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Being a member of Azle Christian Church means many things to many people. Certainly, we all believe certain truths known to each and everyone of us as Disciples of Christ. For example; the risen Christ, the one true God, and we never turn down an opportunity to gather for a meal. However, there are many other things that bring each of us to the doors of ACC.

I, along with the other member of the Planning and Building Ministry, have the great opportunity to look towards the future needs of the church. We see the church property and buildings as a blank canvas, waiting for right the time and painter to come along and fill in the edges. At the opening of each meeting, we ask for God's continual guidance so that through us, the Lord's direction might be illuminated. I am always in awe of how through the congregation's prayers, and ours, his work is accomplished.

The blank slate is not just for our Ministry, it is for each and every one of us. What the church is, and what it can be is truly a black canvas. We celebrate in a new fellowship hall because the great painter saw our needs, and guided our paint strokes. Our newly created Parents Day Out is an answer to filling in the painting. What new things, things that we haven't even thought about, can our church family be and become? It is through our gifts and talents that this church functions, flourishes, and grows. We are truly an open canvas to be painted upon.

Perhaps you see a specific need to that needs to be filled, and you feel God directing you to fulfill that need. Perhaps you a being directed towards an existing ministry within the church that not only needs some help, but your specific talents as well. Over the next couple of weeks, please prayerfully consider what you can commit to the church. We all have something that can benefit the church through out time, talents, and yes even our money.

You each have the opportunity to create within Azle Christian Church something unique and special. What part of the painting will your gifts and talents paint.



Daylight Savings Time

November 6th is daylight savings time change. Please make sure to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed.

BUDGET REPORT




Budget Needs Per Week	\$3,679.00
Received October 23, 2011	\$2,714.00
Received October 30, 2011	\$4,145.00
Received Year to Date	\$141,368.32
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$163,695.05
Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$22,326.73

Attendance Report

Sunday, October 23, 2011	Sunday School	48
	Worship	108
Sunday, October 30, 2011	Sunday School	69
	Worship	118
Average Year to Date	Sunday School	48
	Worship	110

CROSSES FOR SALE

We have crosses made from the wood that was on the 1893 building. These are made from wood that could not be reused for the building and each one represents a little bit of our ACC history! If you would like to have one, see Scottie and for a donation of \$20.00 she will give you a cross. Funds go to the ongoing restoration.

Need some chores done in and around your home? Let our youth help you?

They are working to raise money for their mission trip and are willing and able to earn this money!

Contact David for scheduling.
817/437-7296 or
drchristman1@yahoo.com



November 6, 2011

Worship Leader	Jana Howell
Table	Diane Weger
Bread Elder	Dannie Davis
Wine Elder	Dollene Price
First Greeter	Harlan Tidwell
Second Greeter	Sandra Gallatin
Deacon	Linda Gardom
Deacon	Krista Christman
Jr. Deacon	Aaron Ipser
Acolyte	Alex Pastre
Children's Moment	Becky Stults
Children's Church	Becky Stults
Visitation Team	Dollene Price/Nancy Robbins
Home Communion	

November 13, 2011

Worship Leader	Diane Weger
Table	David Christman
Bread Elder	Diane Weger
Wine Elder	Mark Hiles
First Greeter	Ramona Patrick
Second Greeter	Harlan Tidwell
Deacon	Cat Schlueter
Deacon	Barb Upchurch
Jr. Deacon	Brian Lingo
Acolyte	Bryon Henderson
Children's Moment	Trelle Seeds
Children's Church	Dollene Price
Visitation Team	Dannie Davis/Katie Carlson
Home Communion	Diane Weger/Cat Schlueter

Hello Everyone,



Sunday, we said our goodbyes to our senior pastor, colleague, friend, and fellow child of God Laurie Feille, who has left us to go and follow God's call to serve with the Rice and Beans ministry. For seven years she ministered and cared for this congregation with all her abilities. She touched all of our lives, challenging us to grow in our faith and understanding of Christ Jesus our Lord. She will be missed deeply; but our prayers go with her as she continues to follow God's call of ministry.

"Change is inevitable-except from a vending machine" (Robert C. Gallagher). Laurie's departure from this church (sorry I don't want this to sound like a eulogy) will be felt by all of us, and will cause us to enter a process of change and discernment, as we seek to remain faithful to God and search for another to lead us in this endeavor. No one looks forward to change because "any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts (Arnold Bennett). We all tend to resist change, because we fear the unknown. We don't know where what will happen in the future or where God is leading us; however, I hope that we all recognize that change, and this change in particular will not be a bad thing for Laurie or for our church, even while we miss each other. Change brings opportunity, growth, and life. Change reminds us that we are alive. Change is healthy for us because "if we don't change, we don't grow, and if we don't grow we are not really living" (Gail Sheehy).

We need to remember that in all change, God is going before us to prepare a way for us (Deuteronomy 31:8). We need to remember those before us that have undergone tremendous change with God's help. We need to recall what the God said in Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:18-21) and that God will lead us, guide us, and protect us during this time of transition and change. We need to remember and know that God is in control of our situation, in control of the changes and transitions and that if we trust God, if we just believe that God is working all things for good (Romans 8:28), then these changes and transitions will help us grow closer together as the family of God and will help us grow in new ways to be the body of Christ to our community, our nation, and our world.

While we will have to change and make adjustments in the next few months, it is my prayer that we can all look for the new opportunities this change will bring to Azle Christian Church. Let us use this as a time to celebrate. Let us celebrate for Laurie, as God calls her to an exciting new ministry to feed the physical and spiritual needs of the needy in Costa Rica. Let us celebrate for our congregation, as God leads us in new ways to be the body of Christ to the world.

If you would allow me (and join me) I would like to offer up this age old prayer for Laurie's new ministry, and for our ministry at Azle Christian Church.

God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Help us through this time of transition to trust in you, and to know that in all things you work for the good in this world. Please bless Laurie's new ministry opportunity and the lives of those that you will touch in the process through her care and love. God we ask you to be with all of us here at Azle Christian Church. Help us to recognize where you are leading us and help us to embrace the exciting new opportunities that you are laying before us. Help us in all things to remain faithful. It is your son's holy, and precious name, in which we pray. Amen.

(Forgive me all of you teachers, educators, and English guru's for all of my grammatical errors).

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Our Halloween Lock-in was a huge success! Despite not having the many of the youth who are in band, we had 16 youth and four adults come for food, fun, games, and bible study this past weekend. We were expecting to have low numbers because many of our high school youth who are in band had a competition this weekend; however, everyone brought some friends and we all had a great time. I want to say thank you to Mike and Gail Sellers, and Jennifer Pastre for coming early to help Krista and I set up and decorate. I would also like to thank Chris and Valerie Piercy who braved a night who braved a night with our youth as sponsors; and I would like to thank all of our youth that came and thanks to your friends as well because you all made it worth it. We had a lot of fun, everyone was well behaved, and we all survived. Praise be to God!

I would like to congratulate our Azle High School Band members who did so well in competition this past weekend that they will be going to State in San Antonio, and I would like to congratulate our Azle High School Cross Country team who are going to regionals (if its bigger than regionals sorry Lindsay, congrats to whatever higher competition you are going to). We are so proud of all of you and we are hoping and praying that you do your best in your competitions and that you get the appropriate recognition for all your hard work.

The JYF retreat is this weekend. Brandon Piercy and I will be leaving to go to Athens this weekend for a retreat. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travel. We are going to meet at the church at 5:00pm and head out from there. Our CYF retreat is coming up on the 18-20th. So far we have two high schoolers going. If you still want to go and you are in high school, let me know as soon as possible and get your forms in, because it is going to be a lot of fun.

The youth are planning to go to Heifer International Ranch in Perryville Arkansas. I am currently working with the ranch to see if the dates that we need to be able to go will be available. If not we will be going somewhere else, which will be just as far away and just as fun. We will be starting fundraising very, very soon when I find out all of the information and having a parent meeting soon. We will have regular mission trip deadlines for portions of our total trip goal to make sure that we can meet the final deadline and goal. If you are a youth from 6-12th grades please let me know ASAP if you are planning on going to the mission trip. If you are in JYF (4th-5th Grade) we will be having a separate mission trip just for you all to go on this summer. I have no ideas yet about where we will be going or what we will be doing, but know this I am working on it and it will be a lot of fun. Please support our youth in any way that you can.

Also I want to recognize my own failures in the youth-for-hire program. Many of you have come to us needing work done, and we have not been able to answer those needs due to the youth's crazy school schedules, my crazy school schedule, and just all the other things that are going on in our lives. I want to apologize to all of you who were trying to help out our youth. If you still need help please let us know, and I will do my best to get youth out to your house as soon as I can.

With Laurie gone, the elders and I will be available to meet your needs. If you need a visit (hospital, home, etc.) or if you have needs please let the church know as soon as you do and we will do our best. If you would like me to be there, please get your concerns in quickly. I am finishing up my last semester at Brite and I have a plethora of papers and assignments due in the coming weeks. I will also be gone on retreats and camps, and trying to get ready for the baby which is coming in January. Basically I have a very busy schedule but I want to help out in whatever way I can, so please let me know as early as possible so that I can try and make arrangements to be where you need me to be.

Blessings to you and your families,
David Christman



Thank you so much for the beautiful peace lily. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers. The Addington Family

Dear Fellow Members of Azle Christian Church; I would like to say “thank you” for all the prayers, cards, phone calls etc. I can’t do it because there aren’t enough words to say how loved I feel in this church. Now I live in a wonderful place that someone will be there if I take anymore falls and all those other thins I managed to do. Also I thank God every day for my wonderful family who are always at my side. A special thank you to Dannie and Jimmy for picking me up for church. Love to all, Ida Knight

TIME TO PLAN FOR ADULT MISSION TRIP TO VALLEY

The dates are set for April 14th thru 21st of 2012. So write that down in your calendar. We have two projects this year, one in Port Isabell and one in Bayview. Be sure and ask questions and let me know if you want to go. More later. Scottie



Dear Members and Friends of ACC,

There are no words to adequately thank you for the love you showed Bryan and me on my last Sunday as your Senior Minister. Thank you for the lunch, the gifts and the “3 words.” Please know that we will always carry you in our hearts and our prayers. It has been a blessing to be a part of Azle CC.



Much love and peace always, Laurie

MADE YOU SMILE!



- 1) A pastor got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: “I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it’s still out there in your pockets.” (thought this was good during our stewardship campaign)
- 2) Never look down on someone, unless it’s to help them up.
- 3) Don’t get your knickers in a knot. Nothing is solved and it just makes you walk funny.
- 4) Aspire to a lower level of harm.



**Kitchen
Angels**

HOORAY!! To those who **PREPARED FOOD** and worked in the **FELLOWSHIP HALL** the last 10 days. It has really been hard on the ladies who prepare food and get it where its supposed to go and decorate and plan and get here early and stay here late and work and clean and are very busy.

Thanks for all you do. Scottie

A New Church Secretary

Susan B. Hoffman began as church secretary at ACC on October 31. For the first week she will work with Ramona before she gets to "solo" next week. Susan is a retired ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church.

Please help Susan feel welcome and help her learn your name. Also, thanks to Ramona for so ably filling in for a few weeks. Her help has been a blessing. Thanks for your prayers, Rick Seeds



Guest Minister on November 6th

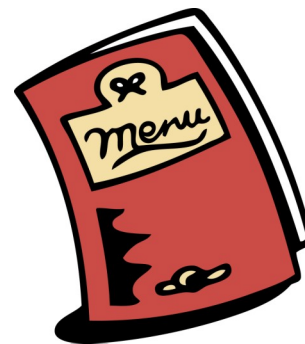
On Sunday, November 6th, we are honored to have Dr. Tim Hessel-Robinson as a guest preacher during our morning worship service. Dr. Hessel-Robinson is an Assistant Professor of Spiritual Disciplines and Resources at Brite Divinity School. He is also an outstanding pulpit preacher. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to hear Dr. Hessel-Robinson preach.

NOVEMBER 2, 2011 prepared by Hudles Catering
Baked Potato Bar w/ taco meat, bacon, grilled onions & bell peppers,
sour cream, cheese and chives
Grilled squash, zucchini, onions, broccoli and tomatoes
Salad
Rolls
Apple Crisp and Pecan Cobbler w/ ice cream

NOVEMBER 9, 2011 prepared by Russell Stephens
Turkey Pot Pie
Vegetable Casserole w/ Mushrooms
Cranberry Salad
Chocolate Pudding, Pumpkin Pie and Carrot Cake

NOVEMBER 16, 2011 prepared by Hudles Catering
Chicken Tetrzzini
Vegetarian Tetrzzini
Succotash (lima beans and corn)
French Bread
Chocolate Roll, Pumpkin Roll and Chocolate & Pumpkin Pops

November 23, 2011—no meal—Happy Thanksgiving!



Stewardship Campaign Moment continued...by Dollene

I told you Sunday, that they should never give me a “moment” to talk. As Paul Harvey always said, “and the rest of the story is...”

Each of you chose a key from the basket Sunday. Needless to say, each key was unique: some younger than others, some rusty from disuse, some not quite whole and not one would work until inserted into the opening for which it was created.

As you held the key and recited after me, “If it is to be, it’s up to me. I am the key.” You were responding to my questions how we keep the doors of Azle Christian church doors open, the lights on, and the love of God going out, considering the dire financial situation our church is in.

As you prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment for this next year, remember the 3 T’s- Time, Talent and Treasure. Those in charge of creating the budget for the church’s next fiscal year need a realistic picture of our financial prospects as we continue to be the body of Christ. At the same time, if we truly believe that we are doing God’s will at Azle Christian church, we will listen to His voice as He tells us exactly what kind of key we are and what opening we are to fill

The opening might be a financial one as you prioritize God’s work in your own individual financial budget. It might be a Time opening-teaching a Sunday school class, leading Children’s church on Sunday morning, mowing the grass, weeding the flower bed, helping with our upcoming art sale, joining the Ministry of the Interior midweek prayer group on Wednesday morning (Have you checked out our Facebook page?) . It might be choosing from any of the myriad of opportunities. As you peruse the list of choices on the Time and Talent sheet that comes with the Stewardship campaign pledge card, remember that your key opened a door, a trunk, and started an ignition. You are not limited to only one check mark on that sheet.

As for the Talent part of the 3 T’s, where does yours fit? Maybe you don’t see an opening for your specific talent, BUT you do see a need that we as a church are not filling but that you and your talent can begin-No talent? God doesn’t see it that way You are fearfully and wonderfully made As the saying goes, God doesn’t make junk He does, however create individuals with ears to hear, hearts to love and hands and feet to do His work on the earth today. After all you are the key!

With bowed head, Dollene Price



Beginning November 13, the bulletin and newsletter will contain our annual Poinsettia order forms for this Holiday Season. Be thinking of whom you would like to memorialize and honor with your poinsettia order.

New Prayer Requests

On-going Prayers Requested

Debt Reduction Campaign	Maedell Long, Dannie Davis' friend	Stewardship Campaign
Benjamin Davis & parents Brenda & Frank, Davis' family	Bob Upchurch	Family & friends of Christine
Emily Bohannon, Hudmann's friend, brain tumor	Jan Richardson, friend of Grogan's	Hollerich, Susan Miller's daughter
Sherrilan Williams, mother passed away	Gordon Watson, Lisa Lingo's grandfather, leukemia	Ivan, Katie Carlson's friend's son, recovering from surgery
Larry Jones	Linda Wilson	Bobby Langley, cousin of Marcus Grogan, passed away
Nell Brackin	Ralph Christman	Ida Knight
Nan Daniels	Helen Womack	Audrey & Vancil Trammel
Brock Powell	Linda McCreary	Paul Reed
Jerry Clay	Gloria Harrison	Ruthie Addington
Sheila Richards	*Marie Sutton	*Russell Eagleton
*Sandra Bishnoi	*Ricky Stults	*Patsy Clay
*Leah Vann		*Pauline Cowan
		*Jack Cowan
		*Lodema Botts

Notice:
We will list family and friends for one month, unless notified otherwise. If you feel they should be listed longer than that, please let us know.

Serving in the military: Ryan Stults' friend, Sam Hollis, Afghanistan; Chad Tidwell, San Antonio; Spruill's grandson, David Collins, San Diego; Brandon Carroll, Persian Gulf Iraq; Matt Huddleston, Korea; Jonathan Hendricks, Afghanistan; Jared Curry, Afghanistan

Costa Rica Mission Trip
June 29-July 8, 2012

June 29, 2012 is months away but the planning for the Mission Trip and reserving airline tickets needs to happen before the end of 2011. If you are interested in the trip, you need to fill out a registration form. Forms are available in the church office. The deadline for turning in the forms is **November 15, 2011**. A deposit of \$65/person is also due at that time. Rush Creek Christian Church has a number of people who are already committed to the trip! It is going to be a wonderful and blessed time of serving God. If you have any questions please contact Jan at 817/307-7693.



2nd Annual Christmas Gift Market

Azle Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Nov. 12th 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Booth fees benefit Azle Christian Church Youth Group

For information contact

Ludonna Tipton 817-832-0754



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*"We are a Christian community that loves
God and our neighbor, where everyone is
welcome at Christ's table. God accepts you
just as you are and so do we."*

Lectionary 11.06.11
Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Lectionary 11.13.11
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30