

JAN/FEB 2008

Got Questions???
Investigation
 Six Week Class

Starts
JAN 27th



Sunday after
Connection Service

A lot of people attend AC3 with little or no church background. That means there are a lot of questions to be asked!

INVESTIGATION gives you a chance to find the answers to tough questions about Christianity, like: "How do I know the Bible is true?" and "Why does God let bad things happen to good people?"

You'll get real answers. Answers that can satisfy your heart AND your mind.

Is there someone you're thinking of right now who would benefit from having a safe place to ask those questions?

Check out all our Quest classes at <http://www.ac3.org/quest.htm>

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AC3 INVESTIGATOR

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Who Do You Love? (WDYL) Starts in Community

When we catch a movie, read a book or watch a TV show, most of us tend to relate to the hero...to the good guys.

I think the same holds true when we read the Bible. We tend to relate to the people who do the right thing...the good guys, the one's who "get it".

For example in Matthew 11 when Jesus says, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the *wise* and learned, and revealed them to little children." I always picture the stuffy and self-confident "bad guys" standing slack-jawed in front of Jesus, while I stand behind him with an expression of disdain saying "YEAH!... what he said!"

But recently I got schooled. By a beer commercial. Yes, a beer commercial!

You see we're ALWAYS talking about how to "do church" better around here. How to "BE" the church, and it was one of those days when I was having a conversation with God about stuff like that: "Lord...how can we help

AC3'rs grow in the ways you've commanded? In this day and age of materialism, suspicion of organized religion and a dying acceptance of objective truth...how do WE do this!?"

Remember now, my unconscious thought is that I'm standing right beside Jesus himself...I'm "in the know" ... I'm "his man" I'm feeling just a little *too* "wise and learned"...and that's when the beer commercial comes on.

Samuel Adams runs a thirty second spot in which they tell us that every single one of their employees (over 350) from the head of their legal department, to the their newest sales rep., learns how to brew beer. Before they begin their regular jobs at Sam Adams, all 350 of them actually boiled the water, add



Living Waters

AC3's international outreach group made it's debut in 2006 but took on a fresh enthusiasm after a group of ten AC3'rs took a trip to Africa in OCT '07. They were moved by the many needs they saw and how open Malawian's were to the message of Christ. Our new global friends grasp the benefit of building a growing society on Biblical principles.

LW is planning a return trip to Malawi in the summer or early fall of 2008. Contact David Epperson 360-652-3139 or tenikobj@wavecable.com to find out how to join the team. An informational and planning meeting is being set for **Sunday Jan. 27th** after Connection. Check out the Community Care pillar in the AC3 lobby for *LW* updates.

If caring for others across the globe interests you, please contact one of our *LW* Leaders: John Hosner, Johnna Thiessen or David Epperson.

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New Member Welcome
1/26 in Community



Hoo Doo Art Crew

Starting sometime in the New Year, on the 2nd & 4th Mondays 7-9 PM, we will be creating a space and providing materials for artists who want to create pieces reflecting their experience throughout our WD4L series. They will also be given opportunities to present their work at the end of each of the three "LOVE" segments.

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the hops and the barley, and did whatever else is required to brew beer. It was the first thing they learned when they came on board. Everybody.

Why? Because beer making is what the organization is all about. It's what they LOVE. Everybody involved in the organization should understand what's required to do it right.

Like a flash it hit me: "AC3 is in the "business" of making disciples. That means we LOVE God, Love the Church and LOVE the Lost (Matt22:38-39)...and by golly, we should ALL learn how to make disciples!"

Then, just as potently (though a little later), it hit me: "Hazen...you just got schooled by a beer commercial. "Who are you now?" I asked myself, "one of innocent little children Jesus talked about, or one of the arrogant elite he was ridiculing?"

A beer commercial. I got owned.

Fast Forward to January 2008. AC3 is embarking on an unprecedented journey....

We're launching a church wide endeavor called "Who Do You Love?" based on the Great Command to LOVE God and LOVE people. We'll be asking the church, and all of us as individuals, "Who do You Love?"

This is a critical question. Jesus said, "Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt 6:21). In other words, whatever you put your time, your talent and your money toward... THAT'S what you love.

If Sam Adams SAYS that they love making

beer, but the company spends all it's time and massive corporate power on making video games....which do they REALLY love?

In the same way, If AC3 SAYS it loves God and that we love people, but all our resources are spent on other things, well then we've discovered a problem.

The question, "Who Do You Love?" runs much deeper than what it might seem at first, and as a church, we're going to ask it of ourselves.

From January 2008 through July 2008, we will join in more than just a sermon series - this will be a recalibration toward doing and being the kinds of people Jesus commands us to be: GOD Loving, CHURCH Loving and LOST Loving. It will touch nearly every part of church life and will give us the opportunity to experience a greater sense of unity, among other things.

Here are just a FEW of the highlights to the *HooDooULuv* series:

- ☐ Weekly message notes, resources and personal activities.
- 🎧 3 separate ALL CHURCH Dish-Mixers. These are combination classes/shared meals.
- 📖 "Who Do You Love?" website with even MORE resources, and on-line community. **Coming soon...www.wdyl.ws**
- 🗣️ Regular opportunities to PARTICIPATE in teaching and creative expression.
- 👉 Special event opportunities to APPLY what we learn.

AC3, together we will ask the question, "Who Do You Love?" And together, we will explore the answers.



Dan Hazen - dan@3.org

Men's Forum

at Allen Creek Community Church from 7 to 9pm
on Tuesday evenings. Snacks and refreshments are provided.
Sorry no childcare available.
Questions contact James Brooke 360-631-4498

January 8th	Blessing from God
January 15th	Influence for God
January 22nd	Power from God
January 29th	Protection by God

Born where and when: Everett, a long time ago ☺, really Sept. 9, 1959

Family stats: Wife to Ron, mom of Kristi, Rachel and Stefanie

How I became a Christian: AC3, Mark & Debbie Holland

Spiritual gifts: Surprise...Administration, Helps

Education: MPHS Grad & an Associate's Degree in data processing. For you young people, that's Information Systems now.

How I landed at AC3: Amanda Holland and my oldest daughter played softball together.

FAVORITES:

Music: Anything but rap

Movie: Chick Flicks

Restaurant: The Pink Door @ Pike Place Market

Food: Italian

Cartoon Character: The Road Runner

Place: My Bed, I love to sleep

Book of the Bible: Philippians

Book I am currently reading: Seven Rules of Life by Wayne Cordeiro

One thing I can't stand: When people don't grow up and into their full potential.

How I spend my free time: With my family, usually at a sporting event.

Say "Hi" to.....



Julie LaMascus is AC3's Office Administrator and is naturally gifted for her position. She has strong administration skills which helps keep the office organized and the AC3 staff running in the same direction.

She has been married to husband Ron for almost 29 years and has three grown girls; Kristi, Rachel and Stefanie. The entire family is BIG fans of the Silver Tips hockey team and also enjoy watching and attending NASCAR racing events.

Julie is a home-grown AC3'r as she made a decision to follow Christ while attending AC3 nine years ago. She started serving in the church office out of her love for God and was later hired at AC3.

She also co-leads a women's small group named Joyful Hearts. Stop by the office and say hi!

Most embarrassing moment: No way am I telling that!

Best childhood memory: Riding go karts and mini bikes in new housing developments before houses were built but roads were in.

Best gift ever received: Go Kart

I would love to meet: Kyle Petty

If I could do life over: Wouldn't change a thing.

I would describe my faith as: Growing

I would appreciate prayer for: AC3 financial challenges with ALL IN.

What I would say to the people of AC3:

"Julie speaking, how may I help you?"



New Year's Resolution

*He came to my desk with quivering lip, The lesson was done.
 "Have you a new leaf for me, dear teacher? I've spoiled this one!"
 I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted And gave him a new one, all unspotted.
 Then into his tired heart I smiled;
 "Do better now, my child."
 I went to the Throne with a trembling heart; The year was done.
 "Have you a New Year for me, dear Master? I have spoiled this one!"*

He took my year, all soiled and blotted, And gave me a new one all unspotted.

Then, into my tired heart he smiled;

"Do better now, my child!"

*Author unknown
 Submitted by: Mildred Koop*

New Year, New Roles

The new year brings with it new roles for a few AC3 staff and fellow AC3'rs.

◀ Dan Hazen - Executive Pastor. His new job will help free Rick up to do more teaching by overseeing general AC3 operations and by helping to facilitate long-term strategic planning. Commissioning - Jan. 5/6th in Community Services.

◀ Jenn Bartlett—Youth Director. Oversees our 6th-12th grade ministries.

◀ Larry Fish - Lead Custodian. In charge of AC3's cleaning and maintenance teams. He will help organize interior and exterior maintenance such as janitorial, mowing, general repairs and special event set up, etc.

◀ Tani and Karree Aguirre - Lead Cleaning and Supply Order Team

◀ Chrissie Clementson - Community Worship Director

◀ Bill Butler - Connection Music Co-Leader



Sole Sisters Run in the New Year!

On Jan. 1st, several AC3 families ran or walked in the New Year. This all fitness levels event was followed with cocoa, coffee, bottled water, fun and prizes.

For other Sole Sister work-out activities, contact Becky by email, solesisters@ac3.org or call 360-652-3139.

**Mark Your Calendar!
 BEST HOUR Meetings**

Won't you join us for some fun and planning?

Kreek Kids Team & Parents

Jan. 9th & Feb. 13th ~ Wednesdays @ 7 PM

Contact Twila 360-659-7335 twila.allencreek@verizon.net

Kreek Kids Web Page: www.ac3.org/kids.htm



Ask the AC3 Answer Man

"The men's retreat was a major turning point in my life and it was there that I got my life back on track"

Michael O'Haegher
2007 Retreat

RYM-Restored Youth Ministries

6th-12th grades
meet Sundays
@ AC3 6:07 PM
www.ac3.org/youth.htm



Wow! RYM has been a busy group during the fall of 2007... myself included!!

I'll keep it brief cuz there's a lot!!

Lookin' Back...

OCT - RYM's First annual FALLOUT Retreat happened @ Warm Beach! 30 KIDS showed up for the weekend, we had an amazing time playing games, worshipping and learning more about our amazing God!!

- Joren, Jaden & Jenn leave for close to 3 weeks for a life changing experience in Africa!

NOV - Student Leadership Team (SLT) gets started. SLT planned first all student lead Youth night!

DEC - SLT lead night goes off without a hitch! Fun was had by all and leaders enjoy the night off ;)

- Youth invaded the Blake's house for their Christmas party!! 25 kids showed up to this fun night of celebration... we made gingerbread, watch Christmas movies, and my favorite WHITE Elephant!!

- All girl sleepover was held at Jenn's and of course was a blast :)

Men's Weekend Retreat: 'DARE TO GO THERE' Finding Your Purpose and Walking in Your Identity **Feb. 8th-10th** (Friday 6:00 pm - Sunday noon) At the Homestead (between Snohomish and Monroe) \$91 per person. Scholarships available. Interested: Please pick up a tri-fold from the info center, fill it in and return. Call James Brooke 360-631-4498 for all the details.

Crossing Over



The Paranormal Musical
Connection Services
January!



Coming to Connection

in February 2008

Prozac Nation

- Be thinking about who you're gonna invite to our JAN/FEB Connection services!

Get Connected www.ac3.org

Lookin' Ahead!!!

In the next couple of months we have some great opportunities for Students and Adults to jump on board and get involved.

JAN - SLT/ Leaders Meeting: Jan 6th after 2nd Service

- SLT interviews: Call Jenn to set Time! (if you want to be a student leader, ya need to meet with Jenn, Tod or Twila).

- **Parent/Student Night: Jan 20th 6-8 PM**
Event led by SLT and RYM Leaders.

Q: Is there any new information or updates in regards to ALL IN and where we are in the construction process with the new AC3 building?

A: During the first week of January, plans will have been finalized by our architect and submitted to the city of Marysville for permits and approval. Immediately following this process, construction bids will be taken. The building committee will then start making cost evaluations and deciding what the next best steps are for AC3. In the meantime, let's keep praying for God's will in the process and for those who are ALL IN as *The Adventure Continues...*

Q: How can I get ALL IN?

A: Check out <http://www.ac3.org/allin.htm>. Here you can download ALL IN newsletters, updates, check out special event pictures and even download your own ALL IN Boarding Pass. It's never to late to get ALL IN!

Have a question for the AC3 Answer Man? Want to know why we do what we do? E-mail him at tenikobj@comcast.net or call 360-659-SEEK.



- Leader Appreciation Dinner : Date TBA
- YAB (Youth Advisory Board) meeting:
Jan 26th 4 PM (if you're a parent and want to give some input for youth stuff, this is the place for you!!)

As you can tell God is doing some amazing stuff in Restored!

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