

Creative Submissions

Dotted throughout this issue are special artistic submissions. If you have any poems, artwork, songs, etc. that you would like to submit, please send them to David@ac3.org.

Worship You

"Oh Lord we worship you  
 3 make you (Father, Son,  
 Holy Spirit)  
 so you can help me  
 my Lord you save me  
 so I will save you and your  
 pepl  
 we pras you, pras you my  
 Lord  
 You wander around over  
 days  
 you are holy, holy my Lord  
 You saved me so I am  
 saved".

Nathan Weier—age 7  
 Original Writing



Guess who said this quote while ordering dinner...

*"What is the difference between a half a chicken and a quarter of a chicken?"*

Submit your answer to David@ac3.org and if you are correct, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

# AC3 INVESTIGATOR

## Malawi Trip and Dessert Social November 25 at 6 PM

On October 8, 2007 a few hearty souls from AC3 embarked upon a journey for Malawi, Africa. This trip began at the Willow Creek Leadership conference in 2006 where Bill Hybels interviewed Bono, the lead singer of U2. In this interview, Bono told how his heart was hard against the church because of the inactivity and lack of involvement that he felt the church was giving to the poverty and AIDS crisis in Africa. Recently that view was altered as he saw different church leaders and churches become actively involved in the crisis and this caused Bono to reflect on his view of the church.

Hybels went on to tell how, until recently, his own thoughts and involvement were not toward the poverty and AIDS crisis but that all changed when he went to Africa. While there he experienced what Hybels calls, "a life changing experience" and since then he has devoted a substantial amount of time and resources toward this epidemic.

After hearing this interview, a few people from AC3 decided it was time to go to Africa and see for themselves. What made this trip a bit unusual was the fact that they brought along their children

ages 7 to 15. It was very interesting to see the reaction that the group received everywhere they went to their children. It seemed that people could not get enough of them and the children took to the Malawian children like ducks to water. It was a sight to behold.

While there, each of them was impacted in different ways to the plight of Malawi in regards to poverty and AIDS and each of them came home with a different perspective unique to their own way of seeing things. Some were taken with the extreme poverty, some with all the orphans that need caring for, some with a program called "micro-finance", and some with the impact of the local church on an area when it is unchained from political correctness and the separation between church and state. But all of them came home with the sense that this is a critical time for Malawi both economically and spiritually.

So AC3 would like to invite you to a special gathering **November 25 at 6pm** where the group can share with you their experiences, their pictures, their stories, and the impact that this trip had on each of their lives. They would also like to showcase what you can do to participate in this strug-

gle against poverty and AIDS with the financial projects that have been formed and the next Africa trip that AC3 will be launching next year. This will be a dessert social and all you have to bring is yourself.

So please come **Sunday, November 25 at 6pm** here at AC3 to see and hear how you can make a difference in the fight against poverty and AIDS in Africa and around the world.



If there is one thing that they learned while on this trip it was this; that no matter who you are, how big or how small, how much money you have or don't have, what talents you have been given, or time that you have, each and everyone of us can, and has, the ability to make a difference.

Contact Dave Epperson @ 360-652-3139 or david@ac3.org with your Africa missions questions.

## Lights...Camera...Christmas!

Invite your friends to join us for a very special children's performance and party on **Friday, Dec. 7th @ 7 PM** where our Kreek Kids will retell the story of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in a modern day play.

You'll have fun as you follow eccentric characters such as ego-centric Vince, overbearing Jona-

than, ditzzy Tabitha, demanding diva Jennifer and more as they share their version of the very first Christmas story!

After the performance, there will be a family and friend's craft, hot cider and cookies. You can even 'Meet Baby Jesus' and have your family photo taken in our manger scene!

**Doors Open @ 6:30 PM for family & friend activities!**





Sherry Carscadden  
Original Artwork

### Name that Verse

*Praise ye the LORD.  
Praise God in his  
sanctuary: praise him  
in the firmament  
of his power.*

*Praise him for his  
mighty acts: praise him  
according to his  
excellent greatness.*

Submit the correct chapter and the verse to david@ac3.org. If your answer is correct, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

## **Expendable Henchmen Ride Again**

Expendable Henchmen Ride Again- for a year! We've planned out events to help you plan your life. We'll keep you updated by e-mail or posted at AC3.

### Schedule of Events

December 2nd- Quest Event Center- Seattle

January- Movie Night at Shane Matson's home

February- Bar B Q

March- Show & Shine at Gabe Getty's home

April 27th- Ride to Camano Island with a stop for Buzzard Betty Wings

May 18th- Ride to Snohomish Dinner at Dodie Deese's home

June 8th- Ride to Deming Logging Show

July 28th- Ride to Port Angeles

August 23-24th- Ride to Winthrop (overnight trip)

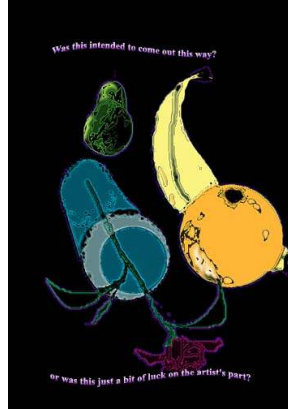
September 28th- Ride to Anacortes Oyster Run

### TBA

Poker Ride to Big Lake Tavern  
Cycle Photo Tag  
Ride the Chuckanut  
Ride the Mt. Loop  
Ride to Dick's Drive In  
Ride to Snoqualmie Pass



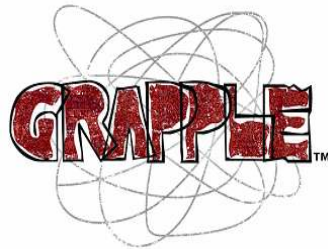
## **Original Artwork by Sherry Carscadden**



**Mud Football is  
Friday, Nov. 23rd  
\*Kick-off is at 1PM  
MPHS Practice Fields  
\*Participants must be  
9th grade & up  
\*Spectators of all ages  
are welcome  
\*Hot Chocolate, Water &  
Snacks provided**

**NO CLEATS!!!**

## **AC3 Tweens GRAPPLE with Biblical Issues**



Grapple, AC3's preteen or 'tween' discipleship group, started meeting this fall when Becky Epperson and Sue Byers bravely took up the challenge of leading this inquisitive and active age group, 3rd -5th grades.

Grapple meets weekly on Thursday evenings 7-8:15 PM (except during holiday weeks) to grapple about Biblical issues that tweens have questions about.

Grapple online also offers a safe place where students can share their thoughts, play games, find lesson clues and vote. [www.mygrapple.com](http://www.mygrapple.com)

For additional Kreek Kids and/or Grapple group info,

contact Twila @ [twila.allencreek@verizon.net](mailto:twila.allencreek@verizon.net).

You can also check out [http://www.ac3.org/kk\\_inside\\_track/spotlight.htm](http://www.ac3.org/kk_inside_track/spotlight.htm) where updated children's activities are highlighted.



## Geezer's Corner

**Pastor Rick told the following story:**

*A man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude, and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.*

*John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.*

*Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got more angry, and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet . . . Not a peep was heard for over a minute .*

*Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."*

*John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"*

**Here is the turkey's side of the story:**

Just how much do you expect of me anyhow? It's so cold in here I can't even shiver. I mean, after all, you cut off my head, remove all of my natural insulation and vital innards, stuff my neck where my innards used to be and then you have the audacity to put the foulest talking fowl with the worst attitude in the universe in here with me.

PULLLEASE! It would have been OK if you would have left my head on so I could talk to this spoiled, insolent self indulgent parrot, but John you couldn't even give me that. What, you think I can sign a message to him? In case you didn't notice my wings aren't real mobile right now and my feet are missing.

Listen to him! He's complaining a hundred miles an hour and I swear, oops sorry Lord, that his fowl foul language has raised the temperature 5 degrees in here. This could affect my freshness you know. While I'm composing my strategy of counseling for this obnoxious, impudent, the sun rises solely to shine on my beak childish parrot; I'll just lie here quietly which should increase my ultimate impact on correcting his behavior. (Who was the Dude who said turkeys are stupid?)

I think my strategy is working!!! Look, his pacing has slowed to a casual walk and his shrieking has gone from 91dbs to 43 and I haven't heard one swear word in the last twenty seconds. If I still had my head you would detect a smile sweeping over my beak. I'll

give him another two minutes and then I'll initiate my bound for glory intervention which is sure to correct this parrots language and give him a God honoring attitude.

See! See!!! I told you it was working. He's barely audible and he is just shuffling his feet back and forth. Just twenty seconds more and I'll put in the final fix.

Hey, who opened the door? I hate that light. Oh, no! He's getting back out before I get to implement my intervention. If I push hard against the wall sometimes I can pick up the vibrations of the conversation going on outside. It's not perfectly clear but I think I heard the parrot say, "My change in attitude is all because of what the turkey did do." or something real close to that.

"Thank you Lord for this special assignment in helping to get this lost little parrot on a God honoring path. It's just part of the special gifts you gave me. Now, I will refocus on the true purpose of my existence which is to raise the level of tryptophans of all who gather here that they will gather again next year to be together as a family. Either this turkey is worth saving or is a saving turkey." Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Geezer Fish (Larry Fish)

Larry is part of our Men's Breakfast Group that meets Weds. @ 6:30 am @ AC3. Stop by and say hi. Larry will have a donut waiting for you!

**Azazel  
waiting and  
watching  
tethered to a tree  
one will lie here  
one will run free**

**the high priest is  
near  
and, pawing the  
ground  
one is released  
one has gone down**

**count the cost of  
Azazel running**

**springing forward  
to rise and to fall  
to sweep the air  
to leap the wall**

**momentous victory  
to each at our core  
iniquity banished  
remembered no  
more**

**count the cost of  
Azazel running**

Kristine Caperoon  
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Sherry Carscadden  
Original Artwork

## ALLEN CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### Mission Statement

Recognizing that all people matter to God and therefore matter to us...

The purpose of AC3 is to provide every seeker in Snohomish County a place where they can become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

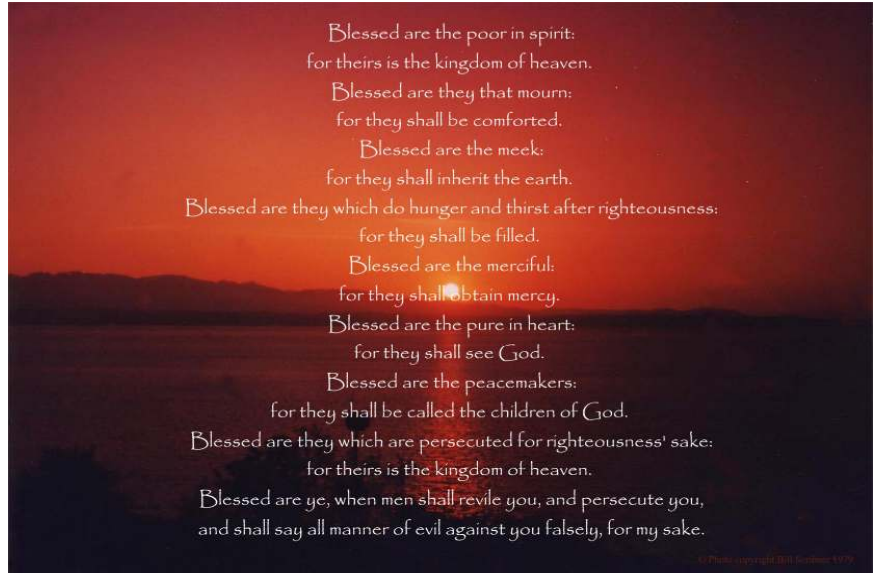


Photo Artwork submitted by Bill Scribner  
During OCT/NOV Community services, AC3 studied the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes (shown above) Matt: 5:1-12 were part of this series.

## Holiday Happenings

### **RYM Students Caught Party-ING!**

Our 6th-12th grade students will be meeting to party on Dec. 15th @ 5:30 PM.

They will be attending Community Service together and then carpooling to the Blake's home for a year end Christmas party!

Check out [www.ac3.org/KKY\\_News/y\\_current.htm](http://www.ac3.org/KKY_News/y_current.htm) to keep current on upcoming youth dates and events.

You can also contact Jenn @ 425-346-0207.

### **Ask the Holiday AC3 Answer Man**

*Q. Can you tell me **WHEN and WHAT** is happening this year at AC3 during the holiday season?*

**A.** Certainly! Christmas services will be held during our regular service times on the weekend of **Dec. 22/23**. Candlelight services will be held during Community (Sat. 5:30 PM & Sun. 9 AM) followed by a humorous drama presentation called **Stuffed Inn** during our Connection services (Sat. 7 PM & Sun. 10:30 AM). Watch for details

and invites to arrive in the lobby sometime during December.

Both services are designed to be family friendly and appropriate; kindergarten and up. Nursery care and a preschool class with fun activities and will be available for our youngest attenders during both services.

On the weekend of **Dec. 29/30**, there will be **ONE** service only—Sunday 12/30 @ 10:30 AM. During this special 'Thank God We're Here' service we'll be watching a special video presentation (featuring Bono) that will challenge us as we consider our local and global impact as a

church, heading into the new year.



Merry Christmas!  
The AC3 Answer Man

### The FX Room

During all AC3 holiday services (Dec. 22/23 & 30) we will open our first **FX** room! The **FX** room is an **eXtra** place where **Families** can **eXperience** and watch the service together on the **BIG** screen upstairs; via **LIVE** video feed! Some **eXtra** quiet activities will be provided for parents and their children.