

# Tahoe Community Church

*Notes, Announcements, and Reminders*

October 2024

*Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!*



## Church Baptism and BBQ

Tahoe Community Church held it's annual Baptism and BBQ on Tuesday September 4th on beautiful Nevada Beach. We had the privilege of baptizing four individuals: Brooklyn Higgins (Pictured on the left with Jacky Daly), Sherry McIntyre, Camala (Cam) Sinclair (Pictured below with Bob Daly and Miriam Mayer ) and Jadeis Garcia. (Also pictured below with Bob Daly and Tim Cantwell.)

We had about fifty people in attendance to share in the celebration of baptizing

believers in the Lord and enjoying a BBQ dinner prepared by Leonard O'Malley and the others who helped out. We are already looking forward to next years baptism !



## 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  
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  
2:00 pm Ladies Community Bible Study  
Satellite class  
Fri. 6:00 pm Word of Life Worship Service



## The Shepherds Spotlight

By Pastor Todd Cheney

### WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING

"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out" (Proverbs 10:9).

The testimony of a local church is interrelated and expressed by her individual members and their commitment to being men and women of godly integrity. Someone has well said that the 'true you' is when no one is looking.

Allow me to illustrate the link between integrity and trust. A story is told of a Georgia high school basketball coach named George Stroud.

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## Home School Co-op Update

The Tahoe Community Church Home School Co-op (TCCHC) has switched leadership from Kevin Mayer to the parents themselves.

The two leaders of the Co-op are Liz Higgins (from our Church) and Jodie Nelson (from Sierra Community Church). Kevin is still highly involved teaching math and assisting with the administration of the program. Elder Oversight is provided by Bob Daly and Bill Kolstad. The Church Office contact is Ted Beverage.

I am impressed the structure of the Co-op. They have developed a policy manual that all participating families must sign and agree to. The whole program is Biblically sound and God centered. This is from their "Who We Are" statement: "TCCHC exists to provide a supportive and encouraging community for homeschooling families as they pursue academic excellence and raising their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)

Parents and tutors are asked to sign and declare they agree with TCCHC's statement of faith in order to join the TCCHC Co-op, this ensures they agree on the basics of our Christian faith. Parents and tutors are also background checked by the Church. This is not a drop-off program. Parents are expected/needed to serve. Parents are always responsible for their children while on church property and parents are also responsible for all supplies for their students.

The curriculum section of the Policy Manual states that parents have full responsibility for the education of their kids. It also says that "each tutor is required to tutor in accordance with scripture and with the practices and beliefs of Tahoe Community Church." Classes include Math, English, Reading, Latin for the older kids, and Science. The curriculum used is Claritas. There are currently 10 families with over 22 kids in the Co-op.

Their day begins with prayer in the Sanctuary. What a great way to start! The students are then divided into three age groups for two one-hour classes. Lunch/recesses takes place at noon followed by two more one-hour classes in the afternoon.

For more information about the TCCHC contact, Liz Higgins, Jodie Nelson or Ted Beverage. In my



opinion, this is a ministry that is well conceived, well run, and an asset for Tahoe Community Church.



### (The Shepherds Spotlight Cont.)

In 1987 Coach Stroud, who had been a successful coach in 20+ years as a high school basketball coach, for the first time won the Georgia State championship. However, a few days after the championship game Coach Stroud discovered that one of his players had become academically ineligible during the course of the season.

This particular player was not a starter. In fact the academically ineligible player was not even one of his better reserves. But during one of their playoff games, when the score was not in doubt, Coach Stroud played all of his reserves, including this one player. Again, the player did not effect the outcome of the game...in fact, he didn't even score any points.

So Coach Stroud found himself facing an ethical conundrum. Does he tell his team of this infraction of the Georgia State Athletic Association—bringing disappointment to a successful, championship season? Or does he keep the matter to himself, rationalizing that surely no state official knew of the infraction and possibly no players knew of the rules violation either?

Coach Stroud didn't hesitate. He contacted state competition officials and informed them of the rules violation— forfeiting his team's only Georgia State high school basketball championship. When asked why he did it, Coach Stroud replied with what he told his team, "People forget about basketball scores and championships, but they never forget what you are made of..."

Well, the citizen voters of Rockdale County didn't forget what Coach George Stroud was made of...a few years after he got out of coaching, he was twice elected as Rockdale County Supervisor.

Character is not measured when life's circumstances are easy. Character shines brightest when it chooses the harder right instead of the easier wrong. For Reflection: in your personal or professional relationships, are you known for being a person of integrity? Do you give in to easy short cuts when no one is looking? Or do others view you as 'above reproach' (1 Timothy 3:2) because they have observed your godly character on display?

May TCC be known as a community of Christ-followers who are men and women of superior integrity!

## Building and Grounds



There were two large projects completed since the last newsletter. The first was the construction of two new play structures. The first one is located on the upper playground. It has only been up for two weeks and has already been tested and enjoyed by the Homeschool Co-op kids (Pictured above) and the AWANA kids.

There is a second play structure located between the Worship Center and the Church Office. This one (Pictured Below) features a unique swing. The kids stand on it and ride it like a skateboard. There is also a punching bag and a basketball hoop. Both of these structures were donated to the church, and they were assembled by Bob Daly.

The second large project was replacing the hot water heater in the Discovery Zone building. When the new sink was installed it was discovered that there was no hot water. The hot water in the bathroom had been working fine up to that point, at least as far as we know. This is why it is so important to report any problems that you come across. We can not fix a problem we do not know about.

Two other projects completed were fixing the heat tape on the back of the Worship Center that got damaged last winter and cleaning the carpet in Fellowship Hall. I didn't realize how bad the carpet was until we removed all the tables and chairs. Now it looks like new again! The carpets in the Office and in the Discovery Zone are scheduled to be cleaned on October 10th.



## VBS Kids are "Fantastic Fundraisers"

At VBS this year the kids went on "The Good News Cruise" every-day and learned about missions. Their project for the week was to collect coins for The Children's Hunger Fund. The kids raised \$633 which was enough to provide 2,532 meals and to share the gospel with children in need. Their efforts earned them the designation "Fantastic Fundraisers" A certificate received and a thank you letter from the Children's Hunger Fund are posted on the bulletin board. Well done VBS kids!



## ICR Resource Catalog

The church recently received a box of resource catalogs from ICR. These are the same people who publish the Acts and Facts magazines we get regularly.

From the president of ICR: "At the Institute for Creation Research, our mission is not only to conduct research demonstrating how science confirms scripture but also to share this with others so they, too, may glorify Jesus as the Creator and know the truth of the Gospel. In light of this, we present this catalog in the hope that these resources will encourage and strengthen you. We also invite you to share these resources with people who are unsure of the complete reliability of scripture."

These catalogs are available in the Worship Center and in the Church Office. Please take as many as you want!

### Tuesday Payer Gathering

*Prayer*

The mid-week prayer session meets every week at 9:30 am following the Breakfast Bible Study. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this important mid-week activity.

### Sunday Prayer Time

Along with the Tuesday Morning Prayer Gathering, Church Members also meet every Sunday Morning at 8:30am in the Adventure Zone Building for prayer.

**Immediate Prayer Needs:** Our Prayer Ministry Coordinator, Linda Robinson can be reached anytime at (530) 721-0942 or at [TCCPrayerministry25@gmail.com](mailto:TCCPrayerministry25@gmail.com)



## 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)

Here is a personal note from Susan Driscoll. "Thank You Tahoe Church Family for your faithful prayer and financial support. We are blessed and encouraged by you. Thank you for partnering with us so Japanese can know Jesus. Hope you are all well. With thanks, Tim and Susan

### "Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

We were privileged to have Nehemiah Paul from FMI visit our Church and give the message on Sunday September 8th. It was great to learn more about FMI's ministry and how our monthly support to them is being used. Nehemiah left some informative brochures on FMI which are available in the church office if anyone would like one. Nehemiah also emailed me his latest newsletter which I have posted on the bulletin board.

### Life Choices, Carson City

From the Life choices Monthly Letter:

"Recently we had a client come in that very clearly had ben impacted by her past abortion. Our hearts broke for her as we saw the evidence of her sorrow and the lasting impact the decision has on her. In the counseling room she was able to find a listening ear and discuss her options as she moves forward with a new pregnancy. For this reason, we offer post-abortion support through our Forgiven and Set Free program."

You can find the full article on the bulletin board.

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

"Our brothers and sisters in North Korea are in desperate need. A construction worker near the Chinese shared that five people in his village have already starved to death. Our missionaries added that there are many requests for Bibles, but sometimes the warehouse is empty. "

To help meet these needs, ANM is conducting a special fundraiser. If you would like more information please read the letter on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate to this effort see Ted in the office or go to ANM's website: [advancingnativemissions.com/Korea](http://advancingnativemissions.com/Korea).

**From ANM Missionaries in Pakistan:** "As we continue on our Journey to serve and love in Pakistan, we are filled with gratitude and hope. We remain committed to sharing the Love of God through our words and actions. Our mission - to provide the Word of God in local languages and aid, support, and spiritual guidance to those in need - is only possible because of your generosity and partnership. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many. Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you abundantly."

**From ANM Missionaries in Macedonia:** "Dear Friends, Thank you for your Generous support for the Evangelical Church of Macedonia. People will learn about the free gift of Jesus because you gave! Our sovereign Lord is both infinite and personal" Isaiah 57:15

The September Newsletter from the Evangelical Church in Macedonia is posted on the bulletin board. Here are just a few headlines from their summer activities;

- The first prominent and joyful event that happened in several churches was water baptism
- Summer evangelism events in many places
- Van evangelism ministry
- Concert with gospel music in Struga
- Special needs camp in Struga
- Royal Rangers Eurocamp in Hungary

### Central Asian Family

## Broken Smiles

### They are American spies...

We live in a village outside of the city. Many people have been suspicious of us. Confused why we would leave the comforts of America to live here. So they make up stories and gossip circulates. We even found out someone watches with their binoculars from their bedroom as J walks around our village. So what do we do with all the suspicion? We smile. We pick up trash. We invite people to dinner. We start an English Kids club. Of course the main reason for the Kids Club is to build gospel bridges into lives. But another really practical reason is to open the doors to our home and let people come and check us out. And check us out they have. We have people even come and video tape our home from their phones. (You know when they are trying to be stealth about it but it is very obvious what they are doing!)

Anyways, the English Club has opened up relationships with many kids and families. My heart goes out to the children as I have gotten to know their lives. Another boy watched his friend drown in the river by our village last summer and was blamed for it.

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Another girl's father is abusive. My heart is pricked by the weight these children have to grow up under. And if all this wasn't enough, they bear the yoke of Islam. I often tell the children "God loves you." And I have been able to share my testimony with some of the older kids.

Please pray for our village which is called Rocks Father. Pray for these children to find the Rock of Christ as their true Father. We finished the summer with a pool and pizza party. Was so fun just to live in these kids.

### More from the Central Asian Family

## Big Changes We have an Exciting Announcement!!

J has started working as a fourth grade school teacher at an international school in Bishkek. I know a bunch of questions and maybe even confusion just synapsed in your brains, so here's why!

- Visa! Visa! Visa! The issue of needing a visa each year has been very stressful. J is under much scrutiny each time we have to renew. This gives us an easy visa.
- Seeking better fit for emotional health (Stress, anxiety and even depression has plagued us as we have tried to succeed in business in a corrupt country).
- More consistent ministry times and family time
- Access to English speaking Kyrgyz community.
- Able to stay in country longer as we wait for our adoption to finalize and for D to come home. (We were going to have to leave country in January but now we can stay longer)

In the end of August, J was offered a teaching position at Bright International School. Our immediate response was to decline, but as we prayed and sought out wise counsel it seemed like God was lining up this new chapter for us. J is almost a month into this new job and seeing his emotional health at a better place as well as seeing many opportunities to be a Light. His colleagues are from all over the world- Iran, Pakistan, India, Philippines, Europe, Africa. His students are like sheep without a shepherd. Unfortunately many of the parents are absent from their kids lives and J has been surprised by how open the kids are about struggles. *Please pray for J's colleagues and students to know Jesus.*

### What about Renew Farms?!

J's business manager Brother B is going to continue Renew Farms. He is an excellent farmer

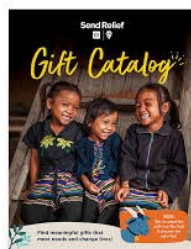
and very passionate about doing his work with excellence. J will continue to help and train B for the next two months. We are very thankful that this project will continue forward. Keep Brother B in your prayers as he wants this business to be a Light in the darkness.

## AWANA Meals



We are still in need of volunteers to provide meals for the AWANA families on Wednesday evenings. These meals are important because for some of these families it is the Christian Fellowship they get. Also, without these meals, some of families might not be able to attend.

Melas can be as simple as a big pot of soup, a large bowl of macaroni and cheese, or a frozen lasagna. What ever you can bring would be appreciated. See Kevin Mayer for more information.



## Send Relief Catalog

This is the time of year when the church starts receiving Gift Catalogs. This one is from a group called Send Relief.

From the president of Send Relief: "I'm excited to share this gift Catalog with you

because it's filled with opportunities to meet urgent physical needs in the name of Jesus. Choose a goat, crisis relief meals, a sewing machine or even a well to provide fresh water. You'll make a life-changing impact on people in need in the U.S. and around the World." Because operational expenses have been covered, 100% of your gift goes to meet physical needs and share the hope of Jesus.

**I only have one catalog so I will keep it in the office. I will let you know when other catalogs come in.**

**SHOEBOX  
SEASON IS  
HERE**



## A Shoe Box Story

### Argentina: My children received the boxes

I greet you all in the name of the Lord. My children received the boxes you prepared and we want to give you thanks for them. My husband, children and I are working in the work of the Lord. In 1986 we began working for the Word of Life in Buenos Aires for 41/2 years preparing to serve the Lord. We were invited to work in the Province of Mendoza. We worked the fields there for nine years. We worked on a program with 60 poor children who in the past years we were able to give them a glass of milk before school. Many of them would go without eating breakfast because their parents couldn't buy them milk or bread, or their parents didn't feed them because they left very early to work the fields planting garlic, onions or potatoes. Thanks to God these children also received the boxes and gifts and were very happy.

As workers in the field of service of our Lord we do not have money for gifts for our own children at Christmas. The boxes you send were the only gifts our children received. The truth is many times my children ask me for things like ice cream, a bike, or pants and I cannot buy them for them. We received \$50.00 a month. You all probably wonder how a family of 4 can live on this. I tell you the Lord always provides. In the town where we lived there was a woman who sold used clothing. We would get just what we need. At times we would see what we needed, there but we wouldn't have the money, so we would pray silently that Lord if you think we need this, keep it until we can buy it. He would help us see if we really needed it.

My children Luciana, now 15, Maxi 14, and April 2. I could see the joy in their faces when they opened their boxes as it socks, story books, things for the hair, toys etc. Some very simple but for them these things were very beautiful. That's why I want to thank you for your gifts. We are now living in the south of the country in order to work at a mission and evangelize again. The place is called Comodona Nevada in the province of Chubut. I hope some day we will be able to meet, it not here, in heaven together with our loving God. May God Bless you. A mother/sister in Christ.

**Wow! I love these stories!** Our shoebox drive kicks off is on October 13th. Karen will have the table ready with all the information you will need to pack

lots of wonderful boxes! We will also show a video to start things off on the right foot.

Our Shoe Box Packing Party is scheduled for Saturday November 9th which is one week earlier than normal. We will be packing 315 boxes! The goal for our church this year is 427 boxes.

Now is the time to start praying about how many boxes you can pack and for the all the children who will be receiving the boxes!



## Ten Prayers for Schools

Did you know that kids spend almost 50 percent of their year at school? If we want to pray for our kids, then it's important to include prayers for their schools as well. According to [1 Timothy 2:1](#), God wants us to pray for all people, and that includes the public schools in our communities. Consider these prayers and the relevant Scriptures to ignite your prayers for the schools in your local community.

### 1. Love

**Scripture:** "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" [John 13:35 \(NIV\)](#).

**Prayer:** Father, may the students and staff of this school experience Your love through the Christians they know in profound and authentic ways.

### 2. Truth

**Scripture:** "Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well" [Proverbs 23:23 \(NIV\)](#).

**Prayer:** Lord, release truth in this school. Help students to rightly discern truth from falsehood.

### 3. Principal and School Board

**Scripture:** "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God" [Romans 13:1 \(NIV\)](#).

**Prayer:** I pray blessings on the principal and each school board member (try to pray for them by name). Father, may Your will be done at their meetings.

### 4. Teachers

**Scripture:** "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding" [Proverbs 2:6](#)

**Prayer:** May (name of teacher) recognize the God-given responsibility he/she has for the best interests of the children they teach. May (name of teacher) walk in wisdom, integrity, kindness, grace, and truth.

**(To be continued in the November Newsletter)**



## Everyday Discipleship App

I received this as an email from The Navigators Ministry and thought it might be a great tool for everyone to try out.

“Are you ready for your next step to grow in your relationship with Christ? Good news! Discipleship just got a whole lot easier.

We created the **Everyday Discipleship App** to make discipleship even easier. With a vast library of free Navigators resources, you can continue to grow spiritually and help others do the same all in one app.

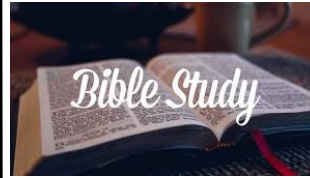
### In the Everyday Discipleship App you'll enjoy features like:

- A personalized journey highlighting your next step for spiritual growth
- Easy access to an ever-growing digital library of free discipling resources
- A platform to connect with and encourage other discipling members
- You can download the Everyday Discipleship App at most app stores.

We pray this resource will equip you to grow in Christ and help others do the same!

In this together,

The Everyday Discipleship Team  
*An app Developed by The Navigators*



## 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. They pause the video as needed to discuss what was being taught. They are up to chapter 35 in a book that has 48 chapters so they are about two thirds of way through! The underlying goal of this study is to recognize prophecy in current events. Contact Bill Kolstad for more information

### Women's Thursday Morning Study

The women's fall Bible Study Session started on Thursday September 5th . They are doing a study called "Abide" by Jen Wilkins. This is a 10-week study on the books of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John which runs through November 14th. The study books includes access to all the videos on line so you can do this study on your own if you wish. Contact Tootie O'Malley, Kathy Pavich or Christine Feinberg for more information!

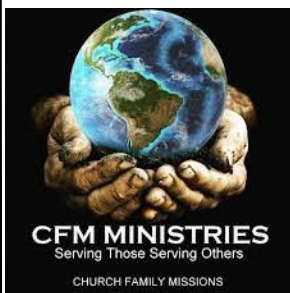
**Community Bible Study Satellite Class:** This women's study group meets on Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm. The study is an in depth look at the book of Matthew and runs through next May. They are currently up to chapter 5: "Jesus is Tempted and Begins His Ministry." This is a class you can join anytime and not feel lost. Contact Jan Hurst for more information.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

Elder Bill Kolstad has just begun a four week study on Peter. At the conclusion of this series, Elder Bill Rowell will be leading a short series on the Holy Spirit. Elder Bob Daly, the primary teacher on Sunday Morning, is traveling overseas and will back at the end of November. Anyone can join this class 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. I have personally gone through several Navigator's studies and have found them all great! The group is currently in book two of a seven book series. This book is called "The Spirit-filled Follower of Jesus." The current facilitators are Bill Kolstad and Lois Furno. Please contact either of them for more information.



## Church Family Missions 2025

Bill and Liz Gieg

We have dates for the 2025 project but not the location. The dates are from May 27th through June 7th 2025.

The Leadership team are prayerfully considering 3 location; Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. We are in the process of gathering more information about each location prior to selecting the project.

We want to invite you to become part of the project in May of 2025. If you are interested in receiving a team manual for your education on who we are and what you might expect participating with our organization and team of volunteers, please request one. Go to churchfamilymissions@gmail.com.



### Upcoming Events

#### Fellowship Meal

**Sunday October 6th after Church**

This one will be a pot luck so plan on bringing a dish to share!

#### Shoebox Drive Kickoff

**Sunday October 13. Lets get ready to fill boxes!**

#### Deacon's Meeting

**Sunday October 20, after Church**

#### Fellowship Meal

**Sunday November 3th after Church**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 3rd**

#### Shoebox Packing Party

**Saturday November 9th at 1:30pm**

#### Memory Verses for September

- October 6 Zechariah 4:6
- October 13 Colossians 3:12
- October 20 Colossians 3:23
- October 27 2 Corinthians 5:9



### Save the Date

Our Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Saturday December 14th at 5:00pm.

Please contact Jan Hurst if you would like to help organize the event. Look for more information

on the Christmas Dinner in the next newsletter.



We are in need of more teachers and helpers for Children's Church. If you have heart for children and would like to volunteer one Sunday a month to assist with Children's Church, please contact Jacky Daly.

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- October 6 Tim Cary, Tahoe Community Church
- October 13 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- October 20 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- October 27 Kevin Mayer, 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:** Todd Cheney, Pastor (Starting date TBD); Kevin Mayer, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian.

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