovery Zone Building. If you want to have some fun, try to locate them all, it could be a challenge!

To Access the mesh go to Wi-Fi networks on your devise and look for TCCMesh_guest. The password is Proverbs 18:13. You can also use the QR code above.

Thanks go to Kevin Mayer for setting this up for us!

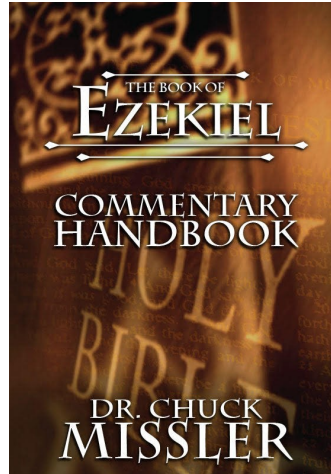


Missions Ministry Chairperson

Do you have a heart for Missions? Do you enjoy communicating and developing relationships with people? If you do, the elders are looking for someone to be our Missions Ministry Chairperson. The last one we had was Carol Borsos who really had a heart for it!

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

The Time to Study Ezekiel is Now!



New Tuesday Morning study. By Bill Kolstad

Events unfolding in the Middle East even as I write absolutely scream for our study of this major book of end times prophecy!

Although we will bring in current observations from both Amir Tsarfati from Israel, and Bill Salas via Prophecy Watchers, our primary commentary will come from Chuck Missler whose digital workbook is downloadable. If you prefer the old school hard copy just reply to me and I'll have Ted order those all at once. The digital is a couple bucks versus the paper versions are \$17 and two weeks out.

Best efforts of the mainstream media notwithstanding, it is increasingly apparent that America continues to give the secular nation state of Israel a false sense of security even as we commit suicide both financially and strategically. Fear not; democracy is mentioned nowhere in scripture much less America yet we will be blessed by watching prophecy unfold even as we study it "for the time is near" (Rev. 1:3).

Invite a friend to join this study from the start by forwarding this announcement. As usual, we'll serve coffee at 7:45, say Grace at 8, and begin as soon as we get seated with breakfast. In His service,

Bill Kolstad

Help Needed!!!

We continue to be very short handed in the sound booth on Sunday mornings.

Mark Kaczar and Annarose Salvador currently comprise the entire Audio Visual Team! They do a great job but they can not be expected to be there all the time.

Remember, prior experience is not required to volunteer, just a willing heart and spirit! Our Audio Visual team are wonderful people and very easy to work with! Please contact any of them or Kevin Mayer to join the team!

Thanks in advance for volunteering!!



Home School Co-op has Started!

The Home school Co-op at Tahoe Community Church had its first meeting on April 3rd with 6 kids in attendance. The group starts out in the Kid's Zone building on Wednesdays at 9:00am and lets out at 12:00pm.

Classes being offered at this time include: Math being taught by Kevin Mayer, construction being taught by Brian Stephens, and Reading being taught by the parents.

Please contact Kevin Mayer to volunteer to help and for more information.

Lessons learned from the long- suffering of Job:

By Bill Kolstad

Even the righteous may suffer for the purposes of God's perfect plan.

Sometimes we're privy to God's purposes but often we are not.

God can use suffering for good in many different ways.

Might Job's religious frenemies be a parallel with modern Jewish (or other "religious") people or a prophetic depiction of Israel?

Join us for breakfast on Tuesday at 8 AM and the timely conclusion of the Book of Job!



Prayer Ministry

The Elders are pleased to announce that Linda Robinson has volunteered to be our Church Prayer Ministry Coordinator (PMC) starting May 1st. Prayer requests and updates may now be made

by calling or texting the PMC on the church's cell phone or by filling out a prayer card and putting it in the offering basket. You may also call the church office and leave a voice message, but the response may take longer.

The church now has cell phone which has given to the PMC to send and receive prayer requests and updates. The number is (530) 721-0942.

The back side of the connection cards (the part dealing with prayer requests) has been updated and are now being used

We have also set up a Gmail account: prayerministry25@gmail.com exclusively for the prayer ministry.

During this transition, those who would be interested in being part of the new Prayer Team (formerly Prayer Warriors) are encouraged to sign-up. The 'Prayer team' sign-up sheet will be located in the Church foyer throughout the month of April. Everyone is welcome to be part of this invaluable Christian ministry.

The Elders also want to express their thanks and gratitude to Ted for his devotion to this ministry and his assistance with the transition.

Here is the flyer that appeared in the Sunday Bulletin:

Do you want to pray for others?

Do you want to receive updates on prayer requests?

Do you want to develop a growing prayer life?

Do you want to have a fuller relationship with God?

Then consider joining the Prayer Team (formerly Prayer Warriors) and be a part of the Prayer Ministry at Tahoe Community Church!

Anyone who feels led to pray for others is encouraged to sign up! You do not need to be a Church Member to be part of the prayer Team, just have a desire to pray for others.

If you have been, and want to continue receiving prayer requests you will need to sign up.

The sign-up sheet is located in the Church Foyer. Those who sign up for the Prayer Team will start receiving prayer requests and updates sometime after May 1st.



Bible Studies

Here is a look at what the Adult Bible Study Groups are up to.

Wednesday Breakfast Study Moving to Tuesday

The Wednesday Breakfast Study Group will be moving to Tuesday mornings starting May 14th to accommodate the expanding Homeschool Co-op group. They have just started a study on the book of Ezekiel so this would be a great time to join in! (See the article on page six for more information on the study.) Everyone is welcome to attend at anytime. Who knows, you might become a regular attender!

Wednesday Prayer Gathering Moving to Tuesday

The Wednesday Morning prayer group will also be moving to Tuesday and will continue to meet 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.

Sunday Prayer Time

Along with Wednesday Morning Prayer Gathering, Church Members also meet every Sunday Morning at 8:30am in the Adventure Zone Building for prayer. The Adventure Zone Building is directly below Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Women's Thursday Study

The Ladies have concluded their study "Finding I am" and will be taking a break for the summer. If you have any ideas for the next study please talk to Tootie O'Malley, Kathy Pavich, or Christine Feinberg.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

The Sunday Morning Bible Study Class has finished the study on the book of Acts. Last week, Bill Rowell lead a discussion on The Holy Spirit in preparation for a future study. As of right now, I do not know what the next study will be. You will just have to come on Sunday morning to find out! Elder Bob Daly will continue to be 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!

Design for Discipleship Class

This Wednesday evening class is going through a series of books published by The Navigators Ministry on discipleship. They are currently in book two of a seven book series. This book is called "The Spirit-filled Follower of Jesus." Contact Jan Hurst for more information.



Upcoming Events

Mother's Day

Sunday May 12th. All mom's will be recognized during the worship service.

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday May 19th after Church

Family Worship Sunday

Sunday May 26th

Church Business Meeting

Sunday May 26th after church

Fellowship Meal

Sunday June 2nd after church.

Editors Note: In the next issue look for an article on the History of the Breakfast Bible Study and an update on the Homeschool Co-op.

Memory Verses for May

- May 5 Jeremiah 31:3-9
- May 12 Ephesians 2:8
- May 19 Revelation 7:10
- May 26 Hebrews 12:10



Children's Church Needs Help

We are now serving three different age groups in Children's Church: 1 year to Pre-K, K-2nd grade, and grades 3-6. Therefore, we now need more teachers to fill out the rotation! Ideally, we need enough teachers so that no one needs to serve more than once or twice a month. Please be in prayer over this. Perhaps it is you that God is calling to meet this need. We are looking for anyone who loves children regardless of experience. New teachers can be assigned with experienced ones until you are ready to go on your own.

Please contact Jacky Daly for more information.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- May 5 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- May 12 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- May 19 Tim Cantwell
- May 26 Tim Cary, Tahoe Community Church

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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