

**New Years Resolution ~**  
Put God first in everything and acknowledge Him for who He is ...Our Creator and Savior.

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**Weekly Ministry**

**Sundays**  
9:00 am Sunday School-All Ages  
10:45am Worship, Nursery, Children's Worship  
6:00 pm Fellowship, Study

**Mondays**  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

**Tuesdays**  
6:30 pm Youth Group (2nd & 9th)

**Wednesdays**  
7:00 am Men's Breakfast Study  
3:30 pm Awesome Kids  
5:45 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

**Thursdays**  
9:00 am Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

**Fridays**  
3:00-4:30 pm Food Pantry Ministry

**"Glimpses"**  
is provided to you by  
Dick & Marge Luippold

**Here to Serve You:**

- Elders**  
Jeff Brumbach, Leonard O'Malley,  
Mark Peterson, Gerry Wright  
**Elder Emeritus**  
Sam Worley  
**Deacons/Deaconesses**  
Susie Brumbach,  
Bob Daly, Jacky Daly,  
Fran Gayer, Jerry Klosterboer,  
Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich,  
Ken Ralls, Franca Tracy,  
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Suzette Waite—Co-Chairperson  
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Rachela Fazio, Pastor  
Paul Tracy, Pastor  
Shirley Ralls, Director of Administration  
Patti Fontaine, Church Secretary  
Ken Ralls, Custodian  
**Preschool Staff**  
Beth Peterson, Director/Teacher  
Laurie Blowney, Teacher  
Kathy Sufka, Teacher  
Franca Tracy, Teacher  
Maria Arreola, Asst. Teacher  
Catalina Rodriguez, Asst. Teacher  
**Music School Staff**  
Paul Tracy, Director/Instructor  
Shirley Ralls, Instructor

# Hillside Happenings

*A friendly Nevada Church, Teaching the Word of God, Sharing the Love of Christ, and Building Stronger Families.*

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**Elders at Work**

In November 2008, Elders Leonard O'Malley and Mark Peterson installed a roof over the trash dumpster. This will prevent bears from getting into our garbage and ice from forming under the dumpster as well as having to brush snow off to open the dumpster lids. Their hard work will make our lives easier. Great job gentlemen! Please be sure to thank Elders Leonard and Mark for a job well done.

**God's Provision...Unwavering**

*By: Shirley Ralls  
Director of Administration*

During these volatile economic times, dozens of articles have been written about the effects the economy is having, and will have, on charitable giving. We face a unique situation during these times. Some people have lost jobs, others have had hours reduced, and some business owners have less profit. The news will tell you that it's doomsday for charities because people on tight budgets have to do without something and that something would be charitable giving. While that may be true in the secular world, it's amazing the consistency in giving we've experienced over the last several months at Tahoe Community Church. (Thank you!)

Several principles of giving have been proven to me over the years here at TCC and they're more about my giving than the church needing my gifts.

1. God is able; He will provide. "He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, I know that He will care for me."
2. God loves us and cares for us. He not only cares *about* us, He cares *for* us. (Yeah, I can care *about* others, but do I care *for* others like God does?)
3. God knows our need and wants us to trust Him to provide for us.
4. When we put our *complete* trust in Him, He is faithful to take care of our *true* needs.

God is Able and Willing; are we Trusting?

Don't let the news get you down; let God lift you up above it all.

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)



# In God We Trust

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**January Birthdays**

- 4 Tom Lawell
- 4 Bob Daly
- 6 Joshua Peterson(13)
- 8 Michael Furno
- 12 Mark Waite(13)
- 13 George Waite
- 14 Joy Dickerson
- 14 Mark Peterson
- 17 Jeanette Wright
- 17 Denise Mancour
- 24 Virginia Young
- 29 Woody Peterson
- 30 Carolyn Kroll
- 31 Pam Jiminez

**January Events**

- 3 Youth Event
- 4 Family Care Ministry Meeting
- 7 Wed. Women's Bible Study Resumes
- 8 Thur. Women's Bible Study Begins
- 11 Church Potluck
- 12 Elder Meeting
- 18 Diaconate Meeting
- 19 MLK Day
- 26 Elder Meeting

**February Events**

- 8 Church Fellowship
- 14 Valentine's Day

**NOTICE - LOST**

A box of Biblical costumes we use during Christmas and VBS is missing.

If you borrowed them, please return.

Thanks,  
Pastor Rachela

**YOUTH EVENT**

**January 3 - Will Snipes from Centrifuge will be speaking** from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the church. We will eat and fellowship together, then we will hear Will speak what God has laid on his heart for us. I encourage your youth to come spend the evening with us.  
For more info call: Pastor Rachela 775-588-5860



**Offering Envelopes**

2009 Offering envelopes are available to pick up in the back of the church. If you do not have a number assigned, call Shirley. Envelopes not picked up by the end of January will be mailed out.

**Pastor Rachela's Corner:**

*By: Pastor Rachela Fazio*

How was your celebration of our Lord's birthday? I pray that you all had a blessed time with your family and were able to remember that Christmas is about our Lord Jesus. Did you make any New Year resolutions? Did you put your relationship with your Lord on the top of your list? I pray that you did, and are able to focus on your relationship with your Lord this coming year. I encourage you to make a commitment to be involved in a Bible study and to come to worship. It's very important for all of us to grow in Him; studying His word is important for our growth; get into His word and you will see how much you will get to know your Lord.

Have you ever read the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, in one year? Maybe this is the year that you make a commitment to read it from Alpha to Omega (from beginning to end); start on January 1 and see how blessed you will be, to be in His word.

**Plan to Support the Ministries of Tahoe Community Church.**

*By: Shirley Ralls  
Director of Administration*

Because churches are funded primarily by members' contributions, it is important for you to know how the federal government views your contributions. We are not giving tax advice here, but conveying information we've received concerning contribution rules.

To be tax-deductible, charitable contributions must satisfy 6 requirements:

- A gift of cash or property
- claimed as a deduction in the year in which the contribution is made.
- the contribution is unconditional and without personal benefit to the donor.
- the contribution is made "to or for the use of" a qualified charity.
- the contribution is within the allowable legal limits.
- The contribution is properly substantiated.

In 1994, changes to the last item were made regarding substantiation. In the past it was possible to "substantiate" with a canceled check. Now, any individual who makes monetary contributions totaling \$250 or more must receive a written receipt.

**Family Care Ministry**

*By: Lisa Brockett*

I write this as seasons are changing and days are moving quickly toward Christmas and the New Year. As the holidays and winter come along, often stress, colds and flues, come along with them. It also means our beloved snow with all the awesome sporting activities that go with it are here; can I hear a "yes Lord, bring it?!" Although we pray it doesn't, it can also mean accidents for young and old alike.

If you find yourself in a difficult place, ill, having an accident, and would benefit from some meals, snow shoveling, light housework, or a drive to a doctor appointment, please remember the Family Care Ministry. The Family Care Ministry is here with glad hearts ready to be at your side to help as you need it, as long as you need it. We are here for anyone in our church family.

The Family Care Ministry team members are: Lisa Brockett (me), Patti Fontaine, Ken Ralls, Suzette Waite, Kate Warner, Sally O'Brien, Dawn Havens, Debra Garber, Jacky Daly, Susie Brumbach and Jeff Brumbach. If you know one of these people better than another, feel more comfortable approaching one over another with your situation, please do so at any time. They will get back to me or Patti and we will coordinate the services needed.

May God's blessings fall mightily on you and yours during this New Year of 2009.

In Our Lord's Service,  
Lisa Brockett  
Director, Family Care Ministry

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**Food Pantry**

*By: Deaconess Kathy Pavich*



Seven hundred and sixty seven individuals were fed during the month of November, another huge month at the Food Pantry! We gave 171 families a Thanksgiving turkey and the fixings. Thirty four percent of these families had never been to our Food Pantry before. We have now seen them since on Fridays requesting food!

Over 220 turkeys were donated this year – we received 125 turkeys from the Salvation Army turkey drop in Carson City, 50 from MontBleu Casino and its employees, and the remainder from our Church body. We were blessed beyond what we thought we would need. We had about 56 turkeys leftover to give out just before Christmas!

Thank you to all those who not only gave food for our Thanksgiving bags, but for the time and effort you spent in putting it all together and helping to serve these families in need. The Food Pantry ministry could not do this each year without your service.

The Food Bank of Nevada sends out a newsletter and the latest issue provided some interesting information on what a one year budget for only the very basic necessities of food, shelter, clothing, and transportation to work and school looks like.

- 1 parent, 1 child \$13,690
- 1 parent, 2 children \$17,170
- 2 parents, 1 child \$17,170
- 2 parents, 2 children \$20,650
- 2 parents, 3 children \$24,130

Can you imagine trying to meet these necessities on \$10,000 or less? Eighty percent of our Food Pantry recipients try to do just that! Praise the Lord that He has directed us to feed the hungry and that this Church is obedient.

The Lord's provision through this body and the community never ceases to amaze us. Thank you for your support and prayers for this ministry.

God bless you all,  
Kathy Pavich

**Women's Bible Studies:**

- ◆ Beth Moore's
- ◆ "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman"
- ◆ **When:** Wed. January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in office; Thurs, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am in MPR;
- ◆ **Length:** 12 weeks **Cost:** \$18
- ◆ Let Pastor Rachela know asap if you'll be attending .

**Teen Girls Bible Study:**

- ◆ Pam Gibbs'
- ◆ "Esther: The Role of a Lifetime"
- ◆ **When:** January 18 at 5:00 pm in the Church Office
- ◆ **Length:** 8 weeks **Cost:** \$12
- ◆ Let Pastor Rachela know asap if you'll be attending .

Week	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1	<a href="#">Gen 1-3</a>	<a href="#">Josh 1-5</a>	<a href="#">Ps 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Job 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Isa 1-6</a>	<a href="#">Matt 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Rom 1-2</a>
2	<a href="#">Gen 4-7</a>	<a href="#">Josh 6-10</a>	<a href="#">Ps 3-5</a>	<a href="#">Job 3-4</a>	<a href="#">Isa 7-11</a>	<a href="#">Matt 3-4</a>	<a href="#">Rom 3-4</a>
3	<a href="#">Gen 8-11</a>	<a href="#">Josh 11-15</a>	<a href="#">Ps 6-8</a>	<a href="#">Job 5-6</a>	<a href="#">Isa 12-17</a>	<a href="#">Matt 5-7</a>	<a href="#">Rom 5-6</a>
4	<a href="#">Gen 12-15</a>	<a href="#">Josh 16-20</a>	<a href="#">Ps 9-11</a>	<a href="#">Job 7-8</a>	<a href="#">Isa 18-22</a>	<a href="#">Matt 8-10</a>	<a href="#">Rom 7-8</a>
5	<a href="#">Gen 16-19</a>	<a href="#">Josh 21-24</a>	<a href="#">Ps 12-14</a>	<a href="#">Job 9-10</a>	<a href="#">Isa 23-28</a>	<a href="#">Matt 11-13</a>	<a href="#">Rom 9-10</a>
6	<a href="#">Gen 20-23</a>	<a href="#">Judg 1-6</a>	<a href="#">Ps 15-17</a>	<a href="#">Job 11-12</a>	<a href="#">Isa 29-33</a>	<a href="#">Matt 14-16</a>	<a href="#">Rom 11-12</a>
7	<a href="#">Gen 24-27</a>	<a href="#">Judg 7-11</a>	<a href="#">Ps 18-20</a>	<a href="#">Job 13-14</a>	<a href="#">Isa 34-39</a>	<a href="#">Matt 17-19</a>	<a href="#">Rom 13-14</a>
8	<a href="#">Gen 28-31</a>	<a href="#">Judg 12-16</a>	<a href="#">Ps 21-23</a>	<a href="#">Job 15-16</a>	<a href="#">Isa 40-44</a>	<a href="#">Matt 20-22</a>	<a href="#">Rom 15-16</a>
9	<a href="#">Gen 32-35</a>	<a href="#">Judg 17-21</a>	<a href="#">Ps 24-26</a>	<a href="#">Job 17-18</a>	<a href="#">Isa 45-50</a>	<a href="#">Matt 23-25</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 1-2</a>
10	<a href="#">Gen 36-39</a>	<a href="#">Ruth</a>	<a href="#">Ps 27-29</a>	<a href="#">Job 19-20</a>	<a href="#">Isa 51-55</a>	<a href="#">Matt 26-28</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 3-4</a>
11	<a href="#">Gen 40-43</a>	<a href="#">I Sam 1-5</a>	<a href="#">Ps 30-32</a>	<a href="#">Job 21-22</a>	<a href="#">Isa 56-61</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1-2</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 5-6</a>
12	<a href="#">Gen 44-47</a>	<a href="#">I Sam 6-10</a>	<a href="#">Ps 33-35</a>	<a href="#">Job 23-24</a>	<a href="#">Isa 62-66</a>	<a href="#">Mark 3-4</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 7-8</a>
13	<a href="#">Gen 48-50</a>	<a href="#">I Sam 11-15</a>	<a href="#">Ps 36-38</a>	<a href="#">Job 25-26</a>	<a href="#">Jer 1-6</a>	<a href="#">Mark 5-6</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 9-10</a>
14	<a href="#">Ex 1-4</a>	<a href="#">I Sam 16-20</a>	<a href="#">Ps 39-41</a>	<a href="#">Job 27-28</a>	<a href="#">Jer 7-11</a>	<a href="#">Mark 7-8</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 11-12</a>
15	<a href="#">Ex 5-8</a>	<a href="#">I Sam 21-25</a>	<a href="#">Ps 42-44</a>	<a href="#">Job 29-30</a>	<a href="#">Jer 12-16</a>	<a href="#">Mark 9-10</a>	<a href="#">I Cor 13-14</a>
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20	<a href="#">Ex 25-28</a>	<a href="#">II Sam 15-19</a>	<a href="#">Ps 57-59</a>	<a href="#">Job 39-40</a>	<a href="#">Jer 37-41</a>	<a href="#">Luke 3-4</a>	<a href="#">II Cor 9-10</a>
21	<a href="#">Ex 29-32</a>	<a href="#">II Sam 20-24</a>	<a href="#">Ps 60-62</a>	<a href="#">Job 41-42</a>	<a href="#">Jer 42-46</a>	<a href="#">Luke 5-6</a>	<a href="#">II Cor 1-13</a>
22	<a href="#">Ex 33-36</a>	<a href="#">I Kings 1-4</a>	<a href="#">Ps 63-65</a>	<a href="#">Prov 1</a>	<a href="#">Jer 47-52</a>	<a href="#">Luke 7-8</a>	<a href="#">Gal 1-3</a>
23	<a href="#">Ex 37-40</a>	<a href="#">I Ki 5-9</a>	<a href="#">Ps 66-68</a>	<a href="#">Prov 2-3</a>	<a href="#">Lam</a>	<a href="#">Luke 9-10</a>	<a href="#">Gal 4-6</a>
24	<a href="#">Lev 1-3</a>	<a href="#">I Ki 10-13</a>	<a href="#">Ps 69-71</a>	<a href="#">Prov 4</a>	<a href="#">Eze 1-6</a>	<a href="#">Luke 11-12</a>	<a href="#">Eph 1-3</a>
25	<a href="#">Lev 4-6</a>	<a href="#">I Ki 14-18</a>	<a href="#">Ps 72-74</a>	<a href="#">Prov 5-6</a>	<a href="#">Eze 7-12</a>	<a href="#">Luke 13-14</a>	<a href="#">Eph 4-6</a>
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48	<a href="#">Deut 20-22</a>	<a href="#">Neh 1-4</a>	<a href="#">Ps 137-139</a>	<a href="#">Ecc 11-12</a>	<a href="#">Mal</a>	<a href="#">Acts 19-20</a>	<a href="#">I John 1-3</a>
49	<a href="#">Deut 23-25</a>	<a href="#">Neh 5-9</a>	<a href="#">Ps 140-142</a>	<a href="#">Song 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Rev 1-6</a>	<a href="#">Acts 21-22</a>	<a href="#">I John 4-5</a>
50	<a href="#">Deut 26-28</a>	<a href="#">Neh 10-13</a>	<a href="#">Ps 143-145</a>	<a href="#">Song 3-4</a>	<a href="#">Rev 7-11</a>	<a href="#">Acts 23-24</a>	<a href="#">II John</a>
51	<a href="#">Deut 29-31</a>	<a href="#">Est 1-5</a>	<a href="#">Ps 146-148</a>	<a href="#">Song 5-6</a>	<a href="#">Rev 12-17</a>	<a href="#">Acts 25-26</a>	<a href="#">III John</a>
52	<a href="#">Deut 32-34</a>	<a href="#">Est 6-10</a>	<a href="#">Ps 149-150</a>	<a href="#">Song 7-8</a>	<a href="#">Rev 18-22</a>	<a href="#">Acts 27-28</a>	<a href="#">Jude</a>

## Timeless and Limitless

*By Pastor Paul Tracy*

Time, is it an ally or an antagonist to our human lives? As I write these thoughts 2008 is almost completely behind me and 2009 is right around the corner. Reflecting on this past year brings to mind a myriad of memories and landmarks both physically, spiritually and emotionally. They run the gamut of pain and pleasure and all the feelings that are in between these two extremes. There are losses and gains and definitely some changes in my life in this past year. The one reality that seems to hit home is how quickly time passes each and every day and how short the time that we have here really is.

In Psalm 39 verses 4 and 5 the Psalmist said these words: “Lord, make me to know my end and what is the extent of my days: Let me know how transient I am. Behold, you have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath.” The Bible confirms this reality in a number of places. Time impacts and affects us as it marches by and it intertwines with our circumstances to change us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Time can be an ally in some instances but more often than not it seems to be against us.

The other thing about time is that we have the ability to measure and add it together. We remember landmark dates and times like birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries and celebrate them accordingly. But as our children grow up and graduate from preschool, high school, college and beyond and the number of anniversaries and birthdays that we celebrate become larger and larger there is the reality of our physical limitations. We do not have the ability to live forever. There is a limit to our lives as the writer of Ecclesiastes wrote in chapter 3 verses 1 and 2, “there is a time for every event under heaven - A time to give birth and a time to die.”

We are impacted by time and we have limits but the Bible tells us that our God is both timeless and limitless. Psalm 90:2 says this: “Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.” God is not limited by time like we are. He continues to operate and provide, to move and to give regardless of the time of year or the number of years that pass by. As decades and millenniums pass God does not change or diminish in any way or capacity. His abilities to answer our prayers and to work in our lives are not subject to specific times and dates. Time is not a barrier to who God is or to what He can do like it is for us.

Isaiah 40:28; “Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.” Our God is beyond time and beyond our understanding. He is not subject to the limits that time and age place upon us. He truly is limitless and loving and willing to pursue a relationship with us. (See John 3:16) It is hard to truly capture in our minds the scope and the width of God’s existence because we are so finite and He is so infinite. We can believe the promises of God’s word and we can look for His help. This should give us hope and optimism for whatever the future may have in store for us.

Wherever you find yourself physically, emotionally or spiritually at this moment in time, consider that God is not bound by natural laws and space like we are. He is with you now and He promises to stay with you wherever you go. We can trust Him and we can lean on Him because He is not restricted and constrained like we are. He is timeless and limitless and He chooses to love us and to work in our lives for our good and His purposes. Whatever the year 2009 brings to our lives, rest assured that we are not facing it alone. Maybe we should look at our calendars and say out loud; “Bring it on because God and I can handle whatever may come!”