



2021 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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Minutes – Annual Meeting 2021

The meeting was officially called to order at 11:10 AM in the sanctuary on January 31st, 2021 by Elder George Green. Due to Covid restrictions, there was no pot luck meal this year. Active members were emailed a digital copy of the Annual Report prior to the meeting. Seventeen members in attendance were given time to review the agenda and 2020 reports. Nine members participated via ZOOM. Pastor Don Joel led the group in an opening prayer.

The minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Lauren Charter moved and Will Jansen 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. Will Jansen reported on the current status of the stain glass window repair project. Donna Green moved and Tom DaFoe seconded a motion to approve the reports as written. The motion carried.

Gary Henderson, Carol Scheimer and Janet Dawley were thanked for their service of keeping the financial aspects of the church accurate. Luke VanLaningham, Elder in charge of Finance, led the members through the budget. Two corrections were made: the amount of stained glass window repair was corrected to read \$19,000 and the name of the missions group called Ministerial Association of Colusa County was corrected. After brief discussion, Betty Lou Grimmer moved and Lyle Charter seconded a motion to approve the budget as corrected. The motion passed.

The list of church officers was reviewed. Fritz Grimmer moved and Lauren Charter seconded a motion to approve the slate of leaders. The motion passed.

A brief discussion followed, during which Pastor Don Joel thanked Elder George Green for his many years of service to the church as Moderator. Green passed the gavel to incoming Moderator, Noah Gomez.

Noah Gomez adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Pastor Don Joel closed in prayer and the group sang AMAZING GRACE.

Donna Green, Acting Secretary

Pastor's Report 2021 – Don Joel - Arbuckle Community Church

I cannot believe I am sitting here in January of 2022, writing my second pastor's report. I feel like these last two years have flown by, but on the other hand I feel like the pandemic has been here forever. These last couple of years have been a struggle across our country and globe. The percentage of pastors questioning their calling is at a whopping 38%. It's estimated that 15,000 churches will either close or merge with another church in next year or so. Not to mention the problems here in California that are driving away long-time residents. If these issues feel overwhelming to you, let me reassure you that you are not alone. Let me also remind you that our world has faced decline in the past as well. Pastor Red Romell wrote in his Pastor's report of 1991.

"When you consider the fact that mainline protestant churches, as a whole, are declining and that the majority of American Baptist churches are either declining or barely holding their own, it is easy to come to the conclusion that we have indeed been blessed by God..." Here we are thirty years later, and I can honestly tell you that Arbuckle Community Church is indeed truly blessed by God, and as your pastor I recognize that by extension I am blessed as well. God must truly have something great for us to do, to keep us here for all these years. Now it is time for us as a church to ARISE and become what it is God designed us to be.

In 2021, we made great strides to return to a familiar rhythm of ministry and life, after having to basically cease operations, except for our Sunday Morning Service, in 2020. By the end of the year, we had relaunched Sunday School, Fellowship Time, VBS, Summer Camp, and so much more. Of course, these things didn't look the same as they did prior to our lockdowns, but God brought us into a new season of ministry. Along with this new season of old ministries, the Father led us to lead our community in prayer and repentance with the "Pray for Rain" campaign. This weekly prayer night also included hosting booths at different Arbuckle events to get the word out to pray. The response at times was astounding, and at other times was disheartening, but the faithful gathered and those that couldn't be there prayed wherever they were.

For me, a highlight was seeing new faces show up on Sunday mornings and at other gatherings. Over the last few years some of our family has moved away, and left holes not only in our hearts, but in our pews, and this year those holes began to be filled. In 2022, my prayer is that visitors become attenders, attenders become members, and members become leaders. Another thing I noticed in the 1991 report was that Worship and Sunday School both averaged around sixty people in attendance. I love that almost everyone that was coming to church was also coming to Sunday School. With our 2022 goal, hopefully we will see that happen again.

Throughout this report you will read stories of the ministries that happened here in 2021 from those that were involved. I am so grateful for all our volunteers, and I pray they know

that without them nothing would get done here at ACC. Below are just a few highlights I would like to mention.

This year's preaching theme was all about becoming the person God made you to be. Being a Christian is not just about getting a get out of jail free card, it's about always wanting to go to the next level of Christianity, to be men and women that turn the world upside down. After a year-long hiatus, we finally got to return to camp at Heavenly Hills. We took two campers and a couple of counselors to Junior Camp and 6 Campers and two counselors to Teen Camp. The campers learned a lot about God and had a wonderful time. The best part was just being able to leave the COVID pandemic behind for just a little bit.

I became president of the Ministerial Association of Colusa County in 2021, and we as a group continued to work together across denominational lines to feed, clothe and help those in need in Colusa County. We also worked together as team to have a unified Christmas Eve service at the Colusa Fairgrounds. This event was sponsored by the Colusa Presbyterian Church. The highlight of the year was that for the second year in a row, MACC ran the Colusa County Food Basket program. We gave out over seven hundred food baskets to those in need, and over one hundred of them were given away through our church. This was on top of the families we adopted for our giving tree program.

We began a new tradition this Christmas season called Blue Christmas. Blue Christmas is a service that allows room for the emotions many feel during the holidays that aren't joy, peace, hope, and love. It is a place to come and process the hurts and losses of the year. I am looking forward to this becoming an annual event.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the faithfulness of God and you all in giving to the church. We had projected a hit to our checking account, while we didn't hit our projected income amount, we were able to cut costs in some areas. Combining that with a step up in giving towards the end of the year, we were able to end the year with reserves that exceeded our projected amount. God is good.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concern and compassion this year as we tended to the care of my son. God provided peace not only to Amy and me, but I truly don't think it would have gone as smoothly as it did for Micah without him knowing that there were people holding him up to God. May we all continue to hold each other up to the Lord in love in our times of need.

As we enter 2022, may we be the church in and out of the building, so that we can impact our families, community, and world for Christ! Church it is time for us to ARISE, Abide in God, Relate with Others, Invite Others to meet Christ, Serve Christ, Serve Others, and Elevate Christ in our Lives.

Elder's Report – Noah Gomez

We have seen God's blessings and miracles this year. When we reflect on 2021 Proverbs 3: 5-6 sounds out to me, "5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

With all the issue going on in this world we have been able to start the transition, here at Arbuckle Community Church, to a more traditional in-person service with fellowship and events. It is great to see our pews with people and our families in our social hall. As we move forward to 2022, we need to remember Jeremiah 17: 7-8, "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. 8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Missions – George Green 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 missions we support:

Rafiki—Irene Dafoe Rafiki is found in ten African nations, serving resident orphans, students, students at teacher's 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.

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 scholarship!

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.

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 few 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.

Spero- Spero exists to promote the sanctity of all human life, born and unborn, by providing life-affirming services which empower mothers to choose life. Every woman in Yolo and Colusa County can easily access all the spiritual, educational, medical, and support resources she needs to choose life for her baby. They have a mobile clinic that makes monthly visits to Arbuckle, Williams, Colusa and Stonyford.

They offer caring friendship in a safe atmosphere to help you face difficult decisions. We offer a variety of programs and services that are always offered free of charge. We do not make referrals for abortions. Our purpose is to support, encourage, and assist a woman in carrying her pregnancy to term and caring for her baby after birth. We also support improved pregnancy outcomes, family stability, and economic self-sufficiency.

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Meals and Ministry (M & M)- This touching personal ministry of taking prepared food to those going through some kind of difficulty, has been put on hold during Covid

Men's Prayer Group – George Green

Tuesday mornings at 6am in the side room of the church interested men join for strong coffee, prayer and fellowship. All are welcome and everyone who attends is blessed. Attendance has ranged from 1 to 11.

Leviticus Bags – canned food drive – Donna Green

Teams of church members placed bags on doorsteps October 17th, 2021 and returned on a rainy October 24th to collect canned food items. A dozen “sorters” unloaded food items, checked expiration dates and placed donations in the peach boxes donated by the Henderson Family. Volunteers feasted on pizza and all boxes were placed in the preK Sunday School room for storage until distribution later that Fall. During the rest of October and November, donations continued to come in, from 4-H members, school canned food drives and various community members. In December, the Ministerial Association of Colusa County coordinated all these donations into food baskets given to applicants on December 14th. Numerous youth and adult volunteers packed more than 117 food baskets/boxes for local distribution. In addition to the MACC boxes, the canned food donations were also used to support the 11 Giving Tree families---the ACC project directed by Melissa VanLaningham every year that supports local needy families with food and gifts. Church members “adopt” a family and deliver the food and gifts closer to Christmas day

Social Committee – Donna Green

The restrictions of Covid limited gatherings in early 2021, resulting in few Social Committee events. Fruit and juice were still served in the patio on Easter and an ice cream social celebrated the church birthday in September. By October, the need for fellowship opportunities led to a reinstatement of serving goodies in the social hall immediately after worship each Sunday. During Advent, this fellowship time included a hot chocolate bar, crock pot soups, Christmas bread buffet and Christmas Cookie extravaganza! Vicky Mount made and hung large snowflakes from the social hall ceiling, adding to the fun. Youtube provided a blazing fireplace scene with holiday instrumental music as background. The committee of Judy Grice, Vicky Mount, Alma Randolph and Donna Green remain committed to hosting a fellowship time after church each Sunday, featuring donut holes, hot drinks and donations of treats from various members

Card Ministry Report – Birthdays and Anniversaries – Gail Nason

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.

Sunday School Report – Donna Green

In an effort to encourage Sunday School for ALL ages at the same time, children's classes were moved to 9:30 – 10:20 to coincide with classes offered to adults in the social hall. Due to ongoing concerns of COVID-19, very few students participated in Sunday School. In response, one teacher committed to teaching ALL ages Pre-K through 6th during the summer months, which was extended to the end of the year. Class began with a flannel board bible story in the preK room, then students moved into the older room for bible navigation, more advanced application of the bible story and often a video presentation of the same topic. Average attendance during these months was 2 students. A survey of possible Sunday School time/options sent out in October indicated that families with younger children preferred class to be held during the worship service, with children exiting the sanctuary at the beginning of the sermon. Those adults attending the 9 AM Adult bible study requested that a Sunday School program STILL be in place at that time for their children. It is projected that in 2022, Sunday School for children will be offered at BOTH time slots (9 AM for all ages and again during worship for pre-K through 2nd...)

Nursery care was provided by Rachelle Klimper for several months, with no replacement the rest of the year. Volunteers that were willing to help in 2021 included Luke VanLaningham, Donna Green, Cara Erickson, Allison Jansen, Noah Gomez, Alena Anberg, Alma Randolph, Esthela Buell. Materials included Gospel Light YEAR B curriculum and God's BIG PICTURE.

Number of babies/toddlers in the nursery--- 0-1

Average number of students attending Sunday School in 2021: 2

I am Looking forward to continuing the spiritual education of our children and youth!

Pray for Rain – George Green

Monday evenings at 6pm the entire county is invited to join us in prayer for GOD to deliver us from this drought. We also pray for God's guidance and deliverance in all that we want to bring before GOD. We usually meet in the sanctuary but we invite you pray with us wherever you are at 6pm on Monday evening.

Communion Preparation – Jane Watson

The last couple of years has been interesting for communion. We moved away from preparing communion to using the pre-packaged communion cups. However, towards the end of 2021, we returned to preparing communion on a monthly basis. Jane Watson faithfully performed the duty. Now that we are preparing communion monthly, Jane, is looking for a group of volunteers to help her in this effort.

Property Report 2021 – Will Jansen

A major landscaping project was completed on the property this year.. On March 6th, a crew of volunteers showed up for a landscaping project under the direction of Vicky and Gary Mount. Old bushes were removed, landscaping fabric laid down, drip irrigation on timers installed. New redwood borders defined planted areas. Several new bushes were planted along the front of the social hall. More than 45 bags of bark added a finishing touch. Pansies and primroses added a temporary spot of color leading up to the Easter season. An additional tree rose was added alongside the entry ramp to the sanctuary. In the backyard, a general cleanup ensued, including the removal of dead vegetation growing up and over the fence running along the property line. The backyard crew was headed by Lyssa Gomez and involved numerous youth. Later in March, solar lights were installed to highlight the new landscaping. An extra box of solar lights was purchased and put in storage in case any of the original were stolen or damaged. So far, the original lights are still in place. Volunteers for the work day included Vicky and Gary Mount, Alma and Larry Randolph, Pam Ramos, Amy Joel, Donna Green, Will Jansen, Jim Scheimer, and Lyssa Gomez. Additionally, a tree in front of the church was removed in August 2021. Multiple fire extinguishers and an AED device were installed on the property. Minor repairs were also completed throughout the year.

Memorial Fund Report – Will and Allison Jansen

The balance in the Memorial Fund is \$7,196.10.

Adult Sunday School – George Green

Prior to worship on Sunday mornings interested adults gather in the social hall to read and discuss GOD's word. The attendance has been from 3 to 15 and the discussion is lively. Participants range from retired pastors and long time Bible Study Fellowship students to new Christians. All are welcome. We have most recently studied Genesis and Exodus and currently in the Gospel of Matthew. Come join us.

Ladies Bible Study 2021 Report – Carol Scheimer

We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 in the Church Social Hall. The group consists of 4 ladies who attend. In 2021 we read through the Gospels, studied the Book of Habakkuk and currently are studying the Book of Daniel using a 12-week Study from the Knowing the Bible Series, published by Crossway. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome to come. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Arbuckle Community Church Trust – Fritz Grimmer

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 0.10% until maturity in Spring of 2026. There is a current balance of \$108,706.75 as of January 24, 2022.

Trust board members are:

Janet Dawley

Fritz Grimmer

Yvonne Bunch

Will Jansen

Food Distribution – Judy Grice

Thank you for the opportunity to let me be the Food Distribution Manager.

Between January 2021 and November 2021 we feed 1,403 total families. The total of family members was 2,473 between January 2021 and November 2021. We average from 49 to 75 families a month.

In December we did our Christmas basket give away. We made 118 boxes and gave 115 of them away. This was a special program where families had to be approved by the county. I do not have a count for the family members for this month.

We do the food distribution the second Tuesday of every month. It is a long day for all of the volunteers. Don, Judy Wilson, Pam Ramos and myself meet in Williams to get our donations. We then go back to the church by 9:15 where more volunteers meet us to unload the trailer and set the food up for the distribution at 4. At 4 more and some of the same volunteers are there to distribute the food. We are usually done at 6. After we are done we then put any food left in the pantry for the next month and clean the social hall, by 6:30 we are usually on our way home.

There are always so many thanks from the families that we are helping. They truly are so grateful. I am so blessed that we are able to have this program available for our community.

Lastly, I really need to thank ALL of you that volunteer. This program could NOT happen if were not for all of your time and help.

Quilters Report – Carol Scheimer

Beginning Balance 01/01/2021	\$3,516.45
Income	
Donations	\$2175.00
Expenses	
Stain Glass Window Restoration	\$1500.00
ABS 2021	\$500.00
Ending Balance	\$3916.45

Activities:

Made Special Cookie Treat for VBS snack time in July.

Began quilting again at end of summer.

Started a quilt in December that will be raffled off next summer for support of 2022VBS.

Income Report – Luke VanLaningham

Total Giving	
2020 General Plate	\$169,474.47
*Special Donations	
Benevolent Fund	\$4,200.00
Food Bank	\$3,000.00
Total	\$176,679.47
2021 General Plate	\$153,019.62
*Special Donations	
Youth Group	\$4,000.00
Camp Scholarships	\$1,000.00
Delta	\$550.00
Missions	\$432.00
Other	\$382.00
Total	\$159,384.00

Year- end balance 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
2021 Closing Balance	\$102,087.50

Arbuckle Community Church

Proposed Budget for 2022 – Luke VanLaningham /Janet Dawley

Income

General Plate	\$145,000	
Total Income		<u>145,000</u>

EXPENSES

Ministry Expenses

General Church

Background Checks	400
Books and Bibles	500
Card Ministry	50
Church Events	1,250
Pulpit Fill-Special Speakers	500
Welcome/Outreach	1,250
Worship	1,750

Arbuckle Kids

Delta/VBS	3,500
Sunday School Curriculum	100

Arbuckle Youth

Youth Group	1,750
Kickstart	1,000
Events	1,000
Missions	200

Camp Ministry

Scholarships	2,500
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Pastoral Expenses

Pastor's Fund	1,000
Pastor's Hospitality	1,000

Total Ministry Expenses 17,750

Missions Giving (12%of plate)

A Woman's Friend	2,100
Barnabas Factor	2,100
Benevolent Fund	3,000
Heavenly Hills Camp	1,200
Love Gifts	600
Ministerial Assoc. Colusa Co,	900

Rafiki	2,100	
Spero	2,100	
William Jessup U.	1,200	
Young Life	2,100	
Total Missions Giving		17,400
Operations		
Dues, Licenses, Subscriptions	3,210	
General and Office Supplies	3,200	
Insurance (Business and Auto)	800	
Insurance (Liability)	5,500	
Insurance (Worker's Comp)	800	
Maintenance – Building Repairs	3,000	
Maintenance – Grounds	4,000	
Maintenance – Church Van	2,500	
Maintenance – Church Van Fuel	2,000	
Mileage Reimbursement (Guests)	250	
Mileage Reimbursement (Pastor)	2,640	
Payroll (Custodian)	5,712	
Payroll Taxes	5,075	
Payroll (Pastor)	55,980	
Payroll (Treasurer)	2,448	
Utility (Garbage)	1,450	
Utility (PG&E)	5,000	
Utility (Telephone/Internet)	2,100	
Utility (Water & Sewer)	1,185	
Total Operating Expenses		106,850
Capital Improvements		
Undesignated	3,000	
Total Capital Improvements		3,000
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>145,000</u>
<u>Net Income</u>		<u>0</u>

Arbuckle Community Church Leadership 2022

Pastor – Don Joel

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

Elder at Large - Fritz Grimmer

Appointed Leadership Positions

Communion Preparation – Jane Watson

Card Ministry – Gail Nason

Food Distribution – Judy Grice

Custodian – Janet Dawley

Social Committee – Alma Randolph, Judy Grice, Vicky Mount and Donna Green

Memorial Fund – Allison and Will Jansen

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

Funeral Food Coordinator – Janet Dawley

Facility use /scheduling – Amy Joel

Quilters – Carol Scheimer

Library – Alma Randolph

Treasurer – Janet Dawley

Financial Secretary – Carol Scheimer

Primary Grade Sunday School Director – Donna Green

Property Maintenance – Will Jansen

Moderator – Noah Gomez