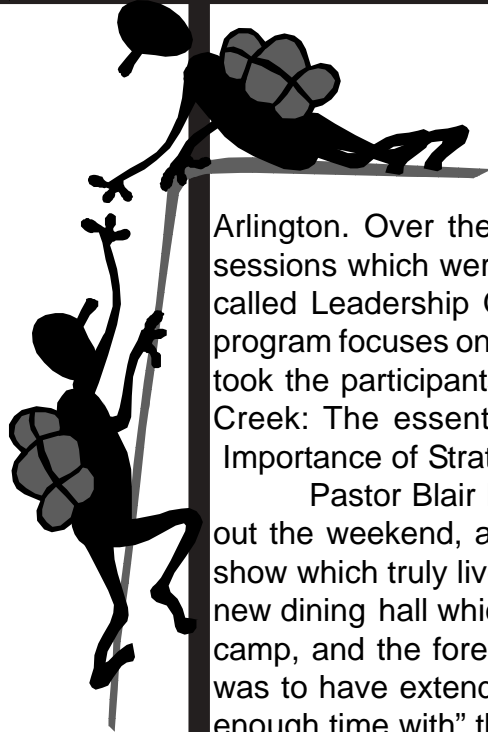




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VISIONCAST: ONE HAND UP, ONE HAND DOWN

VisionCast is Allen Creek's annual retreat for those who want to take an active role in advancing the mission of the church in the coming year. In August, during the Pause, VisionCast took place at Camp Brotherhood - located in the "wilds" of Northeast Arlington. Over the course of three days, Allen Creekers participated in group sessions which were based on a brand new leadership training development tool called Leadership QUEST. Modeled after AC3's discipleship path, QUEST, this program focuses on taking the next step of discipleship: Leadership. Six presenters took the participants through the details of what it means to be a leader at Allen Creek: The essentials of Biblical Leadership, The Character of Leaders, The Importance of Strategy, Leadership Challenges, and more.

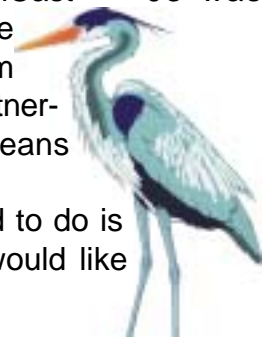
Pastor Blair Bates from Peachland B.C. lead the group in worship throughout the weekend, and on Saturday night, everyone was treated to an anti-talent show which truly lived up to its name! Meals were served buffet style in the brand new dining hall which featured a splendid view of the small working farm at the camp, and the forested hills beyond. Many people commented on how sweet it was to have extended time with their fellow AC3'rs who they "never seem to get enough time with" the rest of the year. Look for more information on VisionCast on page 4. We hope to see you there.

BUILDING A NEW BATCH OF LEADERS

The Elders, Board and Staff of Allen Creek have heard a clear and resounding call from God: "Grow up the next batch of leaders for my Church!" Too often leadership gets confused with "authority" or titles like "President" and "Manager". That's not the kind of leader God is talking about. God calls leaders to BE someone, not to DO something. Leadership at Allen Creek, or in any Biblically functioning Community is not based on what you know or who you know, but on a deep and abiding surrender to God's transforming power in the leader's life. It is out of a transformed life that leadership naturally flows.

IF **Leadership QUEST** sounds intriguing to you -VisionCast 03 was simply the beginning of Leadership QUEST. Allen Creek will be beginning a new comprehensive leadership training program comprised of four seminars, as well as numerous small group/partner-based gatherings, that will cover the full scope of what it means to be a leader in the church of Jesus Christ.

If you're interested in Leadership QUEST - all you need to do is contact an existing Allen Creek leader - let them know you would like to participate, and they can guide you on to the next step.



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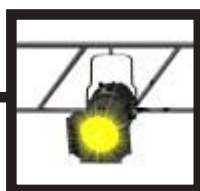
THE JOURNEY~ EXPLORATION

Do you find yourself wishing you could interrupt the Pastor on Sunday morning with questions? Our first stage in the Quest series is the **Investigations** Class and it is designed just for you. Bring all your questions about God, The Bible, evolution, spirits, good and evil, etc. to Investigations. We will begin Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 6:30 in the upstairs education room. We will meet every Wednesday evening for 6 weeks. Don't worry it's not too late to join this class!!

Foundations, the second stage in the Quest series will kick off in November. This 12-week class gives you the A to Z of Christianity. Keep watching the Quest column in the lobby for more details.

Dozens of people have experienced the life changing principles and practices contained in the third and final stage of the Quest Exploration series, **Applications...** now Quest Applications is easier for anyone to experience! A new expanded version of Applications will be launched Saturday night, October 4th at 7:30pm after Connexus. All of the best parts of what makes Applications so great are staying: Learning personal Bible study skills, how to pray, personal worship, roles in the church and experiencing true community. But in addition to all that - learn more about how you PERSONALLY fit into the church, as well as a detailed look at what it means to be part of a Biblically functioning community. The maiden voyage of the NEW Applications will take place in a group format beginning October 4th!

Most exciting of all - Applications has been redesigned so that it can be offered year round by small groups or even individuals! That means that if you've always wanted to experience Applications but your schedule didn't allow for it - you will have MORE Chances to experience it early next Spring!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER CONNEXUS/CONNECTION



October Connexus/Connection Service

"The Big Game"

October 4,5 ~ Church people are hypocritical

October 11,12 ~ Church people are judgmental
and very legalistic

October 18, 19 ~ Church people are mean and
intolerant.

October 25, 26 ~ Church people think they are
exclusive and are narrow-minded

UPCOMING TOPICS

November Connexus/Connection Service

"Attitudes"

November 1/2 ~ Accept the Good Bad News

November 8/9 ~ Healing Your Broken Heart

November 15/16 ~ Letting Go of Control

November 22/23 ~ Secrets of Satisfaction

October Community Service

"New You"

October 5 ~ Your New Identity

October 12 ~ Your New Way of Battling Sin

October 19 ~ Your New Master

October 26 ~ Your New Glory

November Community Service

"Characters"

November 2 ~ David (Failing King)

November 9 ~ Elijah (Discouraged Prophet)

November 16 ~ Deborah (Unassuming Judge)

November 23 ~ Moses (Tongue-Tied Leader)



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

As many Allen Creekers enjoyed the Pause with a more relaxed agenda, there was a team of volunteers who felt called to use their time and talents to create a fresh new look in our nursery and preschool areas. From a 360° wall mural of Jesus brought into the 21st century, to a more traditionally painted stencil of the Noah's ark story in the nursery, creativity flowed freely.

It was truly a team effort that brought these artistic projects to completion. Sarah Imholt helped get the initial project rolling while others came along and kept the momentum moving throughout the month of August. A special thanks to our artist, Linda Englet and Craig Turner our carpenter, who made the finished project possible. Others dedicated to this artistic endeavor included Noelle Greenwood, Jessica Wightman, Janae Imholt and Jen Dobesh.

Kreek Kids has a fresh new look and these room improvements are a great cause for celebration. But there's even more reasons to celebrate! New programs, teachers and classroom activities are being implemented throughout our Kreek Kids program and are sure to be a hit with children and their families.

If you would like more information about Kreek Kids, it's programs or how you can support Kreek Kids or possibly join our ministry team, please contact one of our Department Directors listed below. Stop by the nursery or preschool room to see the renovations close up or check out our fall Kreek Kids newsletter at the following link.

http://ac3.org/kky_news/kk_newsletter_fall03.html

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

KK Director - Twila Crain twila.allencreek@verizon.net
 Check-In and Safety – Kathy Imholt kathyimholt@hotmail.com
 Nursery – Noelle Greenwood nlgreenwood@highstream.net
 Toddler – Jen Dobesh jendobesh@aol.com
 Preschool/Kindergarten – Sue Byers sbbgat@msn.com
 8:45 AM Biblemax (1st-5th) – Dee Turner daezhavue@juno.com
 10:30 AM Kidz Zone (1st-5th) – Trina Perry mtperry02@yahoo.com



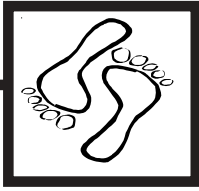
TEEN SCENE

Wyldlife a Middle/Jr High School age non denominational group will be kicking off their club on Tuesday October 7, 2003. Wyldlife will meet at the Griffins for fun, games, skits, and great things to talk about! If you are in need of a ride, be sure to contact Ted Corser at 425-334-8064 for carpool arrangements. Bring your friends!!

Planet Wisdom Student Conference is right around the corner! Who is the REAL Jesus? October 10-11, 2003. The cost to participate is \$40.00. Save your space with Twila at twila.allencreek@verizon.net.

For more information on the student conference, check out our PACT Newsletter at http://ac3.org/kky_news/y_act3_news_fall03.html.





FOOTPRINT ANALYSIS

SEEDS OF GRACE ~ seedsofgrace@ac3.org

Seeds of Grace comes together to help Allen Creekers connect in several ways. They provide outreach services to the community through Master Feast to providing a family who may be in financial need opportunities and assistance in getting help. Seeds of Grace has many programs going on right now. Check the lobby column for their current activity.

School Supplies

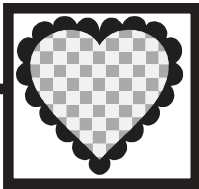
School Supplies are available for those who are needing them.

Free Breads and Pastries

Seeds of Grace ministry offers free bread and pastries every Saturday from 10 AM - 12PM at AC3. Help is always welcomed!

Master's Feast

Seeds of Grace hosts a dinner every third Tuesday of the month at Word of Life Lutheran Brethren Church. Volunteer drivers, kitchen helpers, setup/breakdown, cleanup crew & communicators are always welcome.



GRACEFUL CONNECTIONS

EXCHANGE, SHARE & SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED

My name is Amy Stapay. I am new to AC3. I am going to be returning to school, hopefully in October to obtain my teaching certificate. I need someone who can watch my children every other Saturday morning from about 7:30 to 1:30 PM, while I am in class. This can occur in my or your home. I am willing to transport and provide my children their lunch. I cannot pay a whole bunch, but I can trade childcare for childcare. My email address is Amystapay02@aol.com.

HELP WANTED

We need DONUT help! Would you be willing to volunteer to cut, prepare trays, and clean up after the Sunday Connection service? If you are interested, please e-mail Judi Getty at tj.getty@verizon.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Creative Arts Team is looking for musicians, vocalists, actors and actresses, techie types for audio and visual support and support staff. If you are interested, please contact Johnna Thiessen jrteason@verizon.net

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

If you're looking for a way to make a positive impact on the next generation, we're looking for you! Help mentor a student, sponsor a small group or make a difference by hanging out with students on Thursday night. Contact Twila Crain at twila.allencreek@verizon.net.

FIRST IMPRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Are you on a tight schedule? Consider joining our First Impressions Team. You can serve at AC3 during our Sunday morning services by directing traffic, general on-site cleaning, greeting and more. There is a place for you in one of our many operational teams! Contact Judi Getty at tj.getty@verizon.net

NANNY POSITION

Care for two girls ages 10&15. You will be needed 9 to 11 days a month from 3:30 pm-8:00am on school days. Non-school days hours will be arranged. Days will vary depending on firefighter's schedule. You will be expected to drive, help with homework, transport to sports activities, and school events. Food and sleeping arrangements will be provided. Salary will be based on experience and knowledge. References and background check required. Contact Russell Colmore 425-513-5755 or cell/pager 425-330-0403. Home is located in Mukilteo.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Rotating teacher and helper positions open in our Preschool Department Contact Twila Crain at twila.allencreek@verizon.net.





ON THE DOCKET

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOOD \$ENSE

October 25, 2003 ~ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Money lures with its power and promises and then, like a traitor, sabotages our lives and dreams. Come, learn how to break free from the financial bondage holding you at our **GOOD \$ENSE BUDGET COURSE.**

There is a \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple materials fee. Scholarships are available. **E-mail Chuck at AC3GoodSenseMinistry@worldnet.att.net** for more information.



More than just a class...
It's parenting for the REST of us...
Hope for creating lasting change
Skills to get started
Support to make it happen

this course is FREE

4 weeks of classes begins October 3 6:30-8:00 pm
childcare for infants through 5th grade provided
For more information call : (360) 659-7335



Trading Spaces

Looking for a place to get connected? Do you watch the show every Saturday night? Why not get together with some others and enjoy some food and good company too! Beginning Saturday, September 6th at 7:30pm AC3 will host a "Trading Spaces Get-together".

Interested e-mail Chandra at youwin3@juno.com



Losers- a weight loss group, starts a new book in the First Place series. There will be an orientation meeting Monday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm. Need more information? contact Ruth Braden at Rebraden1@aol.com.



Why should you mark your calendars for **August 27th 28th and 29th 2004**? Who schedules stuff a YEAR in advance? People who don't want to miss NEXT year's AC3 VisionCast, that's who! Almost 70 people experienced THIS year's VisionCast, and they are looking forward to next year's as well. You could be there too!

"I really loved the experience. It gets me excited about the coming year. The Lord is working mightily here and I am blessed to be a part!"

"...I came away feeling equipped, supported, loved and proud to be part of a God-lov'n church and a seeker-lov'n community!"



COMING INTO FOCUS

A small group is simply this: a group that has formed out of common desire to be a community. People who share a common interest, characteristic, need, or point of view are said to have affinity. These affinities are what bring some people together in groups. People who want to have real and lasting relationships usually build small groups.

Be sure to check in with the groups if you are attending for the first time to find out where they are meeting.

Men's Group

- ❖ **Men's Breakfast Group** – Open to all men – Meets Wednesdays 6:30 AM at AC3. This is a time for prayer and fellowship.
- ❖ **Take a Bullet** – open to all men whose marriages have been changed by infidelity. They meet Tuesdays at 7PM. For more information contact Dan Hazen at dan.allencreek@verizon.net.
- ❖ **Fight Club** (discipleship for men) – Society tells us one thing about being men. Media tells us another. What does God say about man-hood? Get together with other guys who want to know...and change. Meets every Monday evening at 7PM at Tom Ross's house. For more information Contact Gabe Getty at (425) 754-0002.

Marriage Groups

- ❖ **Jackson's Marriage and Family Group** – meets Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:00 PM. For more information contact Michael Jackson at jacks01@gte.net or (360) 691-5232. Please call before attending.

Women's Groups

- ❖ **Full Circle** – For the young at Heart. Meets Thursdays at 11 AM at various locations. For more information contact Helen Lawson at allen.creek@verizon.net.
- ❖ **Corser Bible Study** – This group meets every other Thursday evening at 7 PM. For more information contact Lenni Corser at tlcorser@yahoo.com.
- ❖ **Joyful Hearts** – A women's only bible study. Meets Thursday at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Cheri Anderberg at Cheronaa@yahoo.com or Julie LaMascus at jlamascus@ac3.org.

More Groups

- ❖ **Alpha Group, Looking for answers?** The Alpha Group is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. They meet every Thursday at 6:00pm contact Dan Hazen at dan.allencreek@verizon.net
- ❖ **Losers** - A Weight Loss Group - Meets every other Tuesday evening. For more information contact Ruth Braden at Rebraden1@aol.com.
- ❖ **Senior High Ministries** (8th-12th Grades) meet at 7:00-8:30 pm at the shop. For more information contact Tom Ross at tnt8520@aol.com.
- ❖ **Middle School Ministries** (6th-8th Grades) meet at 9:00AM on Sundays during community service. For more information contact Tod Corser at tlcorser@yahoo.com.
- ❖ **Inductive Bible Study** – A 40 minute inductive Bible Study meets every Tuesdays (except the 3rd Tuesday of month) at AC3 at 7:15 PM. Contact Dee Turner at daezhavue@juno.com for more informatin.
- ❖ **The Prayer Group** - The prayer group meets daily at various times and locations. For more information contact Judy Emge at crystaldoor@juno.com or Jolene Mobley at jolenem@ac3.org.
- ❖ **Good Eats** - For those who love cooking! We meet the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM. We cook, we eat, and we have fun! For more information contact Judi Getty at tj.getty@verizon.net.
- ❖ **The Dew Crew** - 20-Somethings - Meets Saturday evenings after Connexus. For more information contact Jon Arneson at jona@pilchuck.net.
- ❖ **Stress Busters** – Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. For more information contact The Mobley's & Mavis Manton at hmobley@bigfoot.com
- ❖ **The Band** – For more information contact Dan Hazen at dan.allencreek@verizon.net.
- ❖ **The Adventure Group** - Outdoors & Hiking Activities. For more information contact Jan Hayes at 2jdhayes@gte.net
- ❖ **Sports Ministry** – The Sports ministry provides different contact sports throughout the year. Contact Michelle Bibich at m_bibich@hotmail.com to find out more information on current activities.
- ❖ **Celebrate Recovery** – A community of people working together to face all issues of recovery and spread recovery concepts to Christians and seekers alike. This group meets every Friday night upstairs at the church at 7 PM. For more information contact Mike Perry at mtperry02@yahoo.com

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