

Hillside Happenings

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2011 A New Year or Another Year?

Have you ever wondered why are pencils made with erasers on them? Is it just in case the pencil user might make a mistake or did the designers know that the pencil user would invariably make mistakes and would need the service that the eraser provides? I'm not sure that it matters what the reasoning may have been I just know that I have needed an eraser whenever I have used a pencil to write with. It's provided me with a chance to write more legibly, if that is truly possible, and to correct my spelling and math calculation errors, among other things.

This time of year always causes me to reflect a little bit about the previous year and some of the things that have happened in my life. As I review in my mind the various physical, financial, emotional and spiritual things that have taken place though out the year I have learned to focus my attention on the areas in which my own choices and decisions have had the greatest degree of impact. The question becomes as I face the next year will it be a new year of better choices, decisions and actions or will it be another year of the same kinds of choices and the same kinds of results? I love the definition of insanity that goes like this: "insanity is doing the same things over and over and expecting different results every time."

A new calendar year provides an opportune time and chance to "correct" and to "clear up" my focus, behavior and choices from the previous year. It encourages me to consider changing some of the things that I can control and then looking forward to different and better results as time goes by. It's a lot like an eraser on a pencil, it allows me a chance to fix and correct my life.

In Psalm 51:10 David asked God to change his heart. He asked God to create a clean heart in him. David had followed his heart and he had sinned against God. He knew that he needed God's forgiveness and cleansing. God could remove from David's heart the things that didn't need to be there. God could restore, renew and sustain David's life but the past sins had to be removed from his heart. God can do the same thing for us today.

As you begin 2011 will it be a new year or just another year? Will it be another year of the same actions, choices and behaviors or will it be full of new results and better choices and greater growth? Let God help you with your evaluation of your past year and guide you with His plan for the new year in front of you.



**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Bob Daly
- 4 Tom Lawell
- 12 Mark Waite
- 13 George Waite
- 14 Joy Dickerson
- 14 Mark Peterson
- 17 Denise Mancour
- 17 Jeanette Wright
- 29 Woody Peterson
- 30 Carolyn Kroll

**JANUARY
EVENTS**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 Parent's Night Out
- 10 Elder Meeting
- 16 Diaconate Meeting
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Parent's Night Out
- 24 Elder Meeting

**FEBRUARY
EVENTS**

- 4 Parent's Night Out
- 7 Elder Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Parent's Night Out
- 20 Diaconate Meeting
- 28 Elder Meeting

**In The
Mailbag**



It was exciting to hear of Tahoe Community Church supporting a new pastor, Yaseem, in Pakistan. The previous two, Edy Pranoto and Nugraha, have been very fruitful in their ministries. We had our annual FMI board meeting here in Reno on Saturday, Sept. 7 (St. John's Pres. here supports two pastors in Pakistan thru FMI). The next day, Jim Persons preached at our church and then hurried back to Philadelphia for another appointment so he was not able to come to Tahoe Community Church, as I had hoped. At our board meeting, we voted to have a missionary, Bruce Farra, join FMI

as an associate of Jim. He recently joined Jim Persons in Indonesia. Bruce is around 50 years of age and has made many mission trips to the Middle East.

(Elder) George Griffith
Reno, NV

Why Go To Church?

A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



Would you like to go to dinner/movie without the kids?

Parent's Night

Out:

**January 7 & 21,
6-10 pm
cost:**

- \$20-for one child**
- \$30-two children**
- \$40-three children**

Feed them dinner;
snack provided

Food Pantry Update

By Deaconess Kathy Pavich

The Food Pantry fed 919 people during the month of November. This number does include the 123 families (394 individuals) we fed at Thanksgiving!

The Lord is amazing in his provision! This year we received 100 turkeys from the Salvation Army Turkey Donation in Carson City, 36 turkeys from Montbleu Casino and its employees, and freezer space at Harvey's for storage of the turkeys and 125 frozen pies. To top it all off, Whittell High School Key Club and Leadership students held a community canned food drive and delivered 2732 non-perishable food items just before Thanksgiving. A couple of days later, another 180 canned food items arrived from the Whittell student body canned food drive. All I can say is praise the Lord for His provision!



The day of our Thanksgiving Dinner Bag and turkey handout was a very snowy day and it was very difficult to get here, but the number of people we fed was amazing. We had prepared enough bags of fixings, with turkeys, to feed 173 households.

Since we were unable to give them all out, we still have enough turkeys and fixings to feed another 46 households for Christmas. It is always amazing to watch God's plan unfold!

Thank you to all of you who donated food and turkeys, and came to help prepare the bags on Monday, and help with the distribution on Tuesday! You didn't let a little snow stop you and this ministry was blessed with your presence. Without the generosity of this church and number of people who step up to help, this Thanksgiving meal for the hungry could not happen.

Please remember that new volunteers are always welcome at the Food Pantry, so if you are interested, please give me a call or see me at church, or just show up on a Friday around 1:00 pm.

We continue to be very grateful for your donations of paper and plastic grocery bags, and the travel soaps and shampoos! These items are very difficult and costly to get!

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

Kathy Pavich

Make Your Gifts Count (for IRS)

By Shirley Ralls
Director of Administration

At TCC, you are a valued person: you have a name, you have a face, a personality, a story, a life. Your name is written in the Book of Life. You are NOT a number to God or to us.

However, in the computer age in which we work, it is easier for the office to track your contributions for tax purposes if we have a number to enter. For this reason, each family that gives regularly is assigned a number for entry purposes.

In December, we distributed packets of envelopes to our regular givers. On these envelopes there is a

number printed to help us record gifts. If you don't use envelopes, writing your number on your check is a **big** help. If you don't know your number, I will be happy to look it up for you. Or if you do not have a number, one can be assigned.

You *do not* need an envelope or a number to give to the Lord through the church and anonymous gifts are also welcome.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:

Do you use online banking? If so, it's easy to set up TCC as a payee and have your check automatically sent to us every week/month.

Or, you can visit our church website and click on the "Donate" button.



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 Worship
- 9:00 am Sunday School-All Ages
- 10:45am Worship, Nursery, Children's Worship
- 2:00 pm Word of Life Worship

Mondays

- 6:30 pm Youth Group

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
- 5:45 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Fridays

- 3:00 pm Food Pantry Ministry
- 6:00 pm Word of Life Worship

Here to Serve You:

Elders

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

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
Franca Tracy, Teacher
Maria Arreola, Teacher
Brooke Folk, Teacher
Catalina Rodriguez, Asst. Teacher
Stacey Lezama-Rodriguez, Asst Tea.

Nardeep Singh, Asst. Teacher
Music School Staff
Paul Tracy, Director/Instructor
Ted Beverage, Instructor



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