

Church of God of Exeter

2020

Annual Report

EMERGING FROM THE DARKNESS

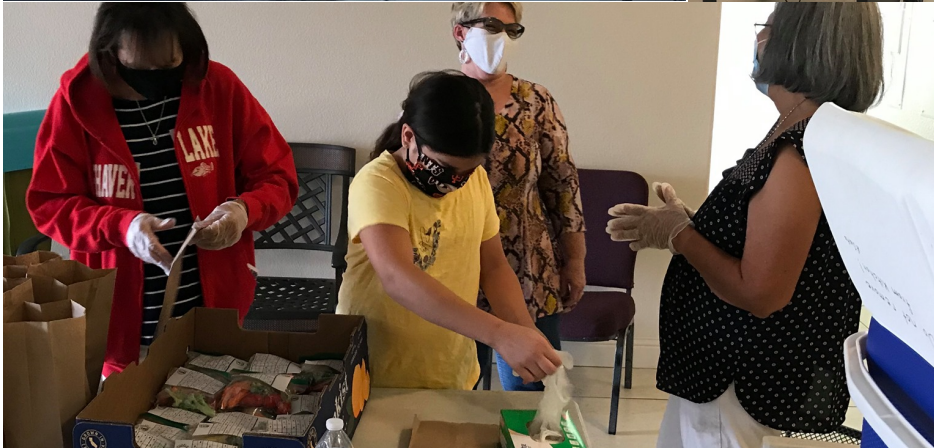
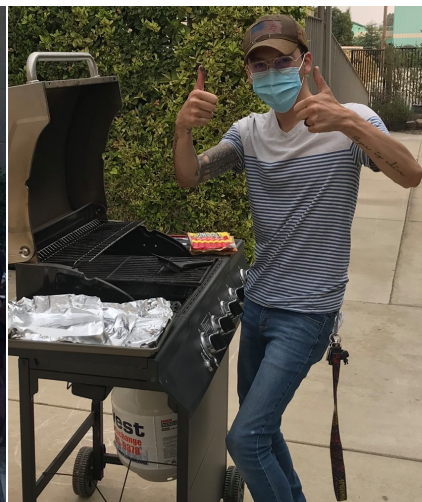


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STATE OF THE CHURCH

Notes & Remarks from Pastor Brandon

Emerging from the Darkness

A Vision for the Present and Beyond

Brothers and Sisters,

This past year has been a rollercoaster of a year for all of us and for our family of families. We have seen chaos, we have experienced division, and we have dealt with loss. However, this is not our end to our family of families missional efforts here in Exeter and beyond. Despite the chaos, division, and loss there has been victory and there is more victory upon the horizon. In this, there are years, I would argue many years to come, for the continual missional efforts of our church for Christ's kingdom.

God is not finished with us yet.

In this, it is pivotal for us to remember the truth of our born again nature in Christ. Jesus says in Matthew 5:14-16,

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

I hope this to be an ethos of sorts, a motto, a marching order for us as we boldly move into 2021. It is time to shine for Christ. It is time to shine for the Kingdom of God. We have begun to do this by various means and in various things this year by living out our missional values.

With Jesus: We have begun to emerge from the darkness and be a light for Christ in this world through the safe and strategic reopening strategy of our facility for the purposes of the communal worship and adoration of Jesus Christ as well as disciplining and encouraging one another to grow in Him. Reclaiming the ordinances of baptism and communion, reclaiming our togetherness, reclaiming our communal praises and prayers, and reclaiming the joint endeavour of hearing and responding to messages from God's Word.

We plan to continue emerging from the darkness by continuing to properly plan and execute how to safely and strategically reclaim other missional discipleship activists in person like the Family Discipleship Program and the re-emergence of the Underground in person, which have continued well through this period of darkness with the help of online platforms like Zoom.

In Community: We have emerged from the darkness and are being the light for Christ in how we are continuing and doing everything in our power to maintain the bond of peace brought to us in Christ through various initiatives and efforts. Over the course of 2020, we have celebrated the emergence of multiple new small groups, home groups, and Bible studies, most of which are meeting online and plan to continue to meet this way. Some are just now returning after the great pause caused by this year, and more just now forming in person and online; growing stronger and deeper community connections and bonds for us with one another.

We have even been able to see the emergence of other fun family oriented things like our Family Trivia Night and our Kid's Tuesday Zoom calls; allowing our families to stay connected in fellowship and prayer with one another beyond their small groups.

On Mission: We have been recently emerging from the darkness and are being the light for Christ in the focus on the return to our missional activity for God's Kingdom as God's people here in Exeter and beyond. Like our 9/11 Give Back to first responders, our partnership with Mustard Seed for the Drive-Thru Trick or Treat, our partnership with E.M.A. (Exeter Ministerial Association) to help prepare 100 food boxes with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Meal, and our continued partnership with organizations like Samaritan's Purse, MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers), and Heart to Honduras.

In all of this we will continue to build off of and build up to the calling Christ has given us as His church to truly ***"Become God's family for the sake of revival."***

Coronavirus has placed a shroud of darkness over this world, and the enemy would be happy and glad if we would just bury our heads in the sand. Of course, there was a time for caution, there was a time for reevaluation, and there most definitely is and still will be a time of change. For now, this is the time for positive groundbreaking change. Now is the time for us, God's church, to continue to emerge out of the darkness and be the light He has created us to be.

Jesus says we are the light of the world. He doesn't say we will become; WE ARE! It is time for us to live out being this light again here in Exeter and beyond. We entered into 2020 with the intentions of strategic planning for the future and a revitalization of our missional outreach focus, and the coronavirus hit. It hit hard, but where many saw defeat and despair, this was not our defeat nor was it a call to despair. Rather, it is a call to rise up and be the church God is calling us to be. One that makes Him the center and subject. Going forth on His mission of the reclamation of all that Hell has stolen. By living in the way of Jesus.

We are to be the children of light. Making more and better disciples, because we will let our light shine before others, and they will see and know God is good and give Him glory, honor, and praise.

Ultimately we are very much still in the process of discovery, but the time has come and we have already begun to emerge from the darkness and to be the light. So much of

2020 has been focused on maintaining what was, and now the time has come to evolve and change into what will be. The time has come to emerge, to burst forth from the darkness in the power and name of Jesus Christ.

The time of waiting and uncertainty must come to an end. The time to be has come, and we will be doing and focusing on just this as a family of families as we burst forth into 2021. Being the church. Being the light. Being missionary disciples here in Exeter and beyond. Partnering with local community outreaches, churches, and spurring one another on to love and good deeds. Not so we would look attractive, but in this Jesus' name would be lifted high and given glory by many, which when we look to Jesus' own words in the Gospel of Matthew is His very intention of us becoming.

It has been a difficult year, but this year is not our last, or even close to our last.

With this all being said it brings me great joy to present you the rest of this report.



Pastor Brandon Zoll

WHO WE ARE

CHURCH of GOD of EXETER

WE ARE A FAMILY OF REVIVALISTS

Continuing to Seek and Take Part in the Next Great Revival

Despite how this past year has unfolded who we are has not changed. Here at Church of God of Exeter we are a community of believers who have experienced that the best way to live is with Jesus, in community, and on mission. Found in the heart of Central California, we are becoming God's family for the sake of revival. Through thick and thin, we seek to be a family of revivalists. In the places we are planted, we seek to make disciples who make disciples. Until Jesus returns in glory, we are going to Exeter, Tulare County, the Central Valley, and the Ends of the Earth.

OUR VISION: BECOMING GOD'S FAMILY FOR THE SAKE OF REVIVAL

OUR MISSIONAL VALUES: With Jesus | In Community | On Mission



Our three core missional values lead us to three identities that frame how we see our purpose and place within the greater framework of God's Church.

- **WITH JESUS**, we are **EMPOWERED REVIVALISTS**
- **IN COMMUNITY**, we are a **FAMILY OF FAMILIES**
- **ON MISSION**, we are **EVERYDAY MISSIONARIES**

WHO WE ARE

Our identity as a church is defined by God. In that we seek & love unity, holiness, and the presence of the Spirit of God. These are the key components and reasonings for the Church of God Reformation Movement, Anderson, Indiana that we were birthed from.

We love revival, Exeter, and investing in leaders because, as a local entity, Church of God of Exeter has fought for these things for over 100 years. We value discipleship, mission, and movements because we see these as essential to the Church to flourish in our day and age. We value gathering in small and big spaces, but we also value scattering locally and beyond because we see the New Testament church moving that way. All of this weaving together to make us who we uniquely are today in this time and space.



2020 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

December 6th, 2020 ~ 11:30am ~ Family Life Center

OPEN FORUM

- The Board of Trustees present
 - 2020 Income / Expense Reports
 - 2021 Proposed Budget
 - Other Updates
 - Covid Discussion
- Q&A

Annual Business Meeting

1. Open Meeting / Prayer
2. Voting Requirements
3. Minutes (to be accepted)
4. Introduction of Tellers
5. Ballot Presentation (to be ratified)
6. Voting
7. Adjournment

Results will be posted at a later time on the Church website & Facebook.

CHURCH OF GOD OF EXETER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 24th, 2019

The Annual Business meeting was held after church at 11:36 a.m. George Bjarke opened the meeting prayer.

George Bjarke introduced the current Board of Trustees members and those up for ratification – Tammy Dirdak(termining out), George Bjarke(termining out), Pat Jackert, Helen Sietz, Julie Watson, Jeff Harmon and Ray Grim. George introduced the two new member Andrew King and Mark Hellwig up for ratification.

George introduced the current nominating committee members and those up for ratification, Roger Wilson(termining out), Crystal Adams(termining out) Cindy Grim, Lori King, Will Brown, Danielle Bejarano(2nd term), Patricia Thompson(2nd term), and Nichole Magana(1st term).

George read from the bylaws the qualification requirements for voters with scripture references.

Doreen Wilson moved that we make a special allowance and allow the Zoll's to vote. Patricia Thompson seconds. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Greg Thompson to accept the 2019 annual Business Meeting Minutes. Ron Watson seconded. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Daren Lasky to approve the Special Called Business Meeting. Charlotte Grim second. Motion passed.

George introduced the tellers – West Grim, Daren Lasky and Donna Sperry.

George went over the ballot: Board of Trustees, Nomination Committee, 2020 Operating Budget and proposed by-law changes – to be ratified.

Members voted.

Results of Ballot:

Board members Ratified: Andrew King(1st term) and Mark Hellwig(1st term)
Nomination Committee members Ratified: Danielle Bejarano(2nd Term), Patricia
Thompson(2nd term) and Nichole Magana(1st term)

Daren Lasky moved to adjourn meeting and Charlotte Grim second. Motion carried.
George Bjarke prayed and dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Dirdak, Secretary Board of trustees 2019

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

From the By-laws of the Church of God of Exeter, January 24th, 1999.

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2. ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

The eligibility for voting in any business meeting of this church shall be restricted to those who meet the following requirements:

- They shall be **sixteen (16) years of age or older.**
- They shall have **worshipped regularly** with the local congregation for a period of **at least six (6) months** immediately preceding any meeting at which they exercise the right of voting.
- They shall have lived during this period of six (6) months in **harmony with the purpose, mission, and accepted standards of the Church of God of Exeter**, California, and in harmony with the General Assembly of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana. The accepted standards are those found in the following scriptures: *Matthew 22:37-39*
- The voter must be a **Christian by profession and experience.**
- They shall have **financially supported and served the Church of God of Exeter on a regular basis.** *Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7*

VOTER ELIGIBILITY SCRIPTURES

Scriptures from Article 1, Section 2 of the By-laws

English Standard Version

Matthew 22:37-39

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Malachi 3:6-12

“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

2020 Income & Expenses / Statistics

January 1st, 2020 ~ October 31st, 2020

CHECKING ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND

Balance To Date	\$149,448.30
Contributions and Other Income	\$226,773.60
Expenses	\$226,020.00
Net Income	\$753.60
Projected End of Year Income	\$270,000.00
Projected End of Year Expenses	\$265,000.00
Projected End of Year Net Income	\$5000.00

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Beginning Balance 2020	\$90,808.59
Balance To Date	\$94,630.92

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Beginning Balance 2020	\$29,112.37
Balance To Date	\$29,133.54

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

2020 To Date Average - Data Unavailable - COVID

2019 Average - 115
2018 Average - 124
2017 Average - 154
2016 Average - 175

AVERAGE GIVING

2020 To Date Average Giving per Attendee - Data Unavailable - COVID

2019 Average Giving per Attendee - \$2,817
2018 Average Giving per Attendee - \$2,600
2017 Average Giving per Attendee - \$2,336
2016 Average Giving per Attendee - \$2,325

2020 Budget / Actual To Date

January 1st, 2020 ~ October 31st, 2020

Category	Budget	Spent	Projected
CHURCH OPERATIONS			
Utilities	\$16,360.00	\$13,614.38	\$15,838.96
Taxes & Insurance	\$10,060.00	\$4,983.45	\$5,909.44
Facility Maintenance	\$21,600.00	\$15,062.88	\$17,793.12
Renovation Payment	\$50,000.00	\$33,968.97	\$40,259.52
CHURCH OPERATIONS TOTAL	\$98,020.00	\$67,629.68	\$79,801.04
ON MISSION			
Local	\$5,000.00	\$462.52	\$800.00
Regional	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
National	\$1,500.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,500.00
International	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00
ON MISSION TOTAL	\$18,500.00	\$11,277.52	\$14,300.00
MINISTRY			
Worship	\$3,500.00	\$2,738.05	\$2,600.00
Youth	\$6,000.00	\$1,116.75	\$1,200.00
Children	\$6,000.00	\$1,004.78	\$1,100.00
Adult	\$6,000.00	\$331.08	\$400.00
Leadership Development	\$4,600.00	\$1,126.98	\$1,200.00
Equipment & Supplies	\$37,380.00	\$22,770.24	\$25,000.00
MINISTRY TOTAL	\$65,360.00	\$29,087.88	\$31,500.00
PERSONNEL			
Staff Salaries	\$157,400.00	\$111,429.75	\$131,016.50
Personnel Benefits	\$6,000.00	\$1,919.80	\$2,546.41
Personnel Taxes & Workers Comp	\$16,600.00	\$4,681.37	\$5,897.38
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$180,000.00	\$118,024.92	\$139,460.29
BUDGET / ACTUAL TOTAL	\$360,000.00	\$226,020.00	\$265,061.33

RENOVATION LOAN & KAWEAH FARM

January 1st, 2020 ~ October 31st, 2020

RENOVATION LOAN

2020 Beginning Balance - \$358,180.09

Principle Paid - \$13,201.50

Interest Paid - \$20,767.47

2020 Balance To Date - \$343,728.68

KAWEAH FARMING

January 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2020 Expense - \$46,672.05

January 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2020 Income - \$54,821.50

January 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2020 Profit - \$8,149.45

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Breakdown, Percentages, & Totals

Category	Budget
CHURCH OPERATIONS	
Utilities	\$15,565.00
Taxes & Insurance	\$6,500.00
Facility Maintenance	\$19,100.00
Renovation Payment	\$45,292.00
CHURCH OPERATIONS TOTAL ~32.24%	\$86,457.00
 ON MISSION	
Local	\$1,500.00
Regional	\$6000.00
National	\$600.00
International	\$5,400.00
ON MISSION TOTAL ~4.59%	\$13,500.00
 MINISTRY	
Worship	\$2,550.00
Youth	\$1,500.00
Children	\$1,500.00
Adult	\$800.00
Leadership Development	\$2,200.00
Equipment & Supplies	\$28,850.00
MINISTRY TOTAL ~ 13.88%	\$37,220.00
 PERSONNEL	
Staff Salaries	\$124,400.00
Personnel Benefits	\$2,000.00
Personnel Taxes & Workers Comp	\$5,800.00
PERSONNEL TOTAL ~49.30%	\$132,200.00
 2021 BUDGET TOTAL	 \$269,377.00

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Category Explanations

CHURCH OPERATIONS

Utilities

Natural Gas, Electric, Water, Telephone Service, Internet

Taxes & Insurance

Property Taxes, Casualty Insurance

Facility Maintenance

Lawn Care, Maintenance, Custodial Supplies, Custodial Services

Renovation Payment

Principle, Interest

ON MISSION

Local

Funeral, Ministry Outreach Events

Regional

ChoG Central California, Central District Projects

National

ChoG National - Anderson, Indiana

International

Honduras

MINISTRY

Worship

Materials, Equipment, Decoration

Youth

Resources, Leadership Development, Special Events

Children

Supplies, Curriculum, Events

Adult

Miscellaneous Adult Ministry, Women's Events, Men's Events

Leadership Development

Leadership Development, Background Checks, RightNow Media

Equipment & Supplies

Kitchen Supplies, Postage, Office Supplies, Accounting Expense, Printer Lease & Supplies, Church Equipment, Vanco Credit Card Processing Fees, Tech Support, Web Hosting

Category Explanations Cont.

PERSONNEL

Staff Salaries

Lead Pastor, Director of Family Life, Office Manager, Broadcast Specialist

Personnel Benefits

Ministry Staff Professional Expenses,

Personnel Taxes & Workers Comp

FICA, Medicare, Workman's Comp. Insurance

2020 Special Voting Procedures & Annual Meeting Procedures Due to Covid-19

As we will be taking a formal vote during our Annual Business meeting we will be allowing those who are unable to attend due to Covid concerns to drop off their ballots in a sealed envelope at the church the evening of the Annual Business meeting from 5pm to 7pm. Our tellers and a representative of the board will be present to accept and tally your ballot. Results will be announced after all ballots from those present at the meeting and dropped off later have been formally counted the evening of the 6th on our Church website www.chogexeter.org and Facebook page.

Only the official ballot found on page 18 of this document will be accepted for voting purposes.

BALLOT - 12/06/2020

Board of Trustees (3-Year Terms)

Tammy Dirdak (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Alicia Handley (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Patricia Thompson (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Returning Members:

Ray Grim, Jeff Harmon, Mark Hellwig, Andrew King

Nominating Committee (2-Year Terms)

Julie Denni (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Sam Dirdak (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Laurie King (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Darin Lasky (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Gregg Thompson (1st Term) ___ Yes ___ No

Returning Members:

Danielle Bejarano, Nicole Magana

2021 Operating Budget ___ Yes ___ No

RESOURCES TO STAY CONNECTED

It is so easy in this day and age to fall out of connection with one another, and our desire is to provide you with every opportunity possible to help each other not let that happen. There are numerous ways to stay connected to what we are doing and where we are going. We hope the information below points you in the direction of being fully connected and resourced.

Social Media & Web



www.chogexeter.org



[/chogexeter](https://www.facebook.com/chogexeter)



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JOIN THE SOCIAL MEDIA MISSION TEAM!

Our world is now connected via social media and the harvest is ripe. Here are some simple ways to contribute on our Social Media Mission Team:

- **CHECK-IN ON FACEBOOK** on Sundays and when you gather with other people from our #FamilyOfFamilies
- **USE OUR HASHTAGS** as you post- #BecomingGodsFamily #ForTheSakeOfRevival #WithJesus #InCommunity #OnMission #FamilyOfFamilies #EverydayMissionaries #Planted #StoriesOfRevival #
- **SHARE OUR POSTS &** add your own personalized comments
- **WRITE STORIES OF KINGDOM REVIVAL** from your own life and the lives around you.
- **CREATE MEMES** for sermon quotes, sermon series and ChoGE events (make sure to use our hashtags!)
- **TELL EVERYONE ABOUT OUR FACEBOOK LIVE FEED** by sharing the posts and telling people you meet where and when to find it.

Make sure to check out our website to find numerous resources and information that is updated weekly. From sermons and blog posts, upcoming events and happenings, information on how you can launch a home group, how to devote yourself in prayer for particular people, and how to grow in your faith and reading of the Word of God. All of this information and all of these resources are available to you for free on our website.

Giving

We have multiple, simple ways to give. use the ways that work best for you to give generously and regularly.

GIVE ONLINE: Schedule secure reoccurring gifts from your credit card, debit card, or straight from your bank account at www.chogexeter.org

GIVE BY TEXT: Schedule secure reoccurring gifts from your credit card or debit card by texting a dollar amount (\$100) to 559.529.6387

GIVE BY ENVELOPE: Use the tithe envelopes in our chair backs to give by check or cash. Take a few extra home with you to prepare your regular giving in advance.

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If you haven't already, make sure to sign up for RightNow Media, which is a free gift from your family of families to you. RightNow Media is like the Netflix of Christian Bible Studies. It gives you access to thousands of videos, bible studies, and kids videos all designed to encourage and engage you in your faith throughout the week. Having trouble studying the Bible? RightNow Media has videos for that. Having trouble keeping peace in your home? RightNow Media has videos for that. Worried about what your kids may be watching on TV? RightNow Media has videos for that. Struggling in your day to day life finding fulfillment? RightNow Media has videos for that. Ultimately if you are dealing with something most likely RightNow Media has a video just for you.

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