

Hillside Happenings

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

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Am I to Serve or Not to Serve, (not tennis)?

Pastor Rachela Fazio

Good question, right? When you think of picking up trash, do you think that it is a way that you can share Jesus with people? How about sweeping a bus? How about cleaning a bathroom or a church? What about sitting on a bus or train while getting to your destination? How about giving someone a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate? How about trading pins? All these are opportunities to share Jesus—when the door is opened. These are a few services that we will be doing during the winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC, Canada—there will be other services that we will be asked to do.

Now think back to Jesus—did He pick up trash, clean a bus, clean a bathroom, ride a bus/train, or give someone something warm to drink. No, Jesus didn't do those specific things but He did meet the person where they needed to be met. And then He shared His Truth with them.

You are probably saying, "What is she talking about?" right? Well, I came back from meeting with the "More Than Gold" team in Vancouver and they gave us an overview of what we will be doing while volunteering: TO SERVE is the word. Where ever, what ever needs doing the mission teams will do.

You ask—what are the accommodations? A five star hotel, right? NO. A four, three, two or one star? NO!! We will be blessed if the place where we will be staying has a cot. Lord willing our accommodations will be a space on the floor—we bring an air mattress and sleeping bags. Wow that sounds like fun, right? For some it does sound like an adventure and to others it doesn't. If you are thinking of joining me to serve in Vancouver in February, please know that it will be a time of serving our Lord in any way they need us. As in

Torino Olympics, the Lord gave us many opportunities to share His Truth with people whom we met. Building relationships is what our Lord did, and then He shared Himself with them.

Cost: \$17 per night which includes breakfast; \$25 for breakfast and lunch bag included. Plus air flight or taking a train or driving up to Vancouver

Who: adults (over 18)

Commitment: at least five days, February 19-28, 2010

What you need to do: PRAY to see if this is where our Lord is leading you.

More Than Gold is putting together Welcome kits (for visitors); they still need items:

Lip balm	Rain poncho
Band-aids	Canada logo pens/pencils
Kleenex	Sunscreen/lotion
Mini note pads	Hand warmers

And Care Kits (for homeless, travel size items), they still need items:

Lip balm	Rain poncho
Kleenex	Sunscreen/lotion
Hand warmers	Hand wipes
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Shampoo	Soap
Mittens	Socks
Scarf (specific instructions—ask me)	

Suggestion: the next time you go to the dollar store take a gallon freezer bag and fill it up with some of these items then bring them to the church office.

Thank you.





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brian Beverage
- 2 Kande Worley
- 4 Karan Peterson
- 7 Patti Fontaine
- 9 Beth Peterson
- 11 Karen Beverage
- 11 Paul Waite
- 12 Samantha Brumbach
- 14 Dawn Havens
- 15 Patrick Flanagan
- 16 Sarah Flanagan
- 18 Cassandra Tracy
- 23 Ashley Furno
- 28 Danielle Daly

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 4 Family Care Ministry Meeting
- 10 Scrapbooking
- 11 Church Fellowship
- 12 Elders Meeting
- 18 Deacons Meeting
- 25 Lord's Supper
- 26 Elders Meeting
- 30 Nevada Day

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 1 Family Care Ministry Meeting
- 2 Elders Meeting
- 8 Church Fellowship
- 8 Annual Meeting
- 14 Covenant Four Concert
- 15 Deacons Meeting
- 16 Elders Meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 29 Lord's Supper
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent



**Volunteers
Needed**

Sign Up with Elder Mark Peterson to help clean the church and MPR. All the equipment and products are here on-site, including complete instructions and to what needs doing. (775) 588-4219.

Dates needed for October:

Saturday, October 10th

(after scrapbooking)

Saturday, October 27



CONNECTIONS

**A CHANCE TO MEET,
GREET AND EAT**

Get to know others over lunch once a month after the morning worship service. Plan to join us on these dates:

**October 11
SOUP or CHILI
SALAD or DESSERT
POTLUCK**

**November 8
TURKEY CURRY**

**December 13
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

**Suggested donation for provided meals:
Adults \$3/ Kids \$2**

**SCRAPBOOKERS
WANTED**

**COME CROP WITH US
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the MPR

\$10 will reserve your space, provide you with a light lunch and snacks, and a make-n-take. Door prizes and other giveaways.

Please contact Karen Beverage to reserve your spot. (530) 544-5925



Food Pantry Report

By: Deaconess Kathy Pavich

The Food Pantry fed 403 people during the month of August, approximately 100 fewer people than in July! There seems to be no rhyme or reason for our numbers, except that perhaps businesses found themselves in need of more employees due to increased tourist numbers in August. We did however feed 147 new people who had never visited the Food Pantry before!

We would like to acknowledge some of the people who have served in this ministry recently: Ken and Jeanie Stead, Gabriel and Julia Martinez, Marge Martin, Karan Peterson, Fran and Mike Gayer, Stephen Galvin, Dawn Havens, Sarah Flanagan, Diane and Cory Francis, David Werle, Bob Pavich, Brad Dorton, and Bob Daly. Thank you and God bless you for your service!

We continue to be grateful for the donations of food, soaps, shampoo, lotions, and paper and plastic bags that come from this church body. These donations are very important to us!

Stop by any Friday from 1:30 on, and join us in our service to the Lord!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

Tahoe Community Church Annual Church Meeting

November 8, 2009 at 1:00 pm

Vote to be held on following proposed By Laws Changes

The following changes to the By Laws (Article IV; Government) are being proposed by the elders. The church membership will vote on this change at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November 2009. Please direct any questions to any of our elders.

SECTION 2. All elder decisions shall be made by ~~unanimous, rather than majority, decision. This will, as much as is possible, ensure that the decisions will be guided by the Holy Spirit~~ majority, rather than unanimous, decision. As much as possible, efforts to come to a unanimous consensus will be sought to ensure that the decision is led by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 15:22-28, 20:28)

SECTION 3. Elders shall be chosen by ~~unanimous vote~~ of the current elders, followed by confirmation and ordination by the congregation. The qualifications for choosing elders shall be those listed in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. In summary, elders shall be chosen based on: 1. Their godly personal character and conduct, and 2. Their ability to teach Biblical truth for the building up of the body of Christ and for protecting the doctrinal purity of the church.

Intercessory Prayer

By: Patti Fontaine

TCC Prayer Warriors: Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Sunroom of the Annex we are meeting for intercessory prayer for all of the ministries in our church body. Those of us participating are experiencing the rich blessing of seeing God answer prayers specific to our church. We believe that churches (ours included) are the constant target of attack by the enemy and church bodies need to ban together in prayer against the enemy on behalf of every one of our ministries. Prayer is vital not only for protection against the enemy, but for God's wisdom and direction for our pastors and elders. If you are concerned about our church ministries, we urge you to come and take a stand with us against the enemy.

“For where two or more are gathered in His name, there I am in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

More Essential Ingredients

By: *Pastor Paul Tracy*

I picture the Church to be something like a special meal that is made by following a recipe. God is certainly the Master Chef who puts together the various ingredients, (people), in the way that He wants them to be arranged. That's why no two Churches are exactly the same. Each Church is a different "meal" based on the people who are a part of that church's body. There are some additional essential ingredients that are needed that help "flavor" and "color" the meal. What are the essential ingredients needed for a Church?

In the last article I stated that the first essential ingredient is an atmosphere of health and vitality. The Church is a living and hopefully a growing entity and it needs nourishment and an environment that is conducive to growth and healthy relationships. I see it as a hub for relationships and a place for making connections with other people and with God too. We have been designed to live in relationships and the Church should help people learn and grow in all of their relationships. Jesus modeled for us what healthy and growing relationships look like so we should be able to develop them ourselves and teach other people how to have them as well.



A second essential ingredient for any Church is that it is a life changing location. This isn't a reference to the facilities even though I believe that it is important to keep the buildings and the grounds in as good as shape as possible. What I am referring to is that when people come to any part of this Church they can encounter something that can change their heart, their mind and their life. That something is called the truth!

In John 8:31-32 Jesus tells us that if we continue in His word we are disciples of His. As a result of being in His word we will know the truth and the truth will set us free. The truth changes us both inside and out. It releases us from being held captive by the lies and the distortions of the evil one and the world. It restores our minds to right thinking and renews our hearts to the proper perspective. Exposure to the truth can change us. If people hear the truth when they come to this Church then they will be changed

and we will become a life changing location. This is one of the reasons that the Church was created by God. It was created to make a difference in people's lives and that begins with the proclamation of God's truth!

People's lives are also changed as they encounter the Holy Spirit at work. Even though the Holy Spirit is within each believer individually there is the possibility of a greater impact when we gather together. When we are together we can encourage each other by sharing what God has done and is doing in our lives. Together we can inspire each other to greater depths of worship and devotion. Together we can find greater strength to live out our calling. Together we can serve and meet the needs of a larger number of people than we could by ourselves. It seems to me that gathering together offers us a greater chance of being positively changed by the Holy Spirit than being all by ourselves. It is the Holy Spirit that makes the possibility of any Church to become a life changing location.

A second necessary ingredient needed to make this Church the flavorful "food" that God wants it to be is that it is a life changing location. This happens as we gather together and the Holy Spirit works among us and as God's word, His truth is proclaimed here in this place.

Campus Crusader Note

Dear Pastor Paul and Church Family,

I can't tell you how grateful I am for the loving family you became for me and the rest of the Campus Crusade students blessed enough to be invited into your church body this summer. You lifted our spirits each weekend with your encouraging words and your genuine interest in our own personal stories with Christ. Thank you as well for your unbelievable generosity in supporting financially our mission in the Tahoe/Nevada Community both now and in the future. Your gifts were an enormous blessing to our group!

I am back at Texas A&M finishing up my final year of school and all is going well! On behalf of our whole group; thank you!

A Servant of Jesus Christ in a Slightly Warmer Texas Climate,
Coby Cotton

We Are Commanded to Serve God

*taken from Rick Warren's
Purpose Driven Life
August 19, 2009*

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life” (Matthew 20:28 B).

We are commanded to serve God. Jesus was unmistakable: “Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life” (Matthew 20:28 LB).

For Christians, service is not something to be tacked onto our schedules if we can spare the time. It is the heart of the Christian life. Jesus came “to serve” and “to give”—and those two verbs should define your life on earth, too. Serving and giving sum up God’s fourth purpose for your life. Mother Teresa once said, “Holy living consists in doing God’s work with a smile.”

Jesus taught that spiritual maturity is never an end in itself. Maturity is for ministry! We grow up in order to give out. It is not enough to keep learning more and more. We must act on what we know and practice what we claim to believe. Impression without expression causes depression. Study with-

out service leads to spiritual stagnation. The last thing many believers need is to go to another Bible study. They already know far more than they are putting into practice. What they need are serving experiences in which they can exercise their spiritual muscles.

Serving is the opposite of our natural inclination. Most of the time we’re more interested in “serve us” than service. We say, “I’m looking for a church that meets my needs and blesses me,” not “I’m looking for a place to serve and be a blessing.” We expect others to serve us, not vice versa.

But as we mature in Christ, the focus of our lives should increasingly shift to living a life of service. The mature follower of Jesus stops asking, “Who’s going to meet my needs?” and starts asking, “Whose needs can I meet?” Do you ever ask that question?

Submitted by Elder Leonard O’Malley

TCC Photo Directory

By: Patti Fontaine

Tahoe Community Church is getting a photo directory. Our goal is to have it completed by the last Sunday in October. The photo directory will be available on CD or on our web site:

www.tahoecommunitychurch.org with a login and password for your security. Hard copies will also be available for a love offering of \$5.00 to cover the cost of materials. Starting Sunday, September 27, 2009 after church, we will take individual, couples or family photos in the sun room of The Annex alphabetically according to the following schedule:

September 27: Last names A - G
October 4: H - P
October 11: Q - Z
October 18: Make-ups if you can’t make your scheduled date.

If you can’t make any of these dates, contact Patti Fontaine 530-542-1894 and special arrangements will be made for your photo. Your photos may be e-mailed to you if you would like them printed. You will be asked to fill out an information sheet, telling your name(s), address, telephone number, cell number, e-mail address, DOB, wedding anniversary, your ministry in the church and your business. Fill in only the information you want to be published.

Shirley Ralls is using a computer program called, Servant Keeper, which we can use at no cost to our church!

Mark your scheduled date so you remember to spruce up for your photo. If you have any questions, call Patti Fontaine at the above number. CHEESE!!!



“To be good is noble, but to show others how to be good is nobler and no trouble.”

- Mark Twain

Tahoe Community Church is an autonomous church, choosing to affiliate with the Tahoe Baptist Association, the California Southern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention of the USA.

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Weekly Ministry

Sundays

9:00 am Sunday School-All Ages
9:30 am Prayer Ministry
10:45am Worship, Nursery,
Children’s Worship

Mondays

7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesdays

3:30 pm Awesome Kids
5:45 pm Women’s Bible Study
5:45 pm Overeaters Anonymous
6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study
9:00 am Women’s Bible Study
6:30 pm Youth Group

Fridays

3:00-4:30 pm Food Pantry Ministry

Saturdays

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Here to Serve You:

Elders

Jeff Brumbach, Leonard O’Malley,
Mark Peterson, Gerry Wright

Elder Emeritus

Sam Worley

Deacons/Deaconesses

Susie Brumbach,
Co-chairman Bob Daly, Jacky Daly,
Fran Gayer, Jerry Klosterboer,
Chairman Bob Pavich, Kathy Pavich,
Ken Ralls, Franca Tracy,
Tootie O’Malley, Suzette Waite

Church Staff

Paul Tracy, Pastor
Rachela Fazio, Women/Children’s Pastor
Shirley Ralls, Director of Administration
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

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