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Planting a Church

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I've contemplated and prayed about planting a new church for many years. I envisioned a church that nurtured spiritual growth and had a strong desire to reach the lost for Christ. In May of this year I began praying about starting a church in Buchanan. In June, I met for prayer and Bible study with a few folks seeking God's direction. On June 25, we held our first church service in Solomon's Community Center. Attendance usually runs between 15-30 people each Sunday. I consider it a privilege and honor to be the pastor of this new fellowship and I've been enjoying getting to know the amazing people God has led to Community Church.

Flash Prayer

Unity for the Community

Community Church organized Flash Prayer downtown Buchanan on October 8, 2017. Flash prayer is similar to a flash mob, but rather than meeting in a public place to sing or dance, we pray. Other churches were invited to join us for this time of prayer in front of Buchanan Town Hall. We had a good turn out and spent 30 minutes lifting up our community, schools, area churches and town/county leaders. .

Four Week Series on Prayer

Flash Prayer followed a four week sermon series on prayer. The first week was titled *How to get your prayers answered*. Near the end of the service Pastor Bryon issued a challenge to spend the next 21 days journaling prayer and passed out journals for all who accepted the challenge. The next three weeks were followed up with sermons titled; *Hearing the voice of God, Pray without ceasing and, Why aren't you praying?*

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Christ-Centered Support Group

In October we started a 12-Step Christ centered support group for people struggling with addiction. The group format is similar to that of NA & AA with the exception of an emphasis on Jesus as the foundation of recovery.

People struggling with any type of addiction such as, drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling, etc. are welcome to attend. Our goal is to create a safe place for folks to come and heal. The group meets every Sunday night at 6:30 PM.

STEP 2
We Came to Believe
That Jesus could restore us to Sanity

Praise Team

Three months of praying for a praise team paid off! In the first week of October worship service was led by our new praise Team.

The team, which is led by Steve Arrow, has grown to six members. We are still praying for other musicians who play guitar, piano and drums to join them.

Steve has the team practicing once a week and music is a combination of contemporary music and old time hymns.

---- Upcoming Events ----

Operation Christmas Child

There is still time to participate in this ministry. If you would like to fill a shoebox for a child, please have it dropped off in the sanctuary by November 19th. We'll be praying over the boxes on the 19th and Pam Coloton, who is our Operation Christmas Child coordinator, will deliver them to the drop off location.

Church Family Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday November 19th we'll have our Thanksgiving meal directly following church service. Please bring a

dish to share with everyone and invite a friend.

Angel Tree

We'll be participating in the Angel Tree Ministry this year. Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives you an opportunity to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. We will have an Angel Tree party for these children in the latter part of December (date TBD). For questions see Teresa Rothwell who is the coordinator.

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday December 24th at 6:00 PM we will have a Christmas Eve Service. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this special time. There will be a Christmas play followed by a candle lit service. If you're interested in participating in the play please see Steve Aaron.

Thanks to everyone who helped out during Mountain Magic Festival

At Mountain Magic Festival we had a booth selling baked goods. This was a fundraising event; however it also gave us the opportunity to introduce the church to the community. Thanks to all the people who sat at the booth and those who donated baked goods for the event.



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