



Don't miss the Annual Meeting June 12th right after Connection!

Everyone is invited, active members will be voting on the 2005-2006 budget and elder selection.



Are you a curious person?

Do you love to know what's going on? Do you like taking notes and talking to people?

The newsletter team is looking for a reporter.

Interested???

Please call the church office at 360-659-7335 or

e-mail

julie@ac3.org



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Membership

The word is an obscenity to this generation. We're non-joiners. Membership. It smacks of artificial traditions, of exclusion. Membership. It reminds us of names on dusty roles, secret handshakes and phony rituals. It tells us that some are barred and some are welcome. "Membership has it's privileges", so non-membership must have it's penalties, right?

I can sympathize with this view of membership because I am after all a product of my culture just like all of us. I hate artificial legalities that hinder relationships. I dislike inauthentic regulations that unnaturally create boundaries.

But as I look to the New Testament, I'm confronted by the word membership numerous times and there, it is NOT an obscenity. It is not a negative concept at all! There, membership is a positive reality; an uplifting idea that challenges and comforts at the same time. Here's what I mean:

First the positive reality: "This mystery is that through the gospel ...we are MEMBERS TOGETHER OF ONE BODY." (Eph 3:6) This means that anyone who receives the good news about God's forgiving love thru Christ becomes a member of His body, the church.

Second the comfort: "No one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church - for we are members of his body" (Eph 5:29,30). So how does Jesus care for me, if I'm a member of his body? Through the other "body parts", the other "MEMBERS".

Third, there's a challenge to us members: "Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body" (Eph 4:25). In other words, I'm not just a member in Christ's body in some ethereal, spiritual way; I am practically a member, with responsibilities toward the other members of that body.

The bible doesn't ever mention, much less endorse the idea of Lone Ranger Christianity. Active "membership" in a local church is assumed. The "privileges of membership" are important, but the responsibilities of membership are equally so, for without us fulfilling our responsibilities to one another - NO ONE GETS ANY OF THE PRIVILEGES!

Your elders want this New Testament understanding of "MEMBER" to become normative for everyone at Allen Creek. Those who are members at AC3, are not those who are a part of a "secret club" - they are simply people who, having committed to Christ are now committed to his Body, the church and express that in practical ways. Meaning, they are committed to Loving God, Loving the Church, and Loving those Outside the Church.

Why wouldn't you want to step up to that level of commitment? We expect nothing of our "members" that the Bible doesn't expect of EVERYONE who follows Christ. If you are not yet committed to Christ, keep seeking, and know that if you do, membership in his body has it's privileges and it's responsibilities... and both will give your life tremendous purpose and support. If you want to pursue membership at AC3, contact me directly and I'll get you started!

-Rick

**Kreek
Kids:**



**Child targeted, family driven,
volunteer approved!**



June 3rd @ 6:30 PM - All Star Celebration Dinner

Join us as we celebrate our children and say thank you to our
dedicated children and youth volunteers!

For event details, check out: http://www.ac3.org/kk_inside_track/spotlight.htm



Looking for Grads

Do you have a student that is graduating in 2005? Are you that graduate? We are planning on honoring our seniors this year on June 12th during our 8:45 AM Community service. If you would like to have your student involved, please contact Twila at 360-659-7335 or by email at twila.allencreek@verizon.net for details as we are looking for a few fun pictures of them throughout the years.

What's Hot, What's Not.



Your Input Please!

The Kreek Kids Leadership Team would like to know your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to answer the following three questions. Your input can be sent by email to twila.allencreek@verizon.net or dropped off anonymously in one of the offering boxes. Just put your thoughts in an envelope and write 'Attention Twila Crain - Survey' on the outside.

What's Hot - What things do you see happening in Kreek Kids ministry that you are excited about? In your child's department?

What's Not - What things do you see happening in Kreek Kids that could be an area for improvement? In your child's department?

What's Next - If you had a dream for Kreek Kids, large or small, what would it be?

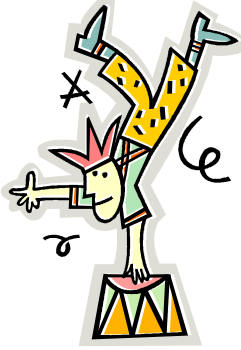
Thank you for helping make Kreek Kids the BEST HOUR in every family's week!

Kreek Kids Parent Update

Limited childcare will be provided during our Baptism Service held on June 5th during the 8:45 AM service. We believe that baptism is a special event that should be celebrated by adults and families of all ages. Because of this, three year olds and up will remain in service with the nursery open to 2 years and younger.

CHILD CARE

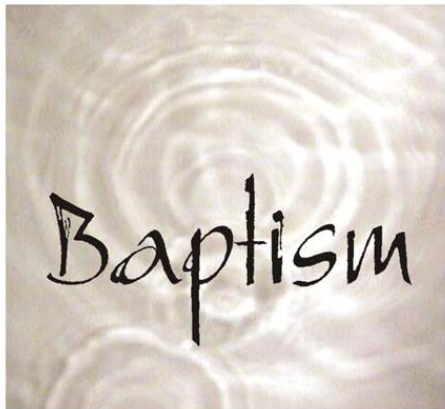
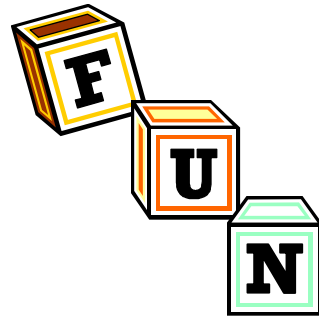
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When: Friday, June 24th, 6pm to Midnight
Where: Allen Creek Community Church
Ages: Nursery – 5th Grade

For more information:
Contact Brenda Casey at 360-652-7017

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Allen Creek
Community Church
June 5th
during our
Community 8:45 AM
Service

Child Dedication
June 26th
Community service

If you would like to have a child dedicated or participate in our Baptism please sign up in the lobby at the Information Center or contact the church office at 360-659-7335.

An Incredible Evening!

On May 6th, Kreek Kids ministries held an incredibly fun family night for AC3 families and their friends. Families enjoyed watching The Incredibles on the REALLY BIG screen and were treated to some incredible popcorn and 'super hero' snacks.

Special guests included the wild and wacky ACTS Man; the defender of the early church who baptizes new believers so fast they don't even get wet!

A Super Hero Contest attracted super heroes from all over the Marysville area. From short to tall, from young and old, heroes were zooming every where! Five special prizes were given away; two Incredible sticker books, a large Incredible popcorn tin, an Incredible clock and the Incredible movie on DVD.

Special thanks to Jen Dobesh, our Bodylife Director, and an INCREDIBLE team of parents and volunteers for making it a memorable family event! If you would like to help plan and serve at future family and friends outreach events, contact Jen Dobesh at 360-659-4101 <mailto:jen.dobesh@verizon.net> or Jenny Arlt at 425-397-6653 jarlt35@aol.com for information on how to get involved!

