

Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

July 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!***

VBS SET up Day is Sunday July 7th following the Fellowship Meal. Many hands will be needed to successfully transform our campus into a Jungle cruise!

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

Children's Church Available

Weekly Church Activities

Tue.	8:00 am Bible Study Breakfast
	9:30 am Prayer Gathering
	10:30 am Knitting Group
Wed.	9:00 am Homeschool Co-op (Not meeting in July)
	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 or (775) 901-0870

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



Come Join Us!

Dear Tahoe Community Church Family,

The Pastor Search Committee, with the agreement of our Elders, has invited a pastor candidate to come visit us and preach.

We invite you to join us in getting to know Pastor Todd Cheney and his family.

The Following is the important date and time for your information:

Sunday, July 7, 2024 -

Pastor Todd Cheney will be preaching during our 10:30 service.

Immediately following the church service, please join us for a Fellowship lunch in the Fellowship Hall and greet Pastor Todd Cheney & his family.

At approximately 1:00 there will be a time set aside for questions and answers for Todd.

***Please note that set-up for VBS starts at 2:00 pm!**

In His Service, Kathy Pavich

**After this visit the Pastor Search Committee and the Elders will meet and come to an agreement, on God's calling for Pastor Todd Cheney as our next pastor at Tahoe Community Church. If it is agreed that God has called him to TCC, and Todd also feels he is called to be our next pastor, all church members will be given a chance to vote on his hiring.*

This vote will take place at the July 21, 2024 business meeting. Per our Church By-Laws, the members of the congregation vote to hire any new pastor.

Please feel free to ask Kathy Pavich, a Pastor Search Committee Member, or an Elder any questions after Todd's visit, before we are scheduled to vote.



Pastor Todd Cheney Life & Ministry Biography

Pastor Todd Cheney is from Northridge, California and has been following Jesus since 1984. God

graciously preserved him from an abusive and broken home; providentially using his godly grandmother to influence him to embrace Jesus and His Gospel. He is a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist High School where he competed in multiple varsity sports. Pastor Todd holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Education from The Master's College, a Master of Divinity from The Master's Seminary in Los Angeles, CA, and a Master of Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He was called by God into Gospel ministry while he was a young soldier serving on active duty as a medic. He met his beloved bride, Kristin after transitioning to the Army Reserves in 1991. Todd and Kristin were married June 18, 1994 and Kristin has been an excellent helpmate and faithful supporter in Gospel ministry. God has faithfully walked with them through 30 years of marriage. This includes seasons of trial, such as cancer and family deaths, as well as seasons of triumph and sanctification. They have been enriched by their three adult children: Kyle, Paige, and Trevor. An ordained Baptist minister, he served as an associate pastor at Shepherd's Community Church (in Canoga Park, CA) from 1994 to 2000. Following that local church staff experience, he served the LORD as the senior pastor of Union Baptist Church in Rio Vista, CA from 2000 to 2004.

While pursuing his ThM as a resident student at Southern, Pastor Todd followed the LORD to apply his Gospel ministry calling to the military. He received a direct commission from the US Army and has ministered as an active duty chaplain since 2006.

He currently serves as the Command Chaplain for Army Corrections Command at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He most recently ministered as the Garrison Chaplain for US Army Garrison, Rheinland-Pfalz, Baumholder, Germany overseeing the delivery of religious support to a military community of 50 thousand service members and their families. Pastor Todd enjoyed a dozen assignments over the last 18 years of pastoral ministry to the military. The most memorable assignments include Training Manager and Senior

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Home School Co-op Update

The Home School Co-op is taking the summer off. The current plan is to start up again on Wednesday September 4th at 9:00am. If you are a homeschool parent, or know of any homeschool parents in our area, please contact Kevin Mayer to learn more information about the homeschool co-op group here at Tahoe Community Church! We ended in June with 20 kids registered!

(Pastor Cheney Biography continued)

Instructor for the Department of Pastoral Ministry Training, Medical Center of Excellence at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas; Brigade Combat Team Chaplain, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York and Regimental Chaplain and Senior Pastor of Cadet Chapel, West Point, New York. His combat deployments include: Operation Iraqi Freedom (2008-2009), Operation Enduring Freedom (2011-2012), and Operation Freedom's Sentinel (2015-2016)

Pastor Todd's life verse is James 1:12, "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the LORD has promised to those who love him."

Pastor Todd delights himself in several hobbies: hiking, physical fitness, reading US and Church history, skiing, and traveling with his bride.



Building and Grounds

A cleanup day was held on Saturday June 22nd. I want to thank Bob and Kathy Pavich, Dominic Donato, Leonard O'Malley and Sarah Flanagan for their hard work. We focused on deep cleaning the Worship Center and pretty much completed the task from the chairs up to the windows!

Leonard's main project this month was removing a dead tree stump near the upper playground and erecting a temporary fence there to keep the kids off the rocks along side the fence for safety reasons. Leonard has also done a lot of beautification projects. The Campus looks pretty Good! Take a walk around and check it out!

I also want to thank Jan Hurst and Christine Feinberg for cleaning the church office earlier in the month. The pastor's study is ready to be moved in to! There are some other cleaning projects that need to be done but they will wait until after VBS.

I have no update on replacing the Fire Control Panel in the Adventure Zone (bellow Fellowship Hall). Please pray that we can get it done quickly and at a reasonable cost!

Another project we want to get done this summer is replacing the grass on the lawn by the Office. The current plan is to rototill what we have and put sod down. We also need to find some way of getting rid of the gophers and moles. They are proving to be smarter than we are!

As always keep your eye out for work that needs to be done and let us know what you find!



Shoebox Back to School Items

Shoe Box season is a few months away but it is never too early to start collecting items to pack in them. Karen Beverage, our faithful hardworking shoebox leader, wanted me to remind everyone to always be on the lookout for items to set aside for your shoeboxes. When you see a bargain, get it! When you shop this fall for back-to-school items for your kids, or grand kids, pick up a few extra things for your shoeboxes. Or a lot extra! If you get more than you need for your personal boxes, we will be packing over 300 boxes at our annual shoebox packing party and are always in need of donations. Here is what we need most:

- Notebooks, Pens, Colored Pencils, and Crayons.

**Thank you in advance for supporting
Operation Christmas Child!**



Prayer Gathering a Great Success!

We had 10 people attend the prayer gathering on Saturday June 8th, some of which were not from our church! We split up into two groups and prayed for an hour and a half. It was a real special time! The focus was on the song "What a Friend we have in Jesus" which is all about taking everything to the Lord in Prayer. On that day, that is just what we did! I hope our Prayer Ministry Coordinator, Linda Robinson, plans more of these events in the future!

Contact Linda at: TCCPrayerministry25@gmail.com or on the Church Cell phone at (530) 721-0942



With Pastor Cheney coming for a pastoral candidate visit on July 7th, it is time to think about Church Membership again.

If all goes well with Pastor Cheney's visit, there will be a special business meeting on July 21st for the purpose of voting on whether or not to extend him a call to be our next pastor. Remember, according to our Church By-laws, only church members are allowed to vote. We currently have only 39 members. If you are not sure you are a member please contact me and I will let you know. If you would like to become a member please contact me to get a membership package. We don't want anyone left out when it comes time to vote!



Missionary News

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. Below is an excerpt from their first paragraph:

"June in Japan means rainy season. At the beginning of June starts about 6 weeks of almost daily clouds, drizzle and humidity instead of calling it "rainy season" we should call it "hydrangea season." One of my favorites flowers are hydrangeas. Thinking of this brought a good reminder that there isn't growth without some rain. So, as we pray for and work towards growth in our ministry, church and mission organization, as well as in our personal lives, we can expect a little rain. Gloomy as it might appear at times, we are thankful for the underworking, capable hand of our good gardener. If you come across a vibrantly blue hydrangea this month, be reminded to pray for God to grow us, the Serve Asia workers (shorter term workers) and the Kanto Sector missionaries, as well as the Japanese churches and people we connect with. Please pray for growth from the Gospel seeds planted in others and ourselves, to know and be more like Jesus. "

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

After a decade of prayer, the Lord provided pastor Chikumbu and fellow pastors in Malawi, Africa, Bibles and Bible training through FMI. Twenty years ago, Chikumbu responded to God's call by becoming a pastor. He would go on to plant 18 churches! As he worked, the Lord gave him a heart for fellow pastors. Many were without Bibles, and many had little to no Bible training. In partnership with Chikumbo, FMI conducted its first pastors conference in Malawi earlier this year with 86 ministry leaders in attendance. FMI also provided Bibles for all in attendance who needed one., Praise God for Answered prayers!

Life Choices, Carson City

"June marks the half way pint in our year and we remain focused on our goal to provide compassionate, non-judgmental care and support to our clients each day. We ask that you join us in continual prayer for the mission of Life Choices . There are still many who come to us believing that abortion is the only solution for their situation.

We are so thankful for your support and prayer as we are able to listen to and care for each client that comes through our doors, helping them to see the value of life."

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

ANM has a new gift catalog full of simple ways to change life in Jesus name. Please check it out! Go to: advancingnativemissions.com/catalog.

This quote from ANM Missionaries Suphakit and Sangla in Thailand reveals what a heart they have for their people and the Lord. "We want to see Thai people come to know God. We want Thai people to be saved. We want Thai people to truly know and understand who the real God is, not the idols they worship every day." There re currently 74 people groups in Thailand who remain unreached. Pleas pray for this husband and wife team as they serve the Lord!

I am always amazed at the number of activities taking place by the church in Macedonia here are just a few highlights:

- Water Baptisms in Evangelical church in Kumanovo
- Training for church planting for young people
- "Identity in Christ" Seminars in Bitola and Resen
- Seminar for young preachers
- Youth Festival with gospel music for young people
- Many evangelism events.

Please read their newsletter for numerous prayer requests and many pictures.

Central Asian Family

The last news letter featured an article from the central Asian Family called "Big news from the Central Asian Family!" It was all about their adoption journey and it looked like all was going well and they were finally able to tell the young boy that they planned to adopt him. He was overjoyed stating "I have Parents!" Unfortunately, the Joy was short lived. Here is the June update:

"As some of you heard we are asking for God to part the Red Sea for our adoption. Our adoption agency, Lifeline, didn't get its accreditation renewed by the K. government. What this means is every two years Lifeline has to renew the accreditation. They applied for renewal and K. has not responded. The accreditation expired May 24th, which means our adoption has come to a stand still. We cannot go to court or proceed without this accreditation. We are super discouraged and a bit angry. I keep reminding myself that God has brought us this far and to keep

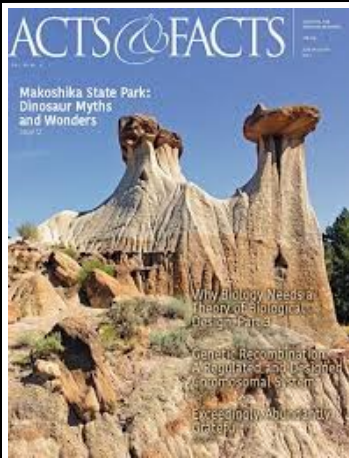
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Missions Ministry Chairperson

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 July/August edition of acts & Facts 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 3
- Genetic Recombination: A regulated and designed chromosomal system.
- Exceedingly, Abundantly Grateful

Please feel free to take some of these magazines to share with your friends and neighbors. And don't forget the Kids edition of Acts and Facts which is also available in the Foyer.



!!!Help Needed!!!

We are in desperate need of audio and video technicians. Mike Furno has stepped up to run the video side of things when he can, but we have no one running the sound board on Sunday Mornings. Kevin Mayer preprograms the settings and is actually running the soundboard from a computer on stage which is not ideal.

Some knowledge of computers is needed for both audio and visual since everything is now digital and run by computer software. Please talk to Kevin Mayer if you have experience or want to get trained to meet our desperate need!

(Missionary News Continued)

pressing into him.

It seems as though every adoption story is a miracle and we are waiting now for another miracle. **Please pray that the K. government will comply and renew Lifeline's accreditation ASAP. Thank you**

We are still raising money for the fees that will be due for our adoption. If you'd like to give click below: <https://mystory.lifesongfororphans.org/stories/our-adoption-journey-16/>

Thank you for praying!

Editor's Note: Most of the information I get on the Central Asian Family is available to anyone on their new media platform. There are many stories, prayer requests, and a lot of great photos that I can not publish. Anyone can subscribe. The easiest, and best, way to get started is to send an email to H and J at : **Centralasianfamily@protonmail.com**

Request a link to their media site. Once you subscribe, you will be getting informative updates about once a month. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Prayer needs for the Central Asian Family:

1. More opportunities to plant seeds through farming business
2. Our adoption to move forward
3. Many more clients to buy chickens
4. Our church to be obedient to Jesus
5. Energy and joy in the many commitments we have



Our Daily Bread
Ministries™

We have been getting the "Our Daily Bread" devotionals here for the past 20 years and we mostly take them for granted. I for one, use them for my personal use but have overlooked the impact they may have on others. Here is one testimony:

"The Our Daily Bread devotions are such a blessing. My first one was in prison, and it was what I hung on to and read every day and still reading 16 years later. Thank you for this ministry. It saves lives. Thank you Jesus." This should inspire us all to share this resource with others. You never the know what will come of it!

Summer Means CRU Time!

We are blessed to have 11 members from the CRU summer program worshiping with us this year. They will be sharing their testimonies with us each Sunday as usual. Please take the time to greet them on Sunday Morning and make them feel welcome.!

Baptism a public adventure

By Elder Bob Daly

Should our baptisms be done in public or private?

All recorded baptisms in the Bible take place out in the open, rivers and lakes etc, sure you may argue that there were no churches built, so they all had to be out in the open. Some have argued that the eunuch in Acts 8 was baptized privately, but those traveling in those days traveled in groups for safety. **Acts 8:38 "And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him."** (NASB) At a bare minimum there was the chariot driver witnessing the baptism.



The church started to include Baptisteries in the design of their churches in the fourth century. The Basilica of St. John Pictured on the left, is a basilica in Ephesus. It was constructed by Justinian I in the 6th century at a site where John the Apostle was said to have been buried. I like that there are two sets of stairs, one to enter and one to leave. The added symbolism of being made new is hard to miss

as the new believer exits the other set of stairs and leaves his old life behind.

This basilica looks to be outside but it was a walled building, so since the fourth century the church began to have the choice of either being baptized inside or outside. There is much liberty in our Christian walk, so to be clear, there isn't a black and white, do or don't answer I've found in scripture. We are free to do either. There is also freedom in the fact that anyone can not only be baptized, anyone can also perform baptisms.

Tahoe Community Church has performed both private and public baptisms over the years, but as of late we have been at Nevada Beach for all to see. There is great joy to be shared when a person answers the call to be baptized. In dangerous areas of the world private baptisms for self preservation is a must. It is wise to know when to be bold and when not to, a private baptism is not a denial of Jesus.

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

While in Florida, Jacky and I attend First Baptist Church of Venice, which as chance would have it is the first church that Billy Graham did an altar call.

We were blessed to be there on the Sunday that they have their Baptisms. It's Florida folks, most people avoid doing anything in the heat of the day, so that evening at 6:30 on the beach is when they have their baptisms.

The Pastor preached a sermon, and a wet young man joined us and listened intently. I spotted him and prayed for him, and intended to approach him after the message. One of the others from the church approached him first. I continued to watch them and wondered if the book of John and some tracks may be helpful. Not wanting to interrupt or even join into the conversation I walked over and simply said "I noticed the two of you talking and wondered if these may help the two of you?" and just walked away. Later I talked with John, the church member who was sharing, he was very grateful and couldn't believe the timing, he was just about to quote John 3:16 when I showed up. He



used the book of John I handed him to show from scripture the gospel. We praised God together and he mentioned that from now on he wants to be prepared to hand something out. Later that evening I saw that young man reading the book of John so I took this picture to be an encouragement for us.

On Wednesday September 4th, Tahoe Community Church will be holding it's annual BBQ dinner and Baptism event. We have reserved the Nevada Beach Pavilion from 2:30pm to 8:00pm. Exact times for the BBQ and for the Baptism have not been set yet. That information will be put out as soon as we have it figured out. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring your family and friend with you!

We stand ready, willing and able to baptize! So if you haven't been baptized yet, please consider doing so, it is an act of obedience since Jesus calls us to do so. Please talk to an Elder if you want to know more about what Baptism represents.

Please consider helping out with this great event. The current plan is for the church to provide the meat but we need cooks to get it ready. The rest of the meal will be pot luck and we are good at pot lucks!

One last thing, Please pray for God to bring us people to be baptized and pray for the young man in Florida to have his life changed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Elder Bob Daly



On Saturday June 15, the "In Jesus Name" Medical Ministry conducted a free Medical clinic on our Campus. IJN is a non-profit organization that partners with Christian doctors and local churches to provide free medical care. Clinics are held monthly and available to anyone in need. Jesus paid it all!

They come with a lot of equipment which means a lot of set up! On Friday volunteers from IFN and the Spanish church moved all of the chairs in the Worship Center on to the stage to make room to set up five temporary doctor's offices.



Along with the doctor's offices that are inside, they have two trailers that they park outside. One is for x-rays and imaging, and the other is a mobile eye clinic which is new this year.

There were about 30 patients that were seen which was considered by them to be a good clinic. They like to be able to take their time with the patients and not have to rush them through. There are people available to pray with the patients if they wish and they also have gospel tracts for everyone who wants one. The idea is to meet their spiritual needs as well as their medical needs.

IJN is proud to be celebrating their 200th Free Medical clinic with a BBQ lunch on July 27th at the Davis Creek Campground. Please pray for this organization and all the work they do "In Jesus Name."



Bible Studies

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

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Study Group

The Breakfast Study Group has dived deep into the book of Ezekiel using a video series by Chuck Missler as the primary resource. However, they will be looking at other Prophets along the way. On June 18th and 25th Bob Boston led a study on the book of Zephaniah. The group will be back to Ezekiel for one week followed by a week off for VBS. On July 16, Bob Boston will be leading a study on the book of Haggai. This brief study may also last for more than one week depending on how much discussion there is. The underlying goal of these studies of the Prophets is to recognize prophecy in current events. **"All scripture is God breathed..."**

Tuesday Payer Gathering

The mid-week prayer session meets every week at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Study. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this weekly activity. This is a great opportunity to pray for our Church, our communities, and each other.

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. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Women's Thursday Study

The ladies are 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 is doing a study on the book of Galatians. This is why elder Bill Kolstad says everyone should come to this study: "To learn why Martin Luther was rescued by this Epistle and why it was the Battle Cry for the Reformation." Elder Bob Daly is the primary teacher with others filling in from time to time. Anyone can join this group at anytime which makes its 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 Bob Daly for more information.



Upcoming Events

Pastoral Candidate Visit Sunday July 7th

Pastor Todd Cheney will be giving the message and leading the Lord's Supper

Fellowship Meal with Pastor Cheney Sunday July 7th after Church

Vacation Bible School Setup Day Sunday July 7th starting at 2:00pm

Vacation Bible School July 8th - July 12th 9:am—12:30pm

Celebration of Life Service in Honor of Bob Engels Saturday July 20, at 11:00 am

Special Church Business Meeting Sunday July 21 after Church for a pastoral vote *Memory Verses for July*

- July 7 Psalm 112:5
- July 14 2 Corinthians 9:7
- July 21 Galatians 13:18
- July 28 Timothy 6:18



TCC Looses a Beloved Member

Early Sunday morning on June 23rd, Bob Engels went home to be with his Lord and Savior. Bob passed away peacefully with his wife Pat and some of his closest friends at his side. There will be a Celebration of Life Service in Honor of Bob on Saturday July 20 at 11:00am in the Worship Center. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Bob will be interred at the "Happy Homestead" Cemetery in Lake Tahoe that same afternoon. The time for the interment is still to be determined.

VBS Snack and Craft Supplies Needed!

Lots of supplies are need for both the snack and craft rotations for VBS. Lois Furno is in charge of snacks and Sally O'Brien has crafts.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- July 7 Pastor Todd Cheney, Pastoral Candidate
- July 14 Bob Daly, Tahoe Community Church
- July 21 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- July 28 Bob Boston

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.

IN GOD WE TRUST



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