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Hey Everybody,

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday full of food, family, and rest. It's easy in life to get so busy that we do not realize all the blessings that God has given us, and we forget to be thankful; however, Thanksgiving usually gives us the time and rest that we need to be reminded of all the good things in our lives, and to whom we should offer our thanks.

Anyway, I hope that your break was good, but now we are back in the swing of things until Christmas. There will be a Youth Mission trip meeting for parents and youth (Chi Rho-CYF) this Sunday, after the Congregational meeting, and after the Deacons meeting. If you are going on the mission trip this coming summer, you need to be there to get all the information.

After the Mission Trip meeting, Parents of JYF-CYF, feel free to leave your kids with us because we will go to lunch and then we will make our Christmas Soap. We could also use a few parent volunteers to stay and help (Krista and I are usually ok by ourselves, but now that she's pregnant it's a little more difficult).

So since the youth are making our Homemade Christmas Soap, it goes without saying that we will be selling our Christmas Soap. We still have a few bars left over from our last batch, and we will be making more, as well as making soap baskets. Soap is \$3 a piece or 2 for \$5. If you would like a gift basket which comes with two soaps, and a candle (sorry we can't find the tiny loofahs any more, they quit selling them), all nicely wrapped and nicely packaged for Christmas, then just let us know and we will put one together for you. Also if you would like a specific fragrance that we sell and we do not have it the day you come to buy some, fill out and order form and order as much of it as you want. All the proceeds from our youth Soap fundraiser go towards our Heifer mission trip next year, so please come and support our youth and buy some homemade soap. Everyone needs to stay clean anyway, might as well help out both your church and your hygiene at the same time.]

I wanted to take a look at the upcoming youth calendar. There will be youth this coming Sunday, December 4th. On December 11th during the normal youth time, there will be the all church Christmas party, but we still want to meet for youth. So Krista and I were thinking, we will all stay after church to make more soap (which we would be doing anyway), and during that time before the all Church Christmas Party, we will have our own Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange. So everybody, bring some sweets, some drinks, and a goofy, ridiculous, gift (wrapped up!) and bring it and we will have a good time. Remember the gift must cost under \$5, and is best if you bring something that you already had at home that you don't want anymore. December 18th there will be no youth group meeting. My family is coming in town that weekend for Graduation, and we are doing our Christmas thing then since they will all be out of town. So enjoy that day with your family. December 25th, there will be no youth obviously because its Christmas. Youth will resume its normal schedule on January 1st, New Years Day, if that is agreeable to everyone. If not, no worries, we can just start back up January 8th.

That's all I know for now. I hope you all have a blessed week, and I hope to see you all on Sunday.

God Bless

David Christman

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BUDGET REPORT




Budget Needs Per Week	\$3,679.00
Received November 13, 2011	\$1,963.35
Received November 20, 2011	\$2,448.00
Received November 27, 2011	\$4,584..50
Received Year to Date	\$154,341.24
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$175,388.75
Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$21,047.51

Attendance Report

Sunday, November 20, 2011	Sunday School	40
	Worship	80
Sunday, November 27, 2011	Sunday School	45
	Worship	74
Average Year to Date	Sunday School	48
	Worship	80

December 4, 2011

Worship Leader	Rick Seeds
Table	Nancy Robbins
Bread Elder	Mark Hiles
Wine Elder	Diane Weger
First Greeter	Sandra Gallatin
Second Greeter	Linda Gardom
Deacon	Harlan Tidwell
Deacon	Krista Christman
Jr. Deacon	Autumn Jacobs
Acolyte	Madison Howell
Children's Moment	David Christman
Children's Church	Susie Hiles
Visitation Team	Dollene Price & Nancy Robbins
Home Communion	Mark Hiles & Krista Christman

December 11, 2011

Worship Leader	David Christman
Table	David Christman
Bread Elder	Dollene Price
Wine Elder	Dannie Davis
First Greeter	Cat Schlueter
Second Greeter	Katie Carlson
Deacon	Eddie Weger
Deacon	Barb Upchurch
Jr. Deacon	Cassi Sellers
Acolyte	Isabelle Piercy
Children's Moment	Anne Cummings
Children's Church	Chelle Jacobs
Visitation Team	Dannie Davis & Katie Carlson
Home Communion	Dollene Price & Katie Carlson

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



WORSHIP MINISTRY

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:

A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.

An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.

A loss of interest in judging other people.

A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.

A loss of interest in conflict.

A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)

Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.

Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.

Frequent attacks of smiling.

An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.

An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it. -- Anonymous email

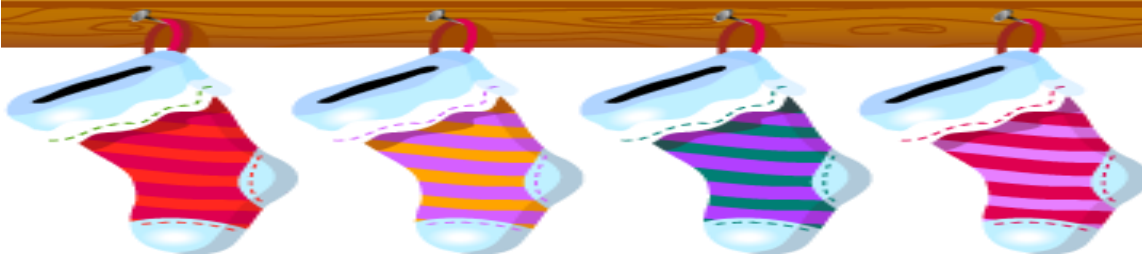
Praying that each of you have a blessed and joy-filled Advent/Christmas season!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Immediately after worship service on Sunday, December 4, 2011,
there will be a Congregational Meeting
to approve a budget for 2012
and

to vote on the recommendation for Interim Ministry to be
presented by the Interim Minister Search Committee.
Please make plans to stay for this very important meeting.





PDO Christmas Wish List

The Parent's Day Out Program is moving right along. We have six children now and several more that have called and are waiting till after Thanksgiving to come by and check the program out. I am very excited that we are growing. I have put together a Christmas Wish List for the PDO for some items that we would like to have.

- Large Legos (Duplo)
- Lincoln Logs
- Doll House
- Crib Sheets
- Puzzles (peg puzzles and interlocking puzzles)
- Play Doh (cookie cutters)

If you can help out with any of these items it will be greatly appreciated/

Thank you ,
Jana Howell



LAST CHANCE!

TO ORDER

POINSETTIAS

TO HONOR OR REMEMBER

LOVED ONES

DECEMBER 4, 2011

**ORDER BLANKS AVAILABE AT CHURCH OFFICE
OR AVAILABLE AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4.**



Senior Minister Search Committee

The church Board has approved a Minister Search Committee composed of Susie Hiles as chair, along with Anne Cummings, Jan Flavin, David Jett, Cat Schlueter, Lynda Scott, and John Williams. This committee will begin their search immediately after the approval of an Interim Minister.

Please keep this group in your prayers as we move through this time of transition.

LOST and FOUND

A pair of men's slacks, a shirt and a pair of dress shoes were found in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone belonging to them can pick them up, *no questions asked*, in The church office.

Thank you,
Little Sister of Lost Articles



ELDERS MEETING

*December 7 will be our yearly Christmas outing.
We will start at Benny's at 6:00 PM
And go from there.
Bring your "green stuff".*

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



Mark your calendar!

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 18th

From 8:30 to 11:00 am

Sponsored by the Costa Rica Mission Trip Team.

Please join us for breakfast and help support our Costa Rica Mission Trip for Summer 2012.

Making Preparations

It's that time again.

Time to prepare for that holiday season. Just don't forget to prepare your heart. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of black Fridays and Cyber Mondays, we get caught up in our list for what to get for each person on our list. Don't forget to put ACC on that list. There's no need to rush out to the mall or the gadget store or even to order online. What is needed is a prayerful, thankful heart that wants what is best for our church and its vision for the Azle community as well as the world beyond. What ACC needs is your gift of time and money. I'm sure you also have looked at our under budget intake of funds.

Just like each of us, the church is struggling. Are you cutting back on the Christmas gifts you're giving or on the amount you're spending on each person? Is there a way you can give just a little more to your church this year.

Remember YOU are the KEY!

Just wondering, Dollene

New Member/Baptism

We Welcome to the Family of God and the Congregation

At Azle Christian Church

Kale Sweet

Birthdate: February, 20, 1993

Membership date: November 27, 2011

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Opportunities for service:

The church has received a request for help from a community member who needs a car to get back and forth to work in Saginaw.

For more information contact Dollene Price

There will be an Angel Tree this year. Some requests have begun to arrive. Dannie Davis is coordinating.

New Prayer Requests

Don Fowler, JPS hospital, tests
 Julia Gardom, Ken Gardom's mother, hospital
 Family and friends of Juanita Cudd

Charles Sweet, Kale Sweet's grandfather
 Family and friends of James Ray Harris
 Britany Wilson, friend of Anne Cummings

Family and friends of Emily Bohannon
 Cassi Sellers, recovering from surgery
 John, son of Nancy Conwell Davis, friend of
 Linda Gardom

On-going Prayers Requested

Debt Reduction Campaign
 Dollene Price, test results
 Benjamin Davis & parents Brenda & Frank, Davis' family
 Emily Bohannon, Hudmann's friend, brain tumor
 Sherrilan Williams, mother passed away
 Rhonda Newkirk, bone marrow transplant
 Jeanne Atchison
 Janice Hutton
 John Tadlock
 Larry Jones
 Andrew Price
 Nell Brackin
 Nan Daniels
 Brock Powell
 Jerry Clay
 Sheila Richards
 *Sandra Bishnoi
 *Leah Vann

Maedell Long, Dannie Davis' friend
 Bob Upchurch
 Jan Richardson, friend of Grogan's
 Gordon Watson, Lisa Lingo's grandfather, leukemia
 Chuck Harrison
 Larry Admire
 Linda Wilson
 Ralph Christman
 Linda McCreary, treatment
 Helen Womack
 Barbara Whaley, recovering
 Gloria Harrison
 Dennis Wynn
 Kate Nelson
 *Marie Sutton
 *Ricky Stults
 ♦ Lodema Botts

ACC Search Committee
 Family & friends of Christine
 Hollerich, Susan Miller's daughter
 Ivan, Katie Carlson's friend's son, recovering from surgery
 Bobby Langley, cousin of Marcus Grogan, passed away
 Ida Knight
 Marjorie, Tom Arber's sister
 Carla Hein & family
 Audrey & Vancil Trammel
 Paul Reed
 Ruthie Addington
 Nell Brackin
 Carolyn Woodall
 *Russell Eagleton
 *Patsy Clay
 *Pauline Cowan
 *Jack Cowan

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.





Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

Rev. Dr. Ken Hall, preaching

&

Congregational Meeting

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011

Children's Party

4:00 PM



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Community**

*"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 12.04.1

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Lectionary 12.11.11

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28