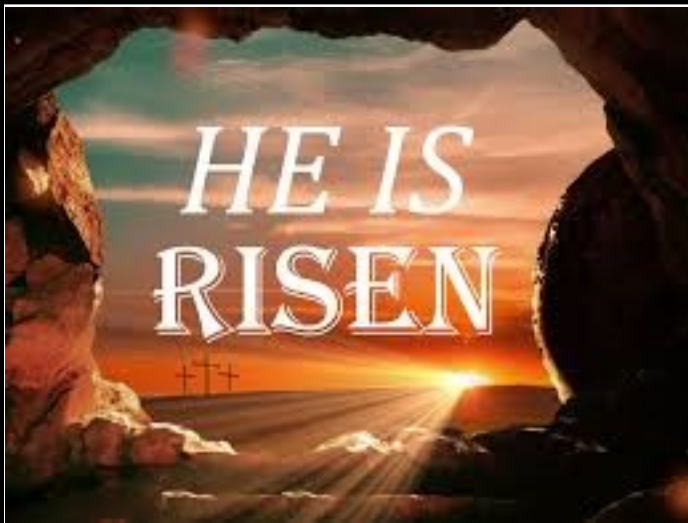


Tahoe Community Church

Notes, Announcements, and Reminders

March 2024

Worshipping Together, Making Disciples, Reaching Our World!



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

***Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.***

"The Angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. ..." Matthew 28:5-6

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 24th - Sunday March 31st

Palm Sunday: March 24th Regular Sunday Schedule

Good Friday: March 29nd There will be a special Good Friday Service at 5:00 pm in the Worship Center. Kevin Mayer will be delivering the message.

Resurrection Sunday: March 31st

8:30 Prayer Gathering in the Adventure Zone

9:15 Easter Fellowship Gathering in Fellowship Hall
Join us for a continental breakfast and fellowship!

10:30 am Resurrection Celebration Service in the Worship Center

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Sunday Prayer
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class
9:00 a.m.	Praise Team Practice
10:10 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Preschool and Children's Church Available

Weekly Church Activities

Mon.	5:30 pm	Discipleship Training
Tue.	10:30 am	Knitting Group
Wed.	8:00 am	Bible Study Breakfast
	9:30 am	Prayer Gathering
	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
Fri.	6:00 pm	Word of Life Worship Service



The Search Continues

By Kathy Pavich

The Pastor Search Committee is continuing its search for new candidates to consider for our next pastor.

At this time, we do not have much to report, just know that we are vetting candidates and praying for God to bring us a new pastor soon. Please continue to pray for God's will in this and for the committee to have discernment and wisdom as we vet these candidates.

Your Pastor Search Committee,

Bill Rowell, Bill Kolstad, Bob Pavich, Christine Feinberg, Kathleen Huggins, and Kathy Pavich



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. Here is an excerpt from Tim and Susan's letter that I thought was great:

"I nodded as the pastor across from me talked about "Beeps" but it took me a few minutes to understand what he was saying. We were eating a piece of her homemade apple crisp and drinking tea when he told me that they had several "Beeps" in their church small groups. Since our whole conversation was in Japanese, it took some time to realize he meant V.I.P.s. The Japanese language doesn't have a "V" sound so foreign words with a "V" come out like a "B". VIP is a phrase used somewhat by Japanese and they know it stands for Very Important People. But as I sat enjoying the delicious cake, I wondered who were the Beeps that he was referring to. And then it dawned on me. He had purposely chosen to call non-Christians VIPs and it was his way of training his church people to think of those that needed to be connected to and shared Christ with as: Very Important People. And they are Very Important! So important that we, along with these Japanese believers, need to be loving and sharing the good news of Jesus with the Very Important People around us!"

I think we can all learn from the message here!

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.

I have included a story from their latest update on page 3.

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

Dear Friend of Missions:

My heart is filled with Gratitude as I write to you today. Through your support, ANM's missionaries are taking the Gospel message to those who have never heard it.

One of those missionaries is Umar, a former Muslim mafia member in Kazakhstan who is reaching the lost for Christ and training local pastors. This is crucial work in a country where half the population has little or no access to the gospel.

As I look out at the world today, it is abundantly clear that the need is greater than ever. Your prayers and support help native missionaries like Umar continue and accelerate the work in this chaotic time.

The newsletter for the Evangelical Church is posted on the bulletin board. The photo here is of kids



that have graduated from "The Greatest Journey." This is the follow up course offered when the kids receive their OCC Shoebox gift.

Prayer requests:

- Pray that God will provide remaining funds need for the major building project that has just begun.
- Pray for all the people that attended recent Gospel events that they would be touched by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the children that started coming to Bible Clubs to continue coming and that they will open their hearts for Jesus.

Pastor W. in Pakistan/FMI

Jamilia had gone to church for 47 years but had never held a Bible. Even though she lives in a country where many people claim to be Christians, Jamilia was 67 years old before she had personal access to a Bible in her language. Caleb, an FMI-supported disciple-maker introduced her to Jesus. She was intrigued by the good news of Christ's sacrifice on her behalf as she had thought her regular church attendance obtained God's favor. Caleb continues to meet with Jamilia to disciple her and to evangelize around her neighborhood. In 2023 Caleb and FMI's other partners in Kenya distributed about 2,250 Bibles in 7 different languages!

A Story from our Central Asian Family

“Stay Away from them, they are American Spies”

So what is J doing while I am off adventuring in India or playing with children at the orphanage? Well, he is doing all the hard leg work of making it possible to live here-among many other things. Kyrgyzstan is a creative access country meaning to live here we need to be creative because we can't get a religious visa. Every year, we are having to prove to the government our legitimacy and we do that through business. The last two month J has been doing the very boring, very frustrating and very essential work of applying for our business visa. And praise God we got approved another year!! It seems we always get approved hours before the deadline. So what work goes into another year of a business visa? Well, of course, hard work creating and sustaining a business. We are praising God for His provisions for the pastured poultry business, Renew Farms. J and his partner B are busy building, buying, marketing and troubleshooting as they get ready for another spring harvest. J often is discouraged with the cross-cultural obstacles he faces but he is persevering. Please pray for joy in the Lord and wisdom how to make the business successful. And what is success? I love how Nehemiah prayed for success: “Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” (Neh 1:11b). We desire for the business to be the bridge into people's lives and to find favor with them to build the business up but ultimately to bring the truth of Jesus into their lives.

So J is working hard in order that we may stay here by getting a visa, in order to provide work for a brother in the Lord, (Lord willing many more believers will find employment), to disciple B*, to build gospel bridges but there is one more really important reason we do business. Here is a quote from our new sister A “My parents told me, Stay away from them. They are American Spies. They are going to drug you and steal your money. I responded to them, no they are not. They own a very good farming business. And you, yourselves ate chicken from their farm!” There is so much suspicion of us and confusion over why Americans live in this country. Our business, or rather J's hard work, breaks down suspicion and allows people to make sense of us. This is vital to our “success” in this country. *People do not open their heart up to people they don't trust.* J doesn't get to have as many glamorous opportunities that I have; many hours are spent at tax offices, and

yet if it wasn't for his sacrificial work, none of what we get to do would be possible.

As we look forward to spring and summer, J's work will really increase (though he is already doing a lot for the business). Please keep him in your prayers.

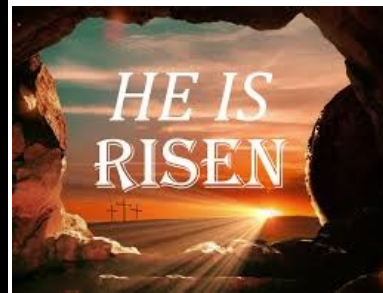
Thankful for y'all!!

We are still raising money for the adoption:

<https://mystory.lifesongfororphans.org/stories/our-adoption-journey-16/>

PLEASE PRAY! Pray for justice in the Kyrgyz government and for favor every step of the way! Thank you! Thank you!!

Eagerly waiting to bring this sweet boy home!
~J and H



Easter Fellowship Gathering

Once again this year we will be having an Easter Fellowship Gather at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall on Easter

Morning. This event brought back last year has been celebrated many times in the church's history and in many forms.

This year's event will be very similar to last year's. We will be sharing a “Continental Style Breakfast” featuring some home cooked foods from volunteers in the church along with coffee, tea, and juice. The idea is to enjoy an light breakfast while celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior together prior to the Worship Service.

We are canceling the morning Bible Study to accommodate the fellowship but will still have the morning prayer meeting at 830am in the downstairs Sunday School Room.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the event by providing a finger food donation to share. We are keeping it simple so that we can focus on spending time with each other and our visitors. If you are unable to provide something, a joyful smile will be welcomed!

Don't forget to greet one another with the traditional Christian Greeting:

He is risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Prayer and Fasting



Since we are still in Lent, I thought it was appropriate to include this article from the Navigator's Ministry on Fasting:

Fasting is the spiritual discipline of intentionally going without something for a time to focus on your relationship with God. Even Jesus fasted for 40 days before beginning His ministry ([Mark 2:18-19 NIV](#)). Recognizing your appetites—what fuels you—and how they draw you toward or away from God is one way to practice this spiritual discipline.

FUEL (Food; Use Of Time; Entertainment; Listen To), take inventory of *your fuel* through one of the four fasting ideas described below.

Before you start a fast, invite a friend to join you. You can encourage each other through the fast and share about your journey.

1. F – Food

Practice: Do you ever use food as a comfort when you're sad or as a reward when you're happy? Try fasting from one type of food or even one meal a day for a certain period of time and see how your cravings change. How does this require deeper dependence on the Lord?

Ponder: What can you learn from Daniel as he fasted from certain types of food ([Daniel 1:8-16 NIV](#))?

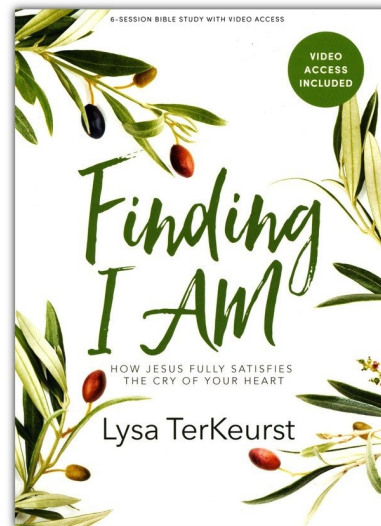
Pray: *Father, deepen my hunger and thirst for you.*

2. U – Use Of Time

Practice: How often do you describe your day as "busy?" How does your schedule make you feel? What fills most of your time? Take inventory of your time by writing down everything you do for a week. Then ask God to show you what activities you could fast from to commit to time for Him.

Ponder: Learn from Nehemiah as he fasted and prayed after hearing about the destruction of the city walls of Jerusalem. He was willing to offer whatever time necessary to help ([Nehemiah 1:4 NIV](#)).

Pray: *Father, teach me how to best honor you with how I spend my time.*



New Women's Bible Study

Finding I Am: How Jesus fully Satisfies the cry of Your Heart
By Lysa TerKeurst.

“Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the **I AM** statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John, ultimately trading feel-

ings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is in this in-depth Bible Study. *Finding I AM* helps participants see that Jesus not only cares about us in times of deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see us through them. “

This study is set to begin on Thursday March 21st. Contact Tootie O'Malley, Kathy Pavich, or Christine Feinberg to order a book.

3. E – Entertainment

Practice: How does it feel to have someone like your post or have someone unfollow you on social media? How are your entertainment choices influencing you? Talk with the Lord about what you watch and listen to—music, movies, TV, social media, podcasts, etc. Decide how you might fast from entertainment.

Ponder: Learn from the early church how fasting and prayer coincided with worship. This led them to commission more believers to go and share the gospel ([Acts 13:2-3 NIV](#)).

Pray: *Father, make me more aware of who you are and therefore increase my worship.*

4. L – Listen To

Practice: Who do you look to for encouragement? Does someone's approval matter most? Whose voice is the loudest in your life?

Try fasting from noise and use it as an opportunity to embrace silence and more clearly hear God's voice.

Ponder: Learn from the churches in Galatia (Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch) as Paul and Barnabas used prayer and fasting to make leadership decisions ([Acts 14:21-23 NIV](#)). In Paul's letter to the Galatians he emphasized the importance of God's approval ([Galatians 1:10 NIV](#)).

Pray: *Father, transform me to desire your approval above all others.*



Building and Grounds

Mike Furno, with some help, just completed repainting and fixing up the "boys" bathroom in

the Kids Zone building. It now has a working shower which is the only one on the church campus!

Mike's next project is redoing the window frames in the office that got damaged when we had the windows replaced. And there is always another project waiting to be done.

We recently had some electrical work done in the Adventure Zone building. A circuit breaker kept tripping. The reason was two fold, we had a faulty surge protector and a bad cord on the microwave. The fix was easy, we removed the surge protector and purchased a new microwave.

As you walk around our campus, keep an eye out for anything you see that needs some attention or needs to be fixed. Please do not assume that we already know about it. Feel free to contact Mike Furno, Leonard O'Malley or me if you see anything and we will do our best to get it done. Thanks!



Notes from Knifty Knitters

By Karen Beverage

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

starting Tuesday, March 12th 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.

Hopefully I have piqued your interest and you will leave me a message at (530)544-5925 if you are interested in attending so I can make sure there will be plenty of needles and cotton yarn to start our first washcloths.

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



The March/April 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.
- Great Sand dunes National Park: Colossal Ice Age Remnants
- RNA Editing: Adaptive Genome Modification

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

There are also copies of the latest Acts & Facts Kids edition available. These magazines contain lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. Kids don't know they are learning, they just think they are having fun!

There are other magazines and periodicals available on the rack net to restrooms in the foyer, it might be worth your time to check them out!

Missionary News Continued



Life Choices, Carson City

Fill the Bus: Life choices has added a second medical mobile unit in order to better advocate outside of the abortion provider in Reno while still serving other communities at the same time. We invite you to come tour the new unit, celebrate, pray and give on March 9th at either location.

Carson city
Carson City Calvary Chapel
10:00am to Noon

Gardnerville
High Sierra Fellowship
2:00pm to 4 :00pm

Food and Beverages: Come and enjoy snacks and beverages courtesy of our host churches as you tour the bus and celebrate with us.

Giving Opportunities: Help us fund the new medical mobile unit and learn more about the growing reach of Life choices to our communities!



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

Vacation Bible School 2024



Tahoe Community Church
July 8th—July 12th
9:00am to 12:30pm

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 775-588-5860 to sign up!



Home School Co-op

After several months of planning, a Home School Co-op

to be held on church grounds is about to kick off. Kevin Mayer, who is heading up this project, informed me that the kick off date is April 3rd. There are a number of families signed up to participate and they hope to attract more once the group is up and running. They will be using the Kids Zone building and Fellowship Hall when it is available. Please contact Kevin Mayer for more information.

Our Daily Bread



There are two different Eastern Editions of our daily bread available. I have some left over from last year and news one from this year.

Last year's edition is "Easter, the Promise of forgiveness." ***"And I will Forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."*** Hebrews 8:12

This year's edition is "The Hope of Easter." God sent Jesus to live a perfect life in a broken world, pay the ultimate sacrifice that erased our debt, and rose victoriously from the grave to give us eternal hope!

Please feel free to take some of these devotionals to share.

Audio Visual

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!!



Two New Discipleship Classes

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Mat. 28:19-20

In obedience to this commandment, we have started two new discipleship classes on Church property. Both classes are currently using a study guide from The Navigator's Ministry called "Design for Discipleship."

Discipleship Training Class: This Monday Night study is designed to be a "train the trainer" class. Bob Daly and others are training volunteers to teach the Discipleship Class on Wednesday nights. However, this class is open to anyone who would like to attend. Meetings start at 7:00pm in the Church Office.

Design for Discipleship Class: This class meets on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. They are currently meeting in the church foyer because they already outgrew the Church Office spaces. If the class continues to grow it may change locations again or may split into smaller classes. Only God knows for sure! I will do my best to keep you informed of any changes.

All Wednesday night discipleship class participants are welcome to enjoy a light meal with the AWANA group at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bob Daly for information about our new discipleship training opportunities

Church Prayer Coordinator



The Church is in need of someone to take the lead in coordinating our prayer efforts. I have been doing my best, but the job has out grown me. We need someone with the ability to send text messages to the church body increasing the speed of getting prayer requests out. The position could also include organizing meals for church families in need using "Meal Train," an online meal sign up site. Please contact the Elders if you are interested in learning more.



Bible Studies

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

Wednesday Breakfast Study

The Wednesday Breakfast Study group is patiently going through the book of Job. They are currently up to chapter 16. Only 25 chapters to go! The format of the study is the same with members of the group taking turns facilitating the study. My understanding is that the group is gaining great insights from their study of this often ignored and under appreciated book in the Bible. You might want to consider joining in. Everyone is welcome to attend at anytime. Who knows, you might become a regular attender!

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

The Wednesday Morning prayer group continues 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. We have had as few as four people and as many as twelve people praying.

Sunday Prayer

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 are finishing up their current study "Jesus and Women-The First Century and Now" by Kristi McLelland next week. Christine Feinberg is leading the last lesson on March 14 which will be "Jesus and the Tale of Two Mary's."

The next study book has already been selected. It is a study called "Finding I Am" by Lysa TerKeurst." The study is set to begin on March 21st. I have included a short overview on this study elsewhere in this news letter.

There are three teachers for the ladies study now; Tootie O'Malley, Kathy Pavich, and Christine Feinberg. You may contact any one of them to order a book for the next study.

Sunday Morning Study

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



Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday Service

March 24th: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

Good Friday Service

March 29th at 5:00pm

Resurrection Sunday!

March 31st: He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Easter Fellowship Gathering

9:15 in Fellowship Hall

Family Worship Sunday

Sunday March 31st

Fellowship Meal

Sunday April 3 after church.

Memory Verses for March

- March 3 Matthew 15:19-20
- March 10 Psalm 104:24
- March 17 Exodus 3:14
- March 24 1 Peter 2:12
- March 31 Matthew 28:6



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

- March 10 Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- March 17 Corbett Robertson, Sierra Community Church
- March 24 **(Palm Sunday)** Tim Cary, Tahoe Community Church
- March 29 **(Good Friday)** Kevin Mayer, Tahoe Community Church
- March 31 **(Easter)** 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: Kevin Mayer, Worship Director; Ted Beverage, Office Administrator ; Michael Prager, Church Custodian.

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