



2023 Annual Report

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in 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 of one mind.” (Phil. 2:1-2)

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**Annual Meeting Agenda
Arbuckle Community Church
January 28, 2024**

- I. Call to Order – Noah Gomez - Moderator
- II. Opening Prayer – Pastor Don Joel
- III. Approval of 2023 Minutes
- IV. Review of annual reports
- V. 2024 Budget – Luke Vanlaningham
- VI. Presentation of the 2024 officers
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Minutes – Annual Meeting 2023

Prior to the Annual Meeting, an all-church potluck was held. The meeting was officially called to order at 12:18 PM on January 29th, 2023 by Elder and ACC Moderator, Noah Gomez. More than 30 members in attendance were given time to review the agenda and 2022 reports. Pastor Don Joel led the group in an opening prayer...

The minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Yvonne Bunch moved and Fritz 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. Fritz Grimmer moved and Larry Randolph seconded a motion to approve the reports as written. The motion carried.

Elder and ACC Treasurer, Luke Vanlaningham, led the members through the budget. Pastor Don shared his calling to enter teaching full time and how that would affect his hours and the budget. After brief discussion, Fritz Grimmer moved and Donna Green seconded a motion to approve the budget as written. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

The list of church officers was reviewed. Carol Scheimer was added to the slate in her role as Ladies Bible Study Leader and Amy Joel was added as the Facilities Coordinator. George Green moved and Janet Grimmer seconded a motion to approve the slate of leaders. The motion passed.

Under New business items, the Elders reminded the members present of the upcoming February 19th "round table discussion" during which time the congregation will be giving the Elders input on the future vision/plans/hopes for the church.

A brief discussion of building repairs that need to be addressed was shared.

Pastor Don Joel closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Green

Donna Green – substitute clerk

Pastor's Report

My underlying theme for the last several months has been the same as that of George Washington when he had made the realization that he needed to not run for reelection. In his eyes, and in God's wonderful will, he realized that it was time for change. In late 2019 I accepted the role of Senior Pastor, and I know the time is coming for me to relinquish this role. Not because of any moral failure or hardship in leadership, but because I truly believe God is saying it is time for change. I know that God placed me in the position for such a time as the pandemic and has once again opened the door for me to enter into my next position, as a music teacher. However, I also recognize that change can be hard, but that with and through God we will traverse these waters with ease.

This year was another great year for Arbuckle Community Church.

It started off with four baptisms and a child dedication, and ended with a well-attended elder led Christmas Eve service. God truly has continued to bless our small but mighty church.

Our Monthly Food Distribution has grown to about 75 families a month or about 400 individuals being given food resources every month. Not only that but our partnership with Dollar General has grown and we receive loads of extra food from their store through the Feeding America grocery recovery program. We often have a freezer full of food and a fridge full of milk and tea to give out on a moment's notice. Once again without the Judys (Grice and Wilson) this would not be possible.

Our buildings have been used by more and more community members. We have been able to bless the 4-H program, BSF, various boards, and others this year by giving them places to meet once or regularly. It may put wear and tear on our building, but it is nice to see the building used rather than sitting empty most of the week.

Youth Group, Kickstart and Camps were still running strong this year. We averaged 25 kids at our Youth Group Meetings, twelve at Kickstart and Camps continued to grow after Covid.

I want to end this report with a quote from George Washington's Farewell Address, "Though in reviewing the incidents of my Administration, I am unconscious of intentional error--I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they maybe I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend."

As I prepare to step out of the Pastoral role I look forward to the next chapter of ministry, one that I have been walking into for the last year or so. Please continue to lift my family and I up in all of our endeavors and lift up your Elders as they continue the process of leading this church in the way the Lord wants. My prayers for you will always continue, and I look forward to seeing the places God takes ACC in the future.

Pastor Don Joel

Elders Report

We have a journey ahead of us and a focus on the path God has set for us. As elders we are leaning on God and prayer to guide us through the path we have before us to seek a senior pastor. Pastor Don has guided us through some tough times these past few years and has continued supporting us as he wears multiple hats as the music teacher at Pierce High School.

God continues to provide for us in all we need and more. We need to continue to pray as we develop our relationship with Jesus. Proverbs 3: 5-6 says "seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding". We might not understand this path we are in but we need to trust in his will through this path.

Missions

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 has received its medical license and is now called Spero Medical. They strive 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 with a doctor on staff. 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! They also provide pulpit fill and assist in pastor searches.

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.

Ministerial Association of Colusa County – Our church contributes to this organization that brings the pastors from throughout the county to find common ground. MACC also administrates the food distribution program and health programs for the needy.

Love Gifts-

Community Member – a special collection was taken by a few members in our church to help a person who had no healthcare and an urgent medical situation. The gift was given anonymously through the church.

St. Johns Retirement Village – a special love offering was taken during December to partner with two Woodland Churches to help the senior care facility to reopen.

Jason Squires – the elders chose to make a special gift to support the music ministry of Jason Squires with transportation as he travels to support and train music ministry in churches in America.

Sunday School Report 2023

In an effort 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 2023 included Luke VanLaningham, Donna Green, Allison Jansen, Noah Gomez, Alma Randolph, Marlene Cline, Lyssa Gomez, Janet Dawley. Materials included Gospel Light **YEAR B (winter through summer) and Year A (Fall 2023)** curriculum. 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 workmats included in the Year A & B series of lessons.

Infant care in the former nursery was not available. 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

Average number of students attending 9:30 Sunday School: 2-3

Average number of children going out to Children's Church: 4-5

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. We start at 9:30am and close at 10:15 to get to worship service. The attendance has been from 3 to 17 and the discussion is lively. Participants range from long-time Bible Study Fellowship students to new Christians. All are welcome. We are finishing The Book of Judges and then will go to The Book of Ruth. Come join us.

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.

Ladies Bible Study Report 2023

Our Ladies Bible Study meets every Monday from 3:15 to 4:30, in the Church Social Hall.

This year we have finished our study of the Book of Ruth and the Book of Esther, 1 & 2 Thessalonians and started Hebrews. We are using the Study Guides from Knowing the Bible Series published by Crossway.

We average 3 to 4 ladies with 6 at the most. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome.

Submitted by: Carol Scheimer

Quilters Report 2023

Beginning Balance 01/01/23	\$3,191.45
Total Income	-0-
Expenses	
Donation to Arbuckle Community Church	200.00
Small Space Heater	73.25
Total Expenses	273.45
Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$2918.20

We meet Wednesday mornings 9am to 12noon and on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9am to 12noon.

You are welcome to join us to quilt or just fellowship.

In 2023, with donated fabric, we pieced and quilted a quilt that was then donated to the VBS program to be used to help raise money for the VBS program. We also quilted various other quilts through the year.

Memorial Fund Report for 2023

The Memorial Fund balance is \$8,351.08. No deposits or withdraws were made this year.

Social Committee Report 2023

The Social Committee hosted weekly fellowship time in the social hall after worship each Sunday. As the gatherings grew in size and the length of fellowship time grew, the congregation responded by providing a tasty buffet of goodies during the 2023 year. One highlight was “Men’s Sunday”, during which various servings of sausage, tailgate treats, beans and little smokies kept the crowd satisfied. Other favorites included a bagel buffet, crockpot soup & beans, caramel pecan cinnamon buns, cobblers, baked potato bar and lots of homemade cookies. Noah Gomez and Colton VanLaningham grilled up hot dogs and burgers for the church’s birthday potluck. 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. The committee stepped up to supply table centerpieces each month, adding a festive, “family feel” to the social hall atmosphere. The committee of Judy Grice, Alma Randolph, Donna Green and helpers Judy Wilson, Sandy Tillotson and numerous others remain committed to hosting a fellowship time after church each Sunday, featuring the food donations of the congregation.

Facility Use

We continue to bless our community through sharing our facilities. Recurring facility use activities in 2023 included Quilters, BSF, Elders, Food Distribution, youth group, and several 4-H groups. Facility use has remained steady. All facility use reservations are recorded on the Master Calendar to prevent overlap and conflicts. Most groups do a very good job of communicating with the calendar/facility use person to request usage, book dates, and ensure that their activities fit in the schedule.

Property Report for 2023

The property underwent several enhancements this year, including the repair of the siding on the Social Hall and Office. The basement door was replaced, and uneven sections of the sidewalks were leveled. Additionally, repairs were made to the water heater cabinet and gutters, and ceiling tiles in the Social Hall were replaced. Please let Will Jansen know if there are any areas in need of improvement or repair.

Food Distribution – Judy Grice

First, I want to thank all of you for your help every month. This program could not happen without all of you. I need to pay a special thanks to Judy Wilson. She is my right-hand lady. Judy is always ready to help at the drop of a hat to help. The families we serve are all so very great full. We served 1,016 families in 2023. Thank you for letting me be part of this program.
Judy Grice

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 \$108,924.35 as of January 1, 2024. 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 \$118,996.63 as of January 1, 2024. This account is overseen by the elders.

Income Report – Luke VanLaningham

Total Giving	
2023 General Plate	\$139,877.40
*Special Donations	
Community Member	\$2200
St. John's	\$2200
Total Expenses	\$115,119.09

Year- end balance checkbook

2019 Closing Balance	\$89,515.62
2020 Closing Balance	\$111,223.72
2021 Closing Balance	\$102,087.50
2022 Closing Balance	\$109,441.93
2023 Closing Balance	\$134,200.24

Arbuckle Community Church Decision Making and Leadership

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

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.

Appointed Positions for 2024:

<i>Communion</i>	Jane Watson
<i>Adult Sunday School</i>	George Green
<i>Worship greeters, sign ups</i>	Donna Green
<i>Facility Scheduling</i>	Amy Joel
<i>Sound system/Projection/Recording</i>	
<i>Monthly Food Bank</i>	Judy Grice & Judy Wilson
<i>Card Ministry</i>	Gail Nason
<i>Church Musicians</i>	Janet Dawley
<i>Church custodians</i>	Janet Dawley, Judy Wilson
<i>Social Event Committee</i>	Donna Green, Alma Randolph, Judy Grice
<i>Nursery Care Scheduling</i>	TBA as needed
<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 Ministry</i>	George Green
<i>Vacation Bible School Director</i>	
<i>Web Site Management</i>	
<i>Moderator</i>	Noah Gomez
<i>Property</i>	Will Jansen
<i>Prayer Chain</i>	George Green
<i>Church Bookkeeper</i>	Janet Dawley

Arbuckle Community Church

Proposed Budget for 2024 – Luke VanLaningham /Janet Dawley

Income

General Plate	\$140,000	
Total Income		\$140,000

EXPENSES

Ministry Expenses

General Church

Background Checks	100	
Books and Bibles	100	
Card Ministry	50	
Church Events	500	
Pulpit Fill-Special Speakers	1,000	
Welcome/Outreach	500	
Worship	500	

Arbuckle Kids

Delta/VBS	500	
Sunday School Curriculum	100	

Arbuckle Youth

Youth Group	1,500	
Kickstart	1,500	
Events	500	

Camp Ministry

Scholarships	2,500	
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Pastoral Expenses

Pastor's Fund	500	
Pastor's Hospitality	1,000	

Total Ministry Expenses 10,850

Missions Giving (12%of plate)

A Woman's Friend	2,400	
Barnabas Factor	2,400	
Benevolent Fund	500	
Heavenly Hills Camp	1,200	
Jason Squires	2,400	
Ministerial Assoc. Colusa Co,	500	
Rafiki	2,400	
Spero	2,400	

William Jessup U.	1,200	
Young Life	2,400	
Total Missions Giving		17,800
Operations		
Dues, Licenses, Subscriptions	3,500	
General and Office Supplies	3,000	
Insurance (Business and Auto)	800	
Insurance (Liability)	7,500	
Insurance (Worker's Comp)	700	
Maintenance – Building Repairs	5,000	
Maintenance – Grounds	3,500	
Maintenance – Church Van	500	
Maintenance – Church Van Fuel	1,000	
Mileage Reimbursement (Guests)	500	
Mileage Reimbursement (Pastor)	10,000	
Payroll (Custodian)	5,712	
Payroll Taxes	4,500	
Payroll (Interim Pastor)	56,250	
Payroll (Treasurer)	2,448	
Utility (Garbage)	1,500	
Utility (PG&E)	6,400	
Utility (Telephone/Internet)	2,100	
Utility (Water & Sewer)	1,185	
Total Operating Expenses		116,095
Capital Improvements		
Undesignated	000	
Total Capital Improvements		
Parsonage	000	
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>144,745</u>
<u>Net Income</u>		<u>-4,745</u>

**Parsonage Repairs in preparation of a new pastor are scheduled to come from reserves.