

# Hillside Happenings

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

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## Vacation Bible School - PREVIEW DAY

Saturday, May 8th  
4:00-6:00 pm

Come for Crafts, Games, Snacks and to pre-register for VBS  
For all kids grades K-6 plus...

**NEW! ENHANCED PROGRAM FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADERS!**

Introduce your friends to VBS @ TCC

For more information, contact Jacky at (775) 901-0870

## Saddle Up for Saddle Ridge Ranch

### Vacation Bible School

Tahoe Community Church

June 28 - July 2, 2010 \*\*\* 9:15 am - 12:30 pm

Crafts \* Music  
Recreation \* Snacks

Children will study:

Who Am I?

Does God Care About Me?  
What Is God's Plan for Me?  
How Can I Be Like Jesus?  
What Do I Do Now?

*James 1:5*





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Jacki Wright  
3 Zane Cummings  
6 Shelby Kolstad  
6 Holly O'Brien  
7 Mandy Ralls  
17 Caleb Peterson  
18 Tyler Kolstad  
20 Michael Flanagan  
22 Derek Kolstad  
22 Quinn Cummings  
27 Bonnie Lawell  
27 Rhodin Scudder

## MAY EVENTS

6 National Day of Prayer  
6 Preschool Awards Night  
7 Parent's Night Out (6:00-10:00pm)  
8 VBS Preview Day  
9 Mother's Day  
10 Elder Meeting  
15 Dinner and a Movie  
16 Church Fellowship-Chicken & Stuffing  
16 Diaconate Meeting  
21 Parent's Night Out  
21 VBS Training in Reno  
24 Elder Meeting  
31 Memorial Day



## JUNE EVENTS

7 Elder Meeting  
11 Parent's Night Out  
13 Church Fellowship—Hot Dogs  
14 Flag Day  
20 Father's Day  
21 Elder Meeting  
25 Parent's Night Out  
28-7/2 Vacation Bible School

## Are you still in love with Jesus?

*By Pastor Paul Tracy*

I came across a list, from an organization called Revive Our Hearts, of evidences that would suggest that some of us believers may have left our first love. I wanted to continue to share these thoughts with you so that we can evaluate the current condition of our relationship with Jesus.

This phrase, "lost your first love", is a statement made about a Church in Ephesus in the book of Revelation by Jesus Christ Himself. It's not a compliment but rather a warning for the Church people to change their ways. In spite of the many good things that the Church people had done their relationship with their Lord was not steady and strong. Perhaps they were serving and doing things motivated by guilt, or duty or fear or even something else. The bottom line seemed to be that the quality and the quantity of their love towards God was diminishing.

Sometimes this constriction is obvious to us and other times it is not. Let these statements serve as indicators and measuring tools to help you diagnose any potential problems. It's important; it is the first and greatest commandment that we love God, we need to be aware of where we are in our love and relationship to Him.

7) You are more concerned about physical health, well-being and comfort than about the well-being and condition of your soul.

8) You crave physical food, while having little appetite for spiritual food.

9) You crave human companionship more than a relationship with Christ.

10) You spend more time and effort on your physical appearance than on cultivating inner spiritual beauty to please Christ.

11) Your heart toward Christ is cold and indifferent; not tender as it once was, not easily moved by the Word, talk of spiritual things, etc.

I pray that it will never be accurately said of us that we have left our first love like the Church in Ephesus did. Take the time to refresh and renew your personal relationship with Christ!

## Calling All Gardeners!!!!

*By Elder Mark Peterson*

Please feel free to stop at the church sometime and pick up pine cones, rake the lawns, sweep the parking areas and along the street, etc. Give me a call if you need other ideas; plenty of projects on the back burners. (We need to clean out our infiltration trenches along the driveway edges and such.) I would love to have a call from someone who would like to work on a Monday afternoon. Aaaaah! Spring time, and the great outdoors!

...Speaking of! Would anyone like to join me in beginning a Monday nights in the park ministry? I love soccer and ultimate Frisbee and basketball and...with Jim's study Monday nights taking a summer break again starting after Memorial day, I'm thinking I'd like to meet at Kahle Park Monday nights and play and maybe eat and maybe talk or sing or pray or...might be a fun thing to invite people to. Help me fill in the blanks!

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## America: The First 350 Years

*By Elder Mark Peterson*

The Monday night men's study at Jim's house: "America, the First 350 Years" is a recorded series of lectures by a pastor who covers American history, having done much research, from the time of the pilgrims to nearly the present. He has emphasized, for example, the dominant role of Christian theology, particularly Calvin's teachings, on the mindset of the colonists as they formed the new government for the United States of America. Honoring the 'Sovereign rights of King Jesus' was a phrase often repeated at the time. And the revolution itself was less a 'revolution' in the modern sense than a war for independence precipitated by broken covenant with the King of Great Britain. Their contract was with the King, not the parliament of England, so the English army was seen by many as an invading army. The war for independence is then contrasted to the French Revolution which was more chaotic and anarchical. Some of the speaker's claims are surprising. He feels that many historians ignore or miss the importance of Christianity in American history to our detriment today. I will gladly loan my disc to anyone who would like to listen on their own. It is available online for about \$20.00. I feel it is a timely study. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said recently that Americans have become 'religiously illiterate.' Let's be informed and 'convinced in our own minds' (Romans 14:9), and 'ready to give an answer for the hope that is within us' (I Peter 3:15)!

## O.T. 101

*By Elder Mark Peterson*

Happy Spring! In case you haven't heard, our Sunday morning class is now in the book of Exodus. 'Out of bondage and into the promised land!' What a journey! We encourage, but do not require, homework (which would just be reading a few chapters in the bible for the week and then looking through a short study guide), and we all sit around and read the passages and talk about them. It's sort of a Bible 101, 201, and 301 all combined. You'll be comfortable, I believe, whether Bible study is new to you or it's the 20th time you've been through a passage (We also refer to this class as 'Through the Bible in 9 years'). You're free to come and go as you please at any time. Many churches use this Lifeway material. We all know Bible study is like eating: once is not enough; it's all about regular feeding and a healthy regular diet makes us strong! We pray together and get to know each other and even sharpen each other. Please come.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE**

May 15

**"Faith Like Potatoes"**

Dinner will be at 5pm and the movie will start at about 5:45 or 6:00pm.

## An Open Letter to the Hillside

By Carole Hart

With both joy and sorrow I read Pastor Sam Worley's letter in the April issue regarding our military flags. Joy that they will be gratefully used at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, and sad that they will no longer be available for special national holiday events at Tahoe Community Church.

Two of my Christian children served in the Air Force, and I have never felt such honor and pride as when "their" representative flag marched down TCC's center aisle for military acknowledgement on specific national holiday Sundays. I always looked forward to those occasions, along with the accompaniment of our national songs~! I am very saddened that it was necessary to remove the flag display from the narthex which then prompted the eventual relocation to Fernley. These symbols are signs of respect and affection for those who served and continue to serve a Nation under God. They are also reminders that we are all called to be good citizens of our country. (Psalm 33:12 *Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage.*)

In my mind there is no ambiguity or confusion with where our highest loyalty and duty lie...God the Father.

It is important to me that when changes of standing tradition are made, shouldn't communication be the key? I thank Mark for his article which stood along side Sam's and wish the same transparency would apply to other areas of the body life as well.

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## Missions Yard Sale

By Jacki Wright

Jacki Wright will continue to offer yard sales to gather enough funds for the short term mission in October to Nicaragua. We will again help build a church and offer a VBS for the children. Jacki is looking for donations for the yard sale. No clothes please. (530) 542-1777.

**"Parents are not interested in justice,  
they're interested in peace and quiet."  
- Bill Cosby**

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## Saturday Prophecy Study

By Jeff Van Hatten

The question has been asked: "If Ezekiel 37 (the rejuvenation of the dry bones) has been fulfilled, can Ezekiel 38 and 39 (the war of Gog and Magog) be far behind? Are the prophecies in these chapters being fulfilled right now?" Perhaps in part, but not in full. Let me explain:

Prior to the war of God and Magog, the world will see a global rise of anti-Semitism and Israel being surrounded by enemy Arab nations—Psalm 83:1-8. These prophecies are definitely in the process of being fulfilled, and admittedly, conditions in the Middle East have never been so ripe for Ezekiel's War of God and Magog to occur. But, let us not forget that one of the major prophecies to specifically watch for is the division of the land (Joel 3:2). Let's pray that efforts to force Israel into accepting a two nation solution are not successful.

And, don't forget the rest of Psalm 83:9-18, which is a prayer asking God to defeat the surrounding nations who want to wipe Israel off the map! If these surrounding nations were to attack Israel, a possibility that many believe will happen in 2010, then Zechariah 12:2-9 tells us that Israel will emerge victorious. If, after being victorious, the Israelis then become complacent and feel they are living securely in the land, that would explain why none of the nations named in Psalm 83 are included among the attackers of Ezekiel 38-39. Ezekiel 37 and 38 may not be facing us immediately, but are still not following too far behind!

Keep a watch on Israel and the Middle East. What happens there is the key to understanding prophecy.

This introduction to end times prophecy provided by Professor "J" profjt2012@gmail.com

Remember: Prophecy study on 2nd and 4th Saturday nights each month!

## Food Pantry Update

By Deaconess Kathy Pavich

The Food Pantry fed 390 people during the month of February. Praise the Lord—our numbers are continuing to drop! We fed 24 new recipients this month. We have now fed approximately 3600 people since October 1st.

While our number continue to drop, so do our funds to buy food. We have been able to get a number of free items from the Northern Nevada Food Bank which has been a wonderful supplement to the food we purchase from them. Some of the food is very nutritious such as potatoes and onions. We have also been getting some coffee and tea, and snack food such as candy, nuts and chips. These last items do not provide the nutrition we would most like to provide, but are a welcome treat for our recipients.

Our bread and dairy donations from Safeway and Raley's have grown smaller. They, like many other businesses, are trimming their costs by ordering only what they can to sell. This means there is not as much left to give us. However, we have been blessed to have just enough each week for all our recipients!

Thank you for the continued donations of food, soaps, shampoo, lotions, and paper and plastic bags that come from this church body. These donations are very important to us!

Please stop by any Friday from 1:00 on and join us in our service to the Lord!

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

### Cleanliness & Godliness

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.

Saturday, May 1  
Saturday, May 15  
Saturday, May 29

## Clean Up The Environment

Excerpt from Our Daily Bread, April 8, 2010

Submitted by Beth Peterson

Preschool Director

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification.”  
Ephesians 4:29

What a frustrating problem pollution is! Everybody suffers with it, yet everybody contributes to it.

Pollution takes many forms, but one type is often overlooked. Charles Swindoll calls it "verbal pollution," passed around by grumblers, complainers, and criticizers. "The poison of pessimism," Swindoll writes, "creates an atmosphere of wholesale negativism where nothing but the bad side of everything is emphasized."

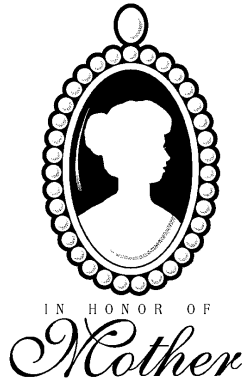
A group of Christian friends became concerned about this form of pollution and their personal part in it. So they made a pact to avoid critical words for a whole week. They were surprised to find how little they spoke! As they continued the experiment, they actually had to relearn conversation skills.

In Ephesians 4, Paul called believers to that sort of decisive action. He said we are to "put off" the old self and its conduct that grieves the Holy Spirit (vv. 22, 30) and "put on" the new self that builds up others (v. 24). As we rely on the help of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16), we can make those changes in our conduct, our thinking, and our speaking.

If we want to be rid of verbal pollution, we must choose to change and ask for God's help. It's a great way to start cleaning up our spiritual environment. *by Joanie Yoder*

*What! Never speak one evil word,  
Or rash, or idle, or unkind!  
O how shall I, most gracious Lord,  
This mark of true perfection find? —Wesley*

**Help stamp out pollution--  
--clean up your speech!**



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## Weekly Ministry

### Sundays

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

### Mondays

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

### Tuesdays

5:45 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous

### Wednesdays

7:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship  
3:30 pm Awesome Kids Grades 1-6  
5:45 pm Overeaters Anonymous  
6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

### Thursdays

9:00 am Women's Bible Study  
8:00 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

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  
Patti Fontaine, Asst Teacher

### **Music School Staff**

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