

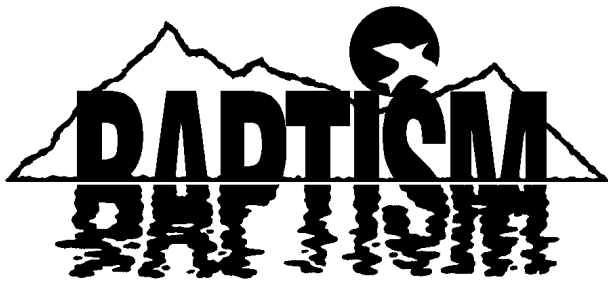
Hillside Happenings

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

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Have You Been Baptized?

Make an appointment with one of the pastors NOW if you would like to obey the Lord in baptism this summer. We will baptize on **Sunday, August 8** following the worship service at Nevada State Beach. It's also the day of our monthly Church Fellowship, so **bring your own lunch** and make an afternoon of it. (Due to construction, organizing a community meal would be difficult)

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY:

By Pastor Rachela Fazio

Tuesday evening, 5:45pm in the church office. Join us as we will be doing Priscilla Shirer's new Bible study -- "Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted" Life is full of interruptions -- a relationship suddenly fails, a surprise baby on the way, your career path abruptly shifts. Like Jonah, when things get uncomfortable your first instinct is to run. Although you can't escape life's interruptions, you can change your perspective on them. Discover what Jonah learned the hard way and begin to embrace life's interruptions as divine interventions.

Cost: \$14; starting date August 31; 7 week study
Let Pastor Rachela know ASAP

Thursday morning, 9:00am in the Multi Purpose Room; will be going through the book of Philippians with discussion questions. For more info talk to Deaconess Tootie O'Malley.

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry fed 423 people during the month of June. We fed 48 new recipients this month. It is good to see that there is lots of interaction and interest during the spiritual message that is given each week.

The Lord provides! Recently there have been donations to the Food Pantry that will allow us to continue to purchase food from the Northern Nevada Food Bank and to cover the delivery fees. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

This month we were able to pick up potatoes, grapes, tomatoes, meats, bread and dairy products from the Food Bank delivery site at Christmas Cheer. These additions to our normal bag of canned and packaged foods are truly a blessing!

However, we are still praying for help loading and unloading this delivery, and putting it away, the 2nd Friday of each month. We had to load our trucks by hand this month instead of having the assistance of a pallet jack. We did have additional help this month but will still need other people to assist in this task. Thank you to those who were able to assist us this month!

Please prayerfully consider if you might be able to help on the 2nd Friday of each month. Any questions, please call me at 775-588-7996.

We continue to be grateful for your donations of paper and plastic grocery bags, and the travel soaps and shampoos!

Thank you again for your support and prayers for this ministry.
God bless you!

Kathy Pavich



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Shirley Ralls
- 8 Heather O'Brien
- 21 Bob Wernet
- 25 Michael Flanagan

AUGUST EVENTS

- 8 Baptism & Church Fellowship (bring your own lunch)
- 9 Elder Meeting
- 23 Elder Meeting
- 31 Women's Study begins

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 6 Labor Day
- 12 Church Fellowship Lunch
- 13 Elder Meeting
- 27 Elder Meeting

August Prophecy Propaedeutics

Is Israel living in security? Is war coming to the Middle East? Is the war of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38, 39) about to erupt? Is the tribulation period immanent? Only time will tell, but signs are pointing to another major conflict in the Middle East and it looks like Psalm 83 may be about to be fulfilled.

These two prophecies have been fulfilled: Israel is a nation, and Israel is in control of Jerusalem. These two are yet to be fulfilled before Ezekiel 38 and 39: Israel must be an exceedingly great army and Israel must be living in security.

We see on the near horizon a war between Israel, Jordon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt. Once this war is over, Edom will be removed, and Israel's borders will be expanded. The West Bank will be no more. The Gaza Strip will be no more. Both of these lands will become part of Israel, and there will absolutely be no "Two Nation State". At that time, Israel will begin to live securely in the land without walls and will be "exceedingly great". They will then occupy most of the land mass given to Abraham by God. This will set the stage for the war of Gog and Magog and the tribulation period. Let it be so.

For a more intense discussion of this topic, I recommend you read "Isralestine" by Bill Salus, or log on to: <http://www.bible-prophecy-today.com/2010/06/mighty-muscles-flex-in-mideast.html>

God Bless, Professor J

Walk as Children of Light

By Pastor Paul Tracy

In his letter to the Church in Ephesus the Apostle Paul reminded his readers of how important their behavior and their actions are. He instructed them to walk, to live out daily, their Christian lives in specific ways. In chapter 5, verses 8 – 10, he asks them to walk as children of light. What do you suppose that he meant by this statement?

The actions of our lives and the words of our mouth reflect the true nature and character of our hearts. The reality is that whatever is controlling us internally will make itself evident externally. When Paul told his readers to walk as children of light he wasn't concerned just about their external behavior. He longed for their hearts to be filled with the goodness of God and to be rightly related with Him. He believed that when the truth of God filled their hearts that they would be examples to others and would fulfill their calling of walking as children of light.

Paul also added this key phrase to his description of walking; "trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." It only makes sense that if we are striving to learn and to do the things that please our Lord that we will be walking in the light.

The challenge is that our nature is not automatically light-loving and light seeking. Jesus said it this way in John 3; that "men love darkness rather than the Light." The closeness of our relationship with God doesn't just happen by itself. It is the end result of God's working in us and our responding to His calling.

It's not easy to walk as children of Light but it is our calling. It starts with a right relationship with God and a desire to pursue His ways and then we grow and learn to do the things that are pleasing to Him. How's your walk?

Our list of evidences that you may have left your fist love continues;

- 21) You are formal, rigid and up-tight about spiritual things, rather than joyful and winsome.
- 22) You are critical or harsh towards those who are doctrinally off-base or living in sin.
- 23) You enjoy secular songs, movies and books more than songs or reading material that point you to Christ.
- 24) You prefer the company of people who don't love Christ, to the company and fellowship of those who do.

Vacation Bible School—The Big Picture

By Jacky Daly, VBS Director

Have you ever volunteered to serve the Lord at Vacation Bible School? If not, you can not grasp the amount of hard physical and mental work that goes into putting on such an awesome ministry. For 16 years Tahoe Community Church has continued to acknowledge this worthwhile ministry and, yes, we want to be part of it. If you have never worked VBS or observed, you have missed out on blessings.

VBS starts in January by deciding on the basic material we want to use. This year was Saddle Ridge Ranch by Life-way. By Easter we are announcing and trying to recruit volunteers. We have some veterans who sign up right away, knowing the importance and seeing the big picture. Usually by the beginning of May we have enough people to start rolling. We have meetings to understand that you need to be prepared for 60 kids who will hear the gospel message and will learn more about Jesus in that one week through the bible study, the craft, the mission time and the music. The leaders and helpers study their material and start gathering supplies. Then the big week arrives; Sunday afternoon is set up, a big day. After everyone leaves church, VBS transforms God's property into Cowboy Land, the theme this year. We decorate and build into early evening. The last minute prep is done to prepare for God's children, the future generation, to arrive.

Monday at 8:00 am 23 workers are on property, praying for families and children. At 8:30 they start to arrive. By 9:15 there are 60 kids on the property. The program is incredible...12:30 children are picked up and teachers regroup for the next day. They study some more and pray and re-organize. By Wednesday we have already had four long days (including set-up). Wednesday is a great day. The kids know the routine by now, they love their teachers, their faces are beaming as they learn the music and enjoy the crafts. Wednesday was water balloons, the salvation message, and cowboy ministry in missions, ABC necklace in crafts. Not to forget all the great snacks; thanks for all those that donated snacks.

Friday is a big finale. All week the kids have been learning the songs and signs and it was amazing how well they learned. Incredible. Well done. So again, everybody arrives at 8:15; at 9:00 we pray together. At 12:30 we have our family barbecue. Food starts arriving. We set up tables and chairs and tents for 100 people. After our feast we have our children's performance where they do a play and sing all the songs for the parents, and, of course, the salvation message is shared again through the play and the songs. By 2:30 it's all over and we say good-bye to those beautiful children and pray they continue in their walk with Christ and the seeds that were planted will stick. Then the clean up begins. Those same people who have faithfully given

their all now need to tear down all decorations and make-shift classrooms (made from wood corrals and tarps). By 6:00 pm we are out of there! That's the big picture, or is it?

But what is really the big picture is that we made a difference in the lives of these families, teaching them that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. See the worth? The effort doesn't matter, the hours of preparation and clean up is not the big picture, why do we do this? For whose glory? We do this for the love of Christ. For Him only. Our motive is to work together to honor God and bring His word to his sheep.

Whatever you do, be it picking up trash or bringing the Word, do it unto the Lord. I know I was truly blessed working with all of you and thoroughly blessed by each and every child. Praise You, Jesus. Thank you, God, for allowing us to serve you and hopefully You were honored through our work.

P.S. Our youth program this year was fantastic. Seventh and 8th graders enjoyed hiking, beach, pool, parks and campground, where they dived into the bible study, crafts and games.

Thank you, Tahoe Community Church, for all your financial support, time and energy to further the Kingdom of God.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM PASTOR RACHELA:

A big thank to all our volunteers who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success. Thank you for giving up your time to serve our Lord and allowing Him to use you for His purpose and honor.

- To our leader, Deaconess Jacky Daly who encouraged and stepped in when the need for an extra hand was needed, thank you.
- To our crafters, Deaconess Susie Brumbach and Sally O'Brien, thanks for all those great projects.
- To our music conductor, Ted Beverage, Pastor Paul and Evan Sysbeam, thank you for teaching those great songs.
- To our snackers and recreation, Samantha Brumbach, Suzanne Newell and Natalie Daly, thank you for the sumptuous snacks and energetic games; and Bob Pavich at the BBQ.
- To our mission cavern, Jackie Brown and Deaconess Suzette Waite, thank you for all those great missionaries stories and the mission outreach project.
- Thank you to our Bible Study leaders for guiding our children to know our Lord better:

Kindergarten: Tracey Cummings, Sarah Flanagan and Lisa Brockett; 1-2 graders: Allyssa Little and Nina Jimenez; 3-4 graders: Deaconess Tootie O'Malley, Deaconess Kathy Pavich and Sabrina Swoger; 5-6 graders: Hannah Daly, Gabriella Tracy and Fran Gayer; 7-8 graders: Deacon Bob Daly, Tami Wallace and Danielle Daly.



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Weekly Ministry

Sundays

9:00 am Sunday School-All Ages
10:45am Worship, Nursery,
Children's Worship

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous
5:30 pm Women's Bible Study EOW

Wednesdays

7:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship
5:45 pm Overeaters Anonymous
6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

5:30 pm Youth Group

Fridays

3:00 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, Jacky Daly,
Co-chairman Bob Daly, Franca Tracy,
Jerry Klosterboer, Chairman Bob Pavich,
Kathy Pavich

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