



2022 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)

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**Annual Meeting Agenda
Arbuckle Community Church
January 29, 2023**

- I. Call to Order – Noah Gomez - Moderator
- II. Opening Prayer – Pastor Don Joel
- III. Approval of 2022 Minutes
- IV. Review of annual reports
- V. 2023 budget – Luke Vanlaningham
- VI. Presentation of the 2023 officers
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Arbuckle Community Church Decision Making and Leadership

The Elders serve as the spiritual overseers of the church and as such have the final say in all church matters. The deacons serve under the elders to meet the physical needs of the church as set forth in Article V of the church constitution. The elders and deacons will work together to provide direction and service to the church body in discerning and carrying out God's will. The Elders will oversee the deacons and church functions as directed by the Elders Board based on each deacon's gifts and talents.

Elders George Green, Will Jansen, Don Joel, Luke Vanlaningham, Larry Randolph, Noah Gomez

Appointed Positions/Slate of Officers for 2023:

<i>Communion</i>	Jane Watson
<i>Adult Sunday School</i>	George Green
<i>Monthly Food Bank</i>	Judy Grice & Judy Wilson
<i>Card Ministry</i>	Gail Nason
<i>Church custodians</i>	Janet Dawley, Judy Wilson
<i>Social Event Committee</i>	Donna Green, Judy Grice, Alma Randolph, Vicky Mount
<i>Quilters</i>	Carol Scheimer
<i>Treasurer</i>	Luke Vanlaningham
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Carol Scheimer
<i>Sunday School Superintendent PreK – 5th</i>	Donna Green
<i>Men's Prayer Group Ministry</i>	George Green
<i>Moderator</i>	Noah Gomez
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	Allison and Will Jansen
<i>Property</i>	Will Jansen
<i>Benevolent Fund</i>	Don Joel, Luke Vanlaningham, Jody Grice
<i>Library</i>	Alma Randolph
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Carol Scheimer

Minutes – Annual Meeting 2022

Prior to the Annual Meeting, an all-church ham potluck was held. Leftover ham was sent home to be included in a frozen casserole to support the M&M project. The meeting was officially called to order at 12:10 on January 31st, 2022, by Elder George Green, substituting for Moderator Noah Gomez, who was sick. More than 20 members in attendance were given time to review the agenda and 2021 reports. Pastor Don Joel led the group in an opening prayer...The minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Yvonne Bunch 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. Fritz Grimmer moved and Larry Randolph seconded a motion to approve the reports as written. The motion carried.

Luke VanLaningham led the members through the budget. After brief discussion, Lauren Charter moved, and Yvonne Bunch seconded a motion to approve the budget as written. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

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

Items recommended for further discussion by the Elders included sidewalk safety for BSF ladies, review of songbook and bible supplies in the sanctuary, interest in reporting the number of members and baptisms annually and the updating of the church directory.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 PM

Pastor Don Joel closed the meeting in prayer and Donna Green led the attendees in singing the chorus of Amazing Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Green – substitute clerk

Pastor Report

Sitting here in January of 2023 I am reflecting on the year we had in 2022. The last three years has flown by, but when we look at the changes that have happened this year it feels like it's longer than year. I used this quote last year, but I think it is still very relevant to our church and the church. From Pastor Red Romell's Pastor's report in 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..."

The truth is God has once again blessed Arbuckle Community Church. We have added more members, attenders, visitors but most importantly we have added more people to the family of faith. This year I truly felt we lived up to our goal. I asked us as a church to ARISE in 2022, and I think it is easy to see that we have.

The biggest change that happened in 2022, was I was asked to become the Music Teacher and Johnson Junior High and Pierce High School. This would ultimately lead to me stepping down from Full-Time Paid Ministry.

As the elders and I walked through this wonderful mission opportunity, one thing kept resonating with me: Go and Make disciples. I love being the Pastor of ACC and will do everything I can to be here if I can be, and I believe whole-heartedly that God brought me here especially for the pandemic. However, I feel that God has called me to step out of the church building, at least part-time, and into the world.

Being a teacher for the last 5 months of the year opened my eyes to the burdens and tolls that working in the world brings with it. It made me realize that as a Pastor I need to stop asking for more, time and energy, and instead help us do more with the time and energy we are already pouring out. That means we can be the church, God's body, right where God has placed us. We do all need to pitch in and do what needs to get done on Sundays and other church days, but much of our ministry happens outside the walls of the building. That's why in 2023 I want us to FOCUS on where God has placed us, FOCUS on what God has tasked us with, and in General FOCUS on God.

Here are a couple highlights of what happened this year.

Our food distribution has on average feed helped about 250 people a month, and to do this we reconfigured the pantry adding in a new freezer. We applied for and received a grant for about \$7000 to purchase our very own trailer. The team that runs this program is just amazing, thank you to Judy Grice and Judy Wilson and all they have helping.

We have continued to get our name out in the community by being a part of the community, from the Car show to the Holiday stroll, we have had booths about praying and our church. We have also opened our doors to many community groups.

We also had a return of Youth Group. It currently looks a bit different than it has in the past, our focus is on Thursday mornings for Kickstart, and a monthly gathering for dinner and games. We do join with other youth groups to play games and learn the word of God together. One of the groups we hang out with is Clarksburg Community Church.

As I look around on Sunday mornings, I am so grateful God has continued to bring us new people. When Jim Jessup from William Jessup University came to speak in November, he was so impressed by what God was doing here. He commented to me, that while other churches were just hanging on, ACC looked to be heading in the right direction, and a beacon to our

community. On top of this we continue to reach more and more people on social media, YouTube, and Facebook. What a blessing to be able to speak the word of God directly into someone's living room.

Thank You,
Pastor Don

Elders Report

As we reflect on the 2022-year Ecclesiastes 3; 1 comes to mind. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." God provides us with what we need when we need it with out us even knowing what we will need. At this time, three years ago, we were approving Pastor Don Joel as our Senior Pastor. Now God has moved to a new season and provided the opportunity for Don to work with our youth and community at Pierce High School as the Band teacher. As move forward and pray for guidance, we must listen to what God has set forth in our paths. As He will provide for us in this new season that will come upon us in 2023.

Sunday School Report 2022

To encourage Sunday School for ALL ages at the same time, children's classes were offered both at 9:30 AM and again during worship from 10:50 – 11:30 (referred to as Children's Church to differentiate from the 9:30 Sunday School class).

Volunteers that were willing to teach Sunday School in 2022 included Luke VanLaningham, Donna Green, Allison Jansen, Noah Gomez, Alma Randolph, Marlene Cline, Lyssa Gomez . Materials included Gospel Light **YEAR B (winter through summer) and Year A (Fall 2022) curriculum** and **The Rock** series of bible lessons for middle schoolers. During Children's Church, older elementary students created a bible verse mini poster, which was then displayed on the bulletin boards in the social hall. At the end of each quarter, each student's bible verses were stapled into a book and given to the child to take home. Younger (non-reading/writing) children completed the workmates included in the Year A & B series of lessons.

Infant care in the former nursery was provided as needed. Parents were invited to bring infants out to the "Family Room" where the sermon message could be piped in.

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

Average number of students attending Sunday School in 2022: 3-4

In obedience to His call to spiritually educate our children and youth,

Donna Green – Sunday School Superintendent

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 5 to 15 and the discussion is lively. Participants range from retired pastors and longtime Bible Study Fellowship students to new Christians. All are welcome. We have most recently studied The Gospel of John, Jude, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd John and currently in the Ecclesiastes. Come join us.

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 praise the rain HE has brought us and pray for it to continue. 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.

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. Roger often blesses us with Costco Orange/Cranberry muffins. All are welcome and everyone who attends is blessed. Attendance has ranged from 1 to 11.

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

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. They are now licensed to provide medical consulting and ultrasound services. Every woman in Yolo and Colusa County can easily access all the spiritual, educational, medical, and support resources they need to choose life for their 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 women who face difficult decisions. They offer a variety of programs and services that are always offered free of charge. Their purpose is to support, encourage, and assist a woman in carrying her pregnancy to term and caring for her baby after birth.

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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!

Heavenly Hills Christian Camp- Heavenly Hills is an innovative a place of transformation for churches and campers. The camp hosts churches in Northern California from various denominations and backgrounds. Though Heavenly Hills continues to plan and host its own camps and retreats it has been blessed to be a gathering place for churches throughout Northern California. This convergence of the body of Christ continues to breathe

fresh life into HHCC and the camp, after almost 50 years, still shines as a beacon of light in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Our Youth and Children attend summer and winter camps there and ACC is a sponsoring church, Mrs. Amy Joel represents our church on their board of directors.

Young Life- Ministry is now directed by volunteer staff Jen and Dak Giffen. Colusa County kids attend club meetings, weekend camps and summer camps. 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 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.

Social Committee Report 2022

The Social Committee hosted weekly fellowship time in the social hall after worship each Sunday. As the gatherings grew and the length of fellowship time grew, the congregation responded by providing a tasty buffet of goodies during the 2022 year. The Committee also organized the Celebration of Life luncheon in early January for the family of Ernie Dawley. One highlight was the "Men's Sunday", during which various servings of sausage, tailgate treats, beans and little smokies kept the crowd satisfied. An all-church potluck celebrated the church's birthday in September, featuring a cotton candy machine, popcorn and a "circus theme" buffet of lunch foods. During Advent, this fellowship time included a hot chocolate bar, Christmas bread buffet and Christmas Cookie extravaganza! Centerpieces of small Christmas trees and shiny ornaments on a red platter supplied a holiday theme throughout the month. 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 the food donations of the congregation.

Food Distribution

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Food Distribution Coordinator. This is such a wonderful program that reaches out to our community and supports lots of families. I would like to thank all of the people who help and support every month in so many different ways. The program could not happen without you! The families in our

community who use this service are always grateful. In 2022 we served 943 families with a total of 3,690 family members.

Card Ministry Report – Birthdays and Anniversaries

What a blessing it is to serve the birthday and anniversary card ministry. I average 16 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

Facility Use

We continue to bless our community through sharing our facilities. Recurring facility use activities in 2022 included Quilters, BSF, Elders, Food Distribution, youth group, and several 4-H groups. The social hall was also used for a birthday party and a family Thanksgiving dinner. Our facilities were also used for funerals, during which we were able to bless and serve those who were grieving. Facility use has risen steadily in the last year. All facility use reservations are recorded on the Master Calendar to prevent overlap and conflicts. We are still working on a system of clear communication to ensure that changes to scheduled facility use are updated on the calendar to prevent double-booking and keep everything flowing smoothly.

Arbuckle Community Church Capital Reserves

Arbuckle Community Church Trust -This annual Trust Account report is to inform church members about our activities. All Trust Account money is invested in Certificates of Deposit at our local Umpqua Bank. The C.D. rate will be 1.0% until April 30, 2026. There is a current balance of \$108,815.50 as of January 19, 2023. The principal for this investment came from the sale of some farmland that was given to the church in an estate.

Trust board members are Janet Dawley, Fritz Grimmer, Yvonne Bunch and Will Jansen

Arbuckle Community Church Rainy Day Savings – These funds were from a time when the church had no pastor, and the parsonage was rented out. The funds are invested in Certificates of Deposit at our local Umpqua Bank. The C.D. rate of return is 2.75%. There is a current balance of \$114,681.25 as of January 1, 2023. This account is overseen by the elders.

Property Report for 2022

A few minor repairs were completed on the property. The air conditioning unit in the social hall was repaired. Please let Will Jansen know if there are any areas in need of improvement or repair.

Memorial Fund Report for 2022

A total of \$451.41 was transferred from the Memorial Fund to the Arbuckle Community Church General Fund to pay for pew Bibles. The Memorial Fund balance is \$8,350.25.

Quilters Report 2022

Beginning Balance 1/1/22		\$3,691.45
Income:		
Quilt Raffle Donations	+	<u>520.00</u>
Expenses:		
Memorial Fund Donation	-	500.00
VBS 2023	-	<u>520.00</u>
		\$1,020.00
Ending Balance 12/31/2022		\$3,191.45

In January we continued quilting the quilt to be raffled for VBS was canceled for 2022. The quilt was raffled in the beginning of December with proceeds going to VBS 2023. We meet Wednesday morning 9-12 and on the 2nd Saturday of the month for 9-12. All are welcome.

Ladies Bible Study Report 2022

Our Ladies Bible Study meets every Monday morning from 9:30am-10:30pm, in the Church Social Hall.

This year we have studied the Book of Daniel, Romans and are currently studying the Book of Ruth. We use the Study Guides from, Knowing the Bible Series published by Crossway.

Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Submitted by:

Carol Schiemer

Income Report

Beginning Balance	\$102,087.50
Total Giving	\$135,531.76
Total All Expenses	\$128,177.33
Ending Balance	\$109,441.93