



2020 Annual Report

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” (Phil. 2:1-2)

Pastor - Don Joel

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Arbuckle, CA 95912

Annual Meeting January 26, 2020 Agenda

Call to Order

Opening Prayer - Pastor Don Joel

Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Review of Annual Reports

Approval of the 2020 Budget

Approval of Appointed Officers

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Minutes – Annual Meeting 2020

Prior to the Annual Meeting, an all-church potluck was held to honor the retirement of Pastor Tom Salter. The meeting was officially called to order at 12:24 PM on January 26, 2020, by Elder George Green. More than 45 members in attendance were given time to review the agenda and 2019 reports. Pastor Don Joel led the group in an opening prayer...

The minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Yvonne Bunch moved and Betty Lou Grimmer seconded a motion to approve the minutes, the motion passed. Members were given the opportunity to clarify, ask questions or correct the various church reports.

The list of church officers was reviewed. Will Jansen moved and Pete Grevie seconded a motion to approve the slate of leaders. The motion passed.

Gary Henderson led the members through the budget. After brief discussion, Lauren Charter moved and Betty Lou Grimmer seconded a motion to approve the budget as written.

Discussion followed. The motion passed.

A brief discussion ensued, during which various members were thanked for their faithful service. George Green presented Gary Henderson with a certificate of appreciation for his service as an Elder. Mr. Henderson is stepping down from eldership but will remain the church treasurer.

Pastor Don Joel led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Green – acting clerk

Pastor's Report

Just over a year ago I began serving as the Pastor of Arbuckle Community Church, and what a year it has been. However, God in his ultimate provision and sovereignty prepared our church to weather the year 2020. And I can unashamedly say that we not only survived, but we thrived in this time of uncertainty. A new Pastor, a world-wide pandemic, civil unrest, families moving away, and the emotions of an election year were just a few of the obstacles we had to overcome.

I often say that if you want to know where your heart is look at your checkbook, now it might be better said look at your online bank statement, for as Jesus said, "Where your treasure is your heart will be also." Friends I am so glad to say that it is evident that many of you treasure this church. While other ministries were hit with the economic downturn, our giving, bolstered by new givers thanks to our online platform, was better than we expected. Thank you for being faithful to our mission to win the lost for Christ.

It's because you were faithful that even though this year had to look vastly different, then previous years we were able to rise to the occasion. Gone were in-person bible studies, which were replaced with weekly devotional videos and live streamed readings of scripture. Our Sunday Morning Service went online-only for a while, but now is a hybrid of in-person and online. We were able to buy the necessary components to do church outside, including a couple of drive-in services. Because of these changes our reach as a church has grown, we have people listening all over the U.S. and in England.

I am grateful for the dedicated work your Elders have put in this year. They have been willing to follow the Lord and lead this church through uncharted waters. I am proud to count myself amongst these wonderful men of faith. They have made tough decisions in unity and have been willing to wait until unity was found. Thank you for putting your trust in all of us.

As you read the reports and summaries of what has happened this year, be sure to take time to thank God and praise Him for what He has done at ACC. Also, continue to pray for the ministry leaders as you read through their reports. Take the time to thank our ministry leaders for their service and continue to pray for them as the new year begins. Pray for our Elders and leaders as we continue to lead and seek God's will for our church.

As we enter the 2021 ministry season, my heart's desire and prayer is that our church will continue to be a beacon of hope, that is rooted in the word of God, and thrives off the blessings provided by Him. May we stand in unity, regardless of political views, color of our skin, or taste in music, and show the world what mature and growing followers of Christ look like.

In His Service,
Pastor Don Joel

Elders Report

God surely provides! At this time last year, we were approving Don Joel as our Senior Pastor. Then the pandemic arrived, and things changed. Esther 4:14 speaks to God's ability to place people in places for certain purposes when it says, "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" and that is certainly our case. When the state required that we alter our worship God provided a pastor who had the skills to facilitate online worship, Zoom meetings and discussions, drive-in church and outdoor church and youth programs. God did provide and He has remained faithful to Arbuckle Community Church. He has given us direction and resources to meet the need. Your elders have faced many difficult decisions and through it all God has seen to it that the House of God was never closed to those who sought to worship Him. As we move into 2021, we look to God to continue his providence. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and expect Him to lead us forward.

Sunday School Report 2020

The 2020 Sunday School program continued to serve two age groups (PreK – 1st and 2nd – 5th) during worship. Nursery care was provided by various volunteers coordinated by Amy Joel. Other faithful volunteers included Luke VanLaningham, Donna Green, Cara Erickson, Allison Jansen, Noah/Jess Gomez, Alena Anberg, Alma Randolph, Esthela Buell. PreK-1st used the quarterly Gospel Light **YEAR A** curriculum while the 2nd-5th graders continued their study of the Bible called **God's BIG PICTURE**. Older students returned to the worship service on the first Sunday of the month to participate in Communion.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, students did not participate in Sunday School from March to the end of the 2020 year.

Number of babies/toddlers in the nursery--- 0-2

Pre-K and 1st classroom: 2-4

2nd -5th grade classroom: 4-8

Looking forward to resuming the spiritual education of our children and youth!

Donna Green – Sunday School Superintendent

Property Report

A few minor repairs were completed on the property. The roof of the Social Hall was fixed. The air conditioning unit in the church was repaired. Stained glass windows repair was scheduled for early 2021. Please let Will Jansen know if there are any areas in need of improvement or repair.

Memorial Fund Report

A total of \$95.00 of donations were made to the Memorial Fund this year. The balance in the Memorial Fund is \$5,845.22.

Missions

The Arbuckle Community Church values mission work and from its days as a first Baptist church it is a constitutional requirement that as an act of obedience, we tithe 12% of our income. Following are the mission efforts we support:

Rafiki—Irene Dafoe Rafiki is found in ten African nations, serving resident orphans, students, students at teachers college and widows served by African Rafiki employees and Rafiki career missionaries. Irene Dafoe, from our church is located near Lusaka in Zambia. She has become the administrator of the Rafiki orphanage and school there. Her address is: Irene Dafoe, Post. Net Box 232, P/Bag E891, Lusaka, Zambia AFRICA Please note, she is: Missionary #211. Or contact her by email: irene.dafoe@gmail.com

Young Life- Area Director Ryan Hunter. Large numbers of Arbuckle kids attend club meetings, weekend camps and summer camps. Although the COVID crisis has paused their meetings and camps they continue to meet kids one on one. Our church makes our van available for transportation and financially supports this county-wide ministry.

Woman's Friend- A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Clinic is a licensed community care clinic providing medical consultations, pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, STD & STI education, prenatal education, nutrition information, fetal development education, referrals and practical support. This ministry is located in Marysville and Yuba City. Our church financially supports these efforts.

William Jessup University Located in Rocklin, CA, this is the alma mater of Pastor Don. Our church is a "Supporting Church," and because of our financial partnership any student from our church attending there will automatically receive a generous scholarship!

Barnabas Factor This ministry, led by former Pastor Tom Salter, has a mission of helping pastors. Since its official beginning in the summer of 1999, they have hosted more than 650 pastors and their families. But overseas, the ministry of training needy pastors has become their primary focus. In the last two years, they have trained nearly 4000 pastors annually in Africa and India! In addition to the training seminars, they now support NINE BIBLE INSTITUTES in both Africa and India, offering pastors a more intensive training. We support this ministry by financially contributing to Barnabas Factor as a mission.

Meals and Ministry (M & M) This touching personal ministry of taking prepared food to those going through some kind of difficulty, has probably touched people's hearts (the recipients) more than any other ministry venture. Headed by Donna Green, four teams of our people prepare food!

Family and Youth Ministry

This has been an unpredictable year, yet we persevered. All our programs, events and ministries may not have looked the same, but they existed in some form, apart from DELTA, which is currently being redesigned for Fall of 2021. This year was always going to look different from previous years since, much of my time was now having to be focused on the church, but I never expected the extent this year would change things. On the youth side, I want to thank three volunteers for helping make this year possible, Noah and Jess Gomez, and Amy Joel. Noah and Jess have taken the reigns for Youth Ministry this Fall, and Amy will be teaching the Youth Sunday School class, as well as being my support throughout the year. Here are the 2020 Highlights:

Camp Ministry Sadly, due to COVID-19 we were only able to go to one camp this year, but it was an amazing one. We took 27 teens to WinterFest at Heavenly Hills.

Online Groups When COVID-19 hit we immediately jumped into online mode, we hosted Online Youth Group, Family Game Nights, and Fellowship times. We invested in Kaboodle and Jackbox games to make the events fun and interactive. We also hosted a Late-Night Event, with over 30 kids on at our peak time.

Arbuckle Youth From March to June, we met solely online, playing games and awarding prizes that would be dropped off in style usually before the next meeting. The best part of this is our group expanded beyond the borders of our community. We had some kids from Arizona, Utah and other counties in California join us for these fun online events. This fall Noah and Jess Gomez took over the helm and led our in-person gatherings. The youth group stopped in March of 2020 because of the COVID restrictions implemented in our county and state. We were not able to attend camp this summer because of COVID restrictions. We resumed youth group on September 2nd and were holding youth group every other week until October. In October we started holding youth group every week on Fridays. Participation has been between 20 to 30 youth every week.

Arbuckle Kids This year besides the Family Game nights we didn't have much going on for the kids, except for our Online VBS program. We served over 20 families, with the five-day event, and from the reports people had a wonderful time.

Food Distribution

We started our monthly food distribution this year. We have served an average of 80 family units each month, with a high of 110 families. This comes out to about 250-400 individuals being given food and shown the love of God. Beyond the food from the Solano-Contra Costa County Food Bank, some donors gave money to purchase \$3000 in Arbuckle Food Center gift certificates to give to families in between distributions, or if food runs out. We are looking forward to 2021, The Ministerial Association of Colusa County is purchasing a freezer and handcart for our location.

Women's Ministry

Women's ministry began 2020 exploring different approaches to our study group. We did devotionals for awhile, then decided to do a group Bible study again. Carol Scheimer graciously stepped up to lead our Bible studies in 2020.

On June 15, 2020 we started a study of Jeremiah entitled, "Daring to Hope in an Unstable World." This was a 6 - week study, that took most of the Summer due to Covid-19. We averaged 5 to 6 ladies each meeting.

The end of September we started a new study entitled, "30 Life Principles Bible Study an Action Plan for Living the Principles Everyday", written by Charles Stanley. In the study we are seeing how these principles worked in the lives of people in the Bible and in our own lives. We had an average of 3 to 5 people each meeting and are continuing the study into 2021, led by Carol.

Men's Ministry

Tuesday mornings at 6am faithful men meet in the sideroom of the sanctuary for prayer, coffee and fellowship. These men discuss the pastor's message, current events, their life and work situations and from those discussions are led to prayer. Follow-up prayer need texts are often shared as well. This group lends support to each other as we share each other's burdens and reason out our salvation. Additional thanks to Noah Gomez who frequently brings pastries to soften the strong coffee.

Card Ministry Report – Birthdays and Anniversaries

What a blessing it is to serve the birthday and anniversary card ministry. I average 18 cards per month. Every card is thoughtfully selected and hopefully provides special blessings to each and every one of you. If you would like to receive cards, please submit your birthday and/or anniversary date and mailing address. I consider it my privilege and pleasure to serve all of you and share in the joyous occasions in your lives.

Gail Nason

Arbuckle Community Church Trust

This annual Trust Account report is to inform church members about our 2020 financial activities. This trust was formed to manage the proceeds from the sale of land that was bequeathed to the church. All Trust Account money is invested in Certificates of Deposit at our local Umpqua Bank. The C.D. rate will be 1.98% until maturity in Spring of 2021. There is a current balance of \$221,269.83 as of January 21, 2021.

Trust board members are:

Janet Dawley

Fritz Grimmer

Yvonne Bunch

Will Jansen

Quilters Report

Beginning Balance 01/01/20	\$1,641.45
Income:	
Donations:	+ 1,875.00
Expenses:	-0-
Ending Balance 12/31/2020	\$3,516.45

We were unable to quilt after a certain point this year due to Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing. The quilt we start on at the beginning of the year is still unfinished. We were however able to work individually from home on flannel receiving blankets which we donated a total of 24 to a NICU Ward in Tennessee. Another of the members worked from home on a quilt to raffled to donate monies for VBS. Because VBS was cancelled this year, it will be raffled for next year's VBS.

Income Report

Total Giving	
2019 General Plate	\$167,030.60
*Special Donations	
Youth, VBS and Delta	\$11,365.25
Rafiki Truck	\$2,500
Missions	\$1,550
Other	\$2202.87
Total	\$184,648.72

2020 General Plate	\$169,479.47
*Special Donations	
Benevolent Fund	\$4200.00
Food Bank	\$3000.00
Total	\$176,679.47

Year-end Balance in Checkbook

2017 Closing Balance	\$126,679.89
2018 Closing Balance	\$90,078.28
2019 Closing Balance	\$89,515.62
2020 Closing Balance	\$111,223.72

Arbuckle Community Church

2021 Proposed Budget

Income

General Plate	\$175,000	
Total Income		\$175,000

Expenses

Ministry Expenses

Worship	2,000	
Pulpit Fill	1,000	
Books and Bibles	2,000	
Card Ministry	300	
Childcare	400	
Background Checks	1,000	
Church Events	1,000	
Welcome/Outreach	1,000	
Sunday School Curriculum	500	
DELTA/Vacation Bible School	5,000	
Youth Group	1,750	
Kickstart	1,500	
Events	750	
Missions	750	
Camp/Event Scholarships	4,000	
Pastor's Prof. Development	1,000	
Pastor's Hospitality	1,000	
Total Ministry Expenses		24,950

Mission Giving

Barnabas Factor	4,000	
Heavenly Hills Youth Camp	2,400	
Love Gifts	1,000	
Rafiki	4,000	
William Jessup University	2,400	
Woman's Friend	4,000	
Young Life	4,000	
Ministerial Association Colusa	600	
Benevolent Fund	4,200	
Total Missions Giving		26,600

Operations Expenses

Dues/Licenses/Subscriptions	3,335	
Insurance: Business and Auto	1,000	
Insurance: General Liability	5,000	
Insurance: Worker's Comp	1,000	
Legal/Accounting/Payroll	3,000	
Maintenance, Building Repair	5,000	
Maintenance, Grounds	3,900	
Maintenance, Van	3,000	
Van Fuel	2,000	
Mileage Reimburse - guests	500	
Mileage Reimburse – pastor	2,640	
Office and General Supplies	5,000	
Payroll: Pastoral	55,980	
Payroll:Chlidcare	2,080	
Payroll: Custodian	5,712	
Payroll: Treasurer	2,450	
Payroll: Employer Taxes	5,075	
Utility: Garbage	1,400	
Utility: PG&E	5,580	
Utility: Telephone/Internet	2,250	
Utility: water & Sewer	1,125	
Total Operating Expenses		117,027

Capital Improvements

Stained Glass Window Maint.	19,000	
Undesignated	4,000	
Total Capital Improvements		23,000

Total Expenses and Capital Improvements **\$191,577**

Proposed Net Income to Reserves **\$ <16,577>**

Arbuckle Community Church Leadership

Elders – Noah Gomez, George Green, Fritz Grimmer, Will Jansen, Don Joel (Pastor), Larry Randolph, Luke Van Lanningham

Pastor – Don Joel

Appointed Leadership Positions

Communion Preparation – Jane Watson

Worship Greeter Sign up – Donna Green

Sanctuary/Social Hall Decoration – Esthela Buell

Card Ministry – Alena Anberg – Gotcha

Gail Nason – Birthdays/Anniversaries

Food Dispersal – Judy Grice

Custodian – Janet Dawley

Social Event Coordinators – Alma Randolph, Judy Grice and Donna Green

Memorial Fund – Allison and Will Jansen

Benevolent Fund – Don Joel, Luke Van Lanningham and Judy Grice

Funeral Food Coordinator – Janet Dawley

Facility use /scheduling – Amy Joel

Quilters – Carol Scheimer

Media Team – Amy Joel

Library – Alma Randolph

Treasurer – Janet Dawley

Financial Secretary – Carol Scheimer

Sunday School Superintendent – Donna Green

Church Web Site Management – Don Joel

Property Maintenance – Will Jansen

Women's Ministry – Amy Joel/Carol Scheimer

Men's Ministry – George Green

Moderator – Noah Gomez