

# AC3 Special Edition

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NEWSLETTER

## AC3 IS AT A CROSSROADS.

Good news! 10 years after being birthed, AC3 has experienced the kind of growth that now leaves us with some serious **CHALLENGES**:

**PROBLEM:** our auditorium seats 170 people comfortably. We now regularly reach that limit in Connection and Community service leaving no room for new people.

**PROBLEM:** the parking lot has only 30 spots meaning many newcomers may give up after failing to find a convenient space on their way into our building.

**PROBLEM:** the lobby is jammed with 100+ people in a space made for 50, leaving no room to breath and no clear path into the room (and no room for a latte' stand!).

**PROBLEM:** key staff members both paid and volunteer have offices in shoe boxes, others have none at all.

**PROBLEM:** our youth and young adult ministry have no space of their own, a critical need as we re-launch youth programs this fall with a new youth intern.

**PROBLEM:** electives/small groups/classes and seminars compete every week for the ONE existing education room.

**PROBLEM:** our community outreach programs and distribution center serve 100 people a week operating off site in space that's too small.

**PROBLEM:** Kreek Kids classes are often at maximum capacity and double as offices and storage areas.

**PROBLEM:** on site storage is reaching critical mass, spilling over into staff offices and hallways.

## HOW CAN WE MEET THIS NEED?

We must expand our space. We believe God is leading us to a **SOLUTION**: Acquire a 20-30,000 sq/ft pre-existing facility on 5+ acres. *Then...*

**WE CAN:** double our auditorium size to see 500-750 people a weekend, while improving excellence with a larger stage, aisles and drama wings.

**WE CAN:** greatly expand our on-site parking to match the size of our auditorium, removing the worst obstacle for AC3's new attenders.

**WE CAN:** have a lobby that will accommodate service egress and ingress, while also giving us a safe place to meet friends joining us for church or just hang out.

**WE CAN:** put our staff in more functional offices that allows them to be more efficient and have conference space for staff meetings.

**WE CAN:** give our students and young adults their own space, greatly enhancing outreach and spiritual growth opportunities with the next generation of seekers at AC3.

**WE CAN:** Schedule more than one elective or class any day of the week, accommodating more spiritual growth opportunities.

**WE CAN:** bring our community outreach center back on campus, expanding what they can do and increasing the opportunity of connecting their clientele back to AC3.

**WE CAN:** reduce congestion in Kreek Kids and make the spaces more conducive to learning.

**WE CAN:** reduce crowded look on site and in offices, giving us a cleaner and more professional look for newcomers.

WE CAN OVERCOME ALL OF THIS...



**In fact,  
if we all help,  
we can do it with God's help.**

...AND ACHIEVE ALL OF THIS

- without losing the "safe place" feel of our vision and values
- without anyone being asked to do more than is reasonable

## THE PLAN

To meet our space needs in two phases:

**PHASE ONE** – alleviate our congestion as soon as possible by moving into a preexisting building or warehouse similar to our current facility only double or triple in size, preferably rent to own.

🕒 **Timeline: 18-24 months**

**PHASE TWO** – move toward a long term facility by either purchasing the phase one facility if adequate or putting money down on property or other long term facility.

🕒 **Timeline: 36 months.**

## HOW DO WE START?



### YOU ARE NEEDED!

Accomplishing these facility goals will be a major stepping stone that will define AC3 for years to come. *Our ability to fulfill our mission is dependent upon having the facilities and the financial stability to reach deep into our community and change lives one heart at a time.*

It's a huge undertaking that begins now, with an information and inspiration campaign to saturate AC3 with the needs and opportunities in front of us. This will hopefully motivate us all to sacrifice to meet those needs and opportunities with bold faith.

## WHAT ARE WE CALLING THIS?

This project is about increasing our space, which will require raising funds – no question – but this will really be about raising our ownership in the Kingdom of God. So we felt led to name this campaign: **AC3 ALL IN**. “All In” says we are committing our whole lives to God’s purposes in this world; it says we’re not afraid to take a faith risk; and it *also* says, we need space so others can get in on what God is doing here.

We want everyone at AC3 to get **ALL IN**, so that others can get **ALL IN** to experience the forgiving love of God.

## WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Your chance to be a part of AC3 ALL IN is coming soon! If we all accept a small piece of this project, we can get this big job done.

We will each have the opportunity to serve on one of several teams that will be organized to help spread the word about AC3 ALL IN and show people how they can respond. No one will be asked for an unreasonable amount of time. We’ve also paid a consultant who’s done this before to help train and prepare us for every task. *And no one will be expected to nag anyone for money.*

Will you consider how critical this project will be to our future as a church? I hope that you will and when the chance comes to get “ALL IN” you won’t hesitate!

## THE AC3 ALL IN LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Campaign Leader

James Brooke

### Coordinator

Julie Lamascus

### Enlistment

Dan Hazen & Deb Jarnagin

### Print Communications

Tina Tang

### Visual Communications

Michael O’Haegher

### Special Event

Sharon Allender

### Student Activity

Tom Ross & Ryan Summers

### Response

Karen Campbell

### Prayer Team

Wayne Clinton

### Contact Leader

Jen Dobesh

### Information Meetings

Tod & Lennie Corser

### Children’s Activity

Twila Crain

### Hospitality

Celia Brooke

### Follow-Up

Chuck Hendrichsen

### Advanced Commitment

Peter Tang

## WAYS FOR YOU TO GET "ALL IN"

### INFORMATION MEETINGS

These will be times we cover details of the campaign in small groups and other meetings at the church or other homes. At these meetings the printed material and visuals will be distributed, and every AC3'er will be given time for Q & A and the challenge to prayerfully consider how they will respond. We need homes and organizers. (Tod and Lennie Corser)

### CONTACT CALLERS

This team will make sure that everyone at AC3 has a chance to attend an information meeting to hear all about the need and the project. We need callers who will be responsible for 10-12 calls - no one will be asked about money. (Jen Dobesh)

### VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

This team will be putting together a professional video for use in the information meetings and celebration. This will creatively chart AC3's past and present the challenge and opportunity this campaign presents for our future. People with skills or equipment in video production will be needed. (Michael O'Haegher)

### PRINT COMMUNICATIONS

This team will put together professional handouts and materials for use in the information meetings. This will creatively paint the picture of AC3's vision and the challenge and opportunity this campaign presents for our future. People with writing or graphic design skills will be needed. (Tina Tang)

### HOSPITALITY

This team will be responsible to host the celebration party in the new year (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>) that will culminate the campaign. They will make sure everyone at AC3 is invited to the dinner and will also serve as hosts and hostess at the event. People who love food and hospitality will be needed. (Celia Brooke)

### SPECIAL EVENT

This team will be responsible to program the celebration party in the new year (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>) that will culminate the campaign. People who love planning parties, games and activities will be needed. (Sharon Allender)

### RESPONSE CALLERS

This team will call every household that belongs to AC3 to remind them to turn in a commitment card that indicates their response to the campaign need. The results are not known or discussed with the team members, merely a reminder to receive them all in time for Celebration Sunday (Feb 19). (Karen Campbell)

### PRAYER TEAM

This team will meet regularly to pray for AC3 and the success of this campaign. AC3 has never taken a big step of faith without also experiencing a share of adversity. We need a team committed to pray through the challenges that will come and keep us focused on God's involvement. (Wayne Clinton)

## WHY MAKE CHANGES?

AC3 is a great place. People like how safe we are. But look around you! Over here is a room too crowded with Jr. Highers to be functional. Over there is a group of adults who have no place for the class they started. Here is a seeker who needs a chair, or to find a parking spot with minimal effort, but it's uncomfortable - they might not return. Here are a couple of friends who need a place to talk or pray after service but they can't even find room to sit, the crowd is so tight. Some students might

be willing to check out church but meeting in the "kiddy" space isn't cool.

Families, people, spiritual seekers, are trying to find a place to belong at AC3. The truth is, often finding that spiritual place literally comes down to finding physical space. So if God has called us, will we not step out to overcome the obstacles to our vision? No question, God has to do the heavy lifting, but every time God promises a miracle I've noticed, he asks his children to step out in faith.

*Now is the  
time, AC3.  
Time to get  
ALL IN, so  
that we can  
get others  
ALL IN!*