

# Tahoe Community Church

*Notes, Announcements, and Reminders*

*September 2024*

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



Our Children's Church Ministry has gone through several changes in the last two years and we are going through another one. We ended last year with two classes; 2 year olds through Kindergarten, and 1st through 6th grade. At the beginning of this year we changed to three classes; 1 yr- PreK, K-2nd grade and 3rd -6th grade. This was done to better meet the needs of the students we had at the time and to make it easier for the teachers to control the classes. This was an excellent concept but the problem was we just didn't have enough teachers. There were some teachers who never got to hear a sermon because they were teaching every week.

In July we went down to two classes, younger kids and older kids. A Children's Church meeting was held on August 11 and it was decided that it would be best to go down to one class, students ages 3-12 only. There would be two teachers, or a teacher and a helper, assigned each week. This will provide for better safety for the kids and the teachers and should reduce the number of weeks per month each teacher has to teach. This started on August 28th.

The crying room is available for anyone with children under 3 and we still broadcast the Worship Service into Fellowship Hall as a viewing option for families.

Another change is that we have done away with monthly Family Worship Sundays, at least for now, where the older kids stayed in church with their families.

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

|            |                        |
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| 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  |

## AWANA Fun Night August 28, 2024





## Pastor Cheney Update

The following is part of an email that Todd sent to Kathy Pavich. It is used

by permission.

Kathy,

We are all doing well: I have sensed the pace has quickened now that I am here and integrated as the 'senior chaplain' over the military correctional complex. It has been a great ministry. I shared the Gospel with the notorious mass-murderer, Nidal Hasan today. Amazing he was asking so many questions about Jesus!

Kristin is working part time (a child care gig) for Protestant Women of the Chapel. She is also facilitating a ladies study - an apologetic look at "The Deconstruction of Biblical Christianity."

Kyle (Oldest son) came to see us last week and this week he is down in College Station, TX visiting friends.

Paigey started her fall studies at Dallas Baptist University this past week.

Trev is enjoying his senior year and made the varsity soccer team.

Bob Daly and I have been in contact. Unfortunately the elders and I were not able to connect this month over zoom but we are tracking the next meeting on 10 Sep.

VERY eager to be with TCC, and help the elders with the various items on their plate.

Affectionately in Christ,  
Todd  
James 1:12

**Editor's Note:** There is no update on when Pastor Cheney will arrive. Please pray as the Army paper-



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We may have a few Family Worship Sundays during the year that focus on the kids such as

Easter and Christmas.

We would like to thank the teachers who are currently teaching for their dedication and hard work; Jacky Daly, Ann Norman, Sarah Flanagan, Tootie O'Malley, Tim and Noel Cary, Erica Cantwell and Kevin Mayer.

We need to be ready to meet the needs of families who visit our church. Those needs may change as well as the number of students we get so the current Children's Church plan may have to change again.

If you have any questions or concerns about our Children's Church Ministry, or if you would like to volunteer to be a teacher or helper, please contact Jacky Daly.

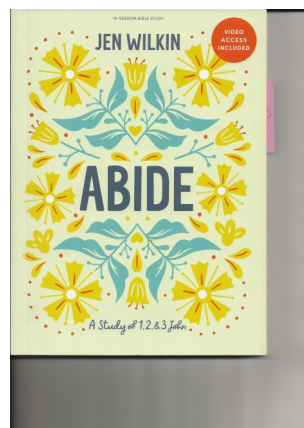
## New Women's Bible Study

**"Abide"**

**A study of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John By Jen Wilkins**

**All Women are invited to a new Bible Study  
Starting Thursday, September 5th.  
9:00am in Fellowship Hall**

**This will be a 10 week study  
Video access is included with the purchase of the study book**



**We are so looking forward to studying God's word with you, please join us for a great year!**

**Please contact Tootie O'Malley to sign up and to order a book.**

**(530) 416-2492**



## Home School Co-op Update

The Home School Co-op has already had their orientation meeting and is set to kick off the fall session on Wednesday September 11th 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 here at Tahoe Community Church!



## Building and Grounds

There have been no changes in the upper lawn project since the last newsletter. It looks the same as it did

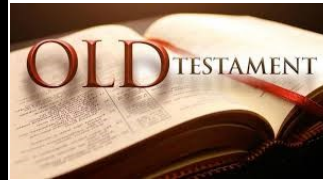
and future plans are still being discussed.

One thing we did accomplish was having the entire property reinspected by the Fire Marshal. We corrected all the discrepancies from the last inspection and are good to go for another year.

The Fire Marshal did not write anything down, but he did point out several items that need to be corrected before our next inspection. There is a tree that needs to be trimmed around some power lines, the wires going into the Kids Zone building were not run properly and need to be corrected and there were two minor problems with emergency lights that have already been corrected.

A sink was installed in the kitchen area of the Discovery Zone building where the AA group meets. The group took this project on themselves. This is a project that has been needed for a long time. One of the paint cabinets in the kitchen area has been moved to the far corner of main part of the room in case anyone is in need of paints for art projects.

As always, keep your eye out for anything on property that needs to be upgraded or fixed and let us know. Do not assume that we already know about it. Thanks for help in maintaining the great property God has given us!



## Why (& how to) Study the Old Testament?

By Elder Bill Kolstad

**“From what has been made”** (e.g. miracles of complex life and the precision of the cosmos) Romans 1:20 reminds us the existence that a supernatural creator is and always has been obvious “without excuse.” To know this creator God more deeply, however, requires intentional investigation on our part, hopefully with help from diligent teachers who recognize and utilize the scriptures for this their intended purpose.

The Old Testament provides both the sequence and purpose of man’s creation in relation to his creator as well as the character of a Holy God in dealing with us throughout history! Now contrast two men with different approaches to the Bible of their day; an Ethiopian eunuch sent to discover the truth of Old Testament prophecy fulfillment versus Albert Einstein whose intellectual curiosity was sadly more devoted to study of the creation than the creator. The former (with help from Philip ( Acts ) saw the promises of the Old Testament fulfilled by the visitation of Christ, but the latter failed to recognize that the creator could be known or deeply through study of His Word more than His creation.

When Philip asked the Ethiopian if he understood the scriptures he was reading the Ethiopian replied in frustration, “how could I unless someone guides me?” Acts 8:31 God blesses us with gifted teachers for this very purpose twice weekly at TCC; 9AM Sunday (currently in Galatians) and 8AM Wednesday in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel!

In Ezekiel we see how a holy God dealt with His chosen people in rebellion twenty five hundred years ago and recognize the uncanny parallels with both America and Israel today that help us understand prophetic events unfolding today worldwide. And in the same way the Ethiopian was able to see Christ’s fulfillment of messianic prophecies in Isaiah 53 we can also recognize His divine purposes throughout the New Testament books without being a genius in physics!

## AWANA Club

As you can see from the pictures on the cover and on the right, the AWANA club is still meeting and kids are having a great time! The program was more relaxed in the summer but the kids continued to learn Bible Versus, Bible stories and Christian songs. This is a great activity to invite you neighborhood kids to!

**Contact Kevin Mayer for more information!**



## 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)

A personal note and picture from Susan Driscoll is posted on the bulletin board.

### "Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

There is an interesting article in FMI's newsletter this month about a Pastor in Turkey, which is where Ryan and Daniel Stauffer live and serve. Pastor Metin started a ministry to reach convicted criminals because with over 300,000 men and women incarcerated, Turkey has the highest incarceration rate and largest prison population of all council of Europe member states.

Pastor Metin once drove 12 hours each way to see an inmate who requested a personal visit. Recounting Jesus' parable of going after 1 lost sheep while 99 are already safe in the sheepfold, Metin says traveling such distances are worth it.

On the flip-side of law enforcement, up to 15 police officers regularly come to Mentin's church. After the service one police officer said "I've never seen people who aren't related to each other love each other like this.," amazed at how the Christ-followers treated each other and intentionally encouraged one another. I hope visitors can say the same about our church!

Nehemiah Paul from FMI will be visiting out Church on Sunday September 8th. He will be delivering the message and will be providing updates on FMI's ministry and how our monthly support to them is being used. Please take the time to greet Nehemiah and ask any questions you may have about FMI.

### Life Choices, Carson City

Our monthly thank you letter from Life Choices is posted on the bulletin board. Their 2024 Gala is scheduled for September 13 in the Paradise Ballroom, at the Atlantis in Reno starting at 5:30pm. Elder Bob Daly will be hosting a table this year.

The guest speaker will be Steven Curtis Chapman. Steven Curtis Chapman has spent the last 35 years writing and performing genre-defining songs that shaped a generation. With a staggering 50 No. 1 singles in his catalog, he is the most awarded artist in Christian music history selling more than sixteen million albums. To register for the Gala visit Friends-of-LifeChoices.org or call (775) 885-1700. You can also scan the QR code on the invitation posted on the bulletin board.

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

Our last giving statement from ANM had a really nice hand-written note on it: "Hello Church Family, Your generous gifts bless many, and are making an investment which yields eternal dividends. Matthew 6:20-21. In Jesus, Dan.

Excerpts from the ANM Newsletter: "God is on the move! The lost are being found, the unreached are hearing the Gospel for the first time, and the forgotten are receiving help and hope in Jesus' name. Your recent gift and prayers are accelerating the Gospel throughout the world especially in critical mission fields like Vietnam, Mauritania, and Cuba where Western missionaries cannot go.

### Central Asian Family

Here is an article from their August 9th Posting:

#### "The Christians say their God can speak to them."

"Hey man, what are you reading and why are you reading all the time?" N\*'s friend asked him. "I want to know if it is true- Can God speak to me? The people (Christians) I have been hanging out with say they hear God speak to them. I am reading their Book, the Bible. I want God to speak to me." N\* replied.

James was very happy to hear this short story from N\*. N\* is Afghan and has been diligently reading through the New Testament and asking really good questions. He just started reading Galatians. Please pray the Holy Spirit will speak to N\* and he will have ears to hear and be saved. He will return to his home country soon.

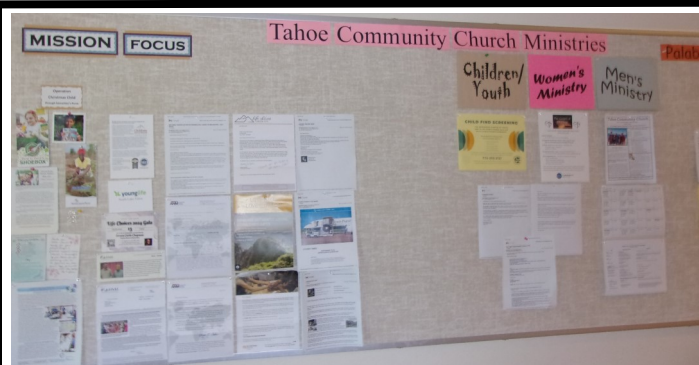
### Children's Hunger Fund

During VBS, the children collected \$633.04 for The Children's Hunger Fund. He is just one story about how this gift is changing lives:

"Lusine and her Husband live in a converted shipping container with their five children, ages thirteen to seventeen. In addition to lacking basic amenities such as indoor plumbing and a proper kitchen, the home is simply too small for seven people. Although Lusine works, her income is not enough to cover her family's expenses.

The Food Paks that have been delivered to their home have made a tremendous difference in their lives, not only in meeting their physical needs but their spiritual needs as well. Lusine and her family live in a remote mountain village, and despite needing to change busses several times to get to church, the whole family comes faithfully.

Thank you for making a difference for families like this. God is using you to bring hope and change to their lives."



## Bulletin Board Updates

I recently reorganized and updated the bulletin board in the Church foyer. On the left are all the updated missionary newsletters and information. There is also information from "Our Daily Bread" and from Samaritan's Purse.

In the center is information on children's and women's ministries. I have added a section for letters and updates from Pastor Cheney and a section for what I call Family and Friends updates. I will post cards, emails and other information from former church members and friends of Tahoe Community Church in this section.

Right now you will find an email from the Keith family, an email from Joshua and Christina Gordon and a card from the Gideons.

If you turn around from the bulletin board you will find the magazine rack. Back issues of "Acts and Fats," "Answers Insider Magazine," "In Jesus Name Medical Ministries flyers" and "Life choices" information are just some of the things you will find there.

I encourage you to check out both the bulletin board and magazine rack from time to time. I am sure you will always find something of interest!



We are in desperate need of audio and video technicians. Just recently, Russel Norman joined our team to operate our new video platform, Proclaim. He is picking it up quickly and will be a pro in no time!

The most urgent need is for an Audio Technician. Kevin Mayer preprograms the settings and is actually running the soundboard from a computer on stage. This means we do not have the ability to adjust volume levels once the service begins. That is why we need a sound Technician. Due to the complexity of the digital sound board, it will take a person with excellent computer skills and prior sound system knowledge to fill the position. Because of this, the elders are considering making this a paid position. Please pray for this and let us know if you know of anyone who may be interested in filling the position.



## LAKE TAHOE LADIES COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY SATELLITE CLASS

**Study Encompasses:**  
In-depth study of the book of Matthew

**Thursdays @ 2:00 PM,  
Starting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Location:** Tahoe Community Church – Fellowship Hall  
145 Daggett Way  
Stateline, NV 89449

**For questions contact:** Jan Hurst @ 775-781-1783

**Online Registration:** \$35 – Includes complete year of Materials & Teachings  
<https://carsonvalley.cbsclass.org/>

Due to inclement weather participants must be Zoom capable to participate in Zoom discussions when weather prohibits "In Person" meetings.

This study runs through May 15 2025. However, the study is designed so that it is easy for participants join in at any time.



## Samaritan's Purse

When we hear the name Samaritan's Purse, most of us think of Operation Christmas Child and Shoeboxes. However, Samaritan's Purse does way more than shoeboxes. Below are headlines from

emails that I receive that may give you an idea of just how much Samaritan's Purse does.

- Feb 29** Samaritan's Purse continues work in Ukraine
- Mar 2** Operation Heal our Patriots ( A program that meets the needs of veterans and their spouses who are struggling after returning from military service, physically and mentally)
- Mar 22** Providing safe water in Jesus name
- May 13** Rushing Relief to Flooded Brazil
- Jun 11** Providing hot meals in Ethiopia
- Jun 18** Caring for vulnerable women and children in Ethiopia
- Jul 2** Help for Hurricane survivors in the Caribbean.

Pretty much anywhere there is a natural disaster or urgent humanitarian need, Samaritan's Purse is there. The great thing is that everything they do is done in Jesus Name, and most of it is done by volunteers. For more information go to Samaritan's Purse.org.



I dedicated an entire page in the August newsletter for VBS photos but I have a lot more pictures I wanted to share with you.



One thing we did different this year was take pictures of every student, and most of the Teachers, with their heads in souvenir posters. Everyone seemed to get a kick out of it! Each student received a copy of their photo in a portfolio that listed all our church activities on the back. It was like a souvenir and invitation to join other church activities all in one!





## Tahoe Community Women's Fellowship

*Welcomes All  
Ladies To*

### *Sincere Surrender*

*Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*1:00 PM*

*FCC's Fellowship Hall*

*145 Daggett Way – Kingsbury*

*Please sign-up for a Soup, Salad, Bread,  
or Dessert: Contact Lois Furno at*

*775-690-0596*

*Call Louisa with any event questions  
at 530-208-8390*



## 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. The format has changed slightly to allow for more discussion time which means they may only cover half of a video lesson each week. They are up to chapter 26 in a book that has 48 chapters so they are about half way through! The underlying goal of this study is to recognize prophecy in current events.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Women's Thursday 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. Video access is included with the purchase of a study book. This study has just begun so now would be good time to join in! Contact Tootie O'Malley, Kathy Pavich or Christine Feinberg for more information!

### **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 it 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.



## 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 locations; 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 re-



**CHILDREN'S  
HUNGER FUND**

The following is a hand written note we received from Children's Hunger Fund:

Dear Friends,

We are so thankful for the Tahoe Community Church Family! Thank you for partnering with us through your VBS program. We are so grateful and encouraged by the compassion and generosity displayed by your VBS Kids. Thank you for delivering hope! Best, Lauren Bradley.



### Upcoming Events

**Visit from Nehemiah Paul from FMI**  
Sunday September 8th

**Live Choices Fundraiser Gala**  
Friday September 13 at the Atlantis in Reno

**Women's Event "Sincere Surrender"**  
Saturday September 14, 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall

**Deacon's Meeting**  
Sunday September 15, after Church

**Fellowship Meal**  
Sunday October 6th after Church  
This one will be a pot luck so plan on bringing a dish to share!

### Memory Verses for September

- September 1 Psalm 39:12
- September 8 John 1:12
- September 15 1 Peter 2:5
- September 22 John 16:33
- September 29 Proverbs 4:23



## One Final VBS Photo for 2024

Thanks again to all those who made VBS Possible!!!



### Upcoming Preaching Schedule

- September 1 Bob Daly, Tahoe Community Church
- September 8 Nehemiah Paul, FMI
- September 15 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- September 22 Tim Cary, Tahoe Community Church
- September 29 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 in November); Kevin Mayer, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator; Michael Prager, Church Custodian.

# IN GOD WE TRUST



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