



# AC3 INVESTIGATOR

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If you've been around AC3 for any length of time, you've probably heard someone talk about QUEST. Maybe you've even wandered past the QUEST Center in the Lobby and thought, what IS this QUEST thing all about?

Well read on!

Simply put, QUEST is the name we have placed on a comprehensive series of group experiences designed to help the participants move from where ever they may be in their spiritual journey - onward, into deeper understanding, life change and finally, full devotion to Jesus Christ. More simply, QUEST is the process we have created to help everyone at AC3 make the next step in their spiritual lives. Most simply, it's the QUEST for life.

**QUEST** is for those who are: investigating Christianity are new to the faith or, for those who simply have a lot of questions. QUEST as a program, looks like this: three separate groups which are independent from one another, but are designed to inter-connect like the stages of a rocket. The three groups are:

**INVESTIGATION Begins May 5<sup>th</sup>!** This 6 week group is designed around YOUR questions about faith. "Why should I trust the Bible?" "What about evolution?" "How come God let's bad things happen to good people?" These are all great questions and they deserve great answers. The environment is open, friendly and geared for discussion, not lecture. There are no dumb questions. Whether you're skeptical about Christianity or you feel like there are just a few "road blocks" in the way.

The second stage of QUEST EXPLORATION is

**FOUNDATION (already under way!)** This group meets every week to fill in all the gaps in what Christianity is all about over 12 weeks. You will learn everything you ever wanted to know about the Christian faith. "How can Jesus and God the Father be the same, but still different?" "How are Christians supposed to behave..for REAL?" "What does God expect me to do with my money?" "How does forgiveness work?" The basic tenants of the Christian faith are explored in a comfortable and fun setting with a group of folks who are on the same journey you are!

And finally, stage three:

**APPLICATION** Aptly named because this is the place where all your new-found knowledge gets APPLIED. Learn how to read and study the Bible for yourself, learn about rich and life changing prayer, and begin to live out the promises of God with a group of friends. APPLICATION is the longest of the three groups, lasting 22 weeks, but it is within Application that AC3's four, premier electives take place. Anyone can attend our QUEST electives, but APPLICATION members benefit from having their group curriculum blend in with four, one day classes, specifically created to give the participant comprehensive training in HOW TO live like a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Classes include:

**CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN COMING IN JULY!:** Learn how to make a lasting difference in the lives of those around you by sharing your faith. Most people are uncomfortable with the word

EVANGELISM. It reminds us of street corner shouting, door to door sales and really bad hair pieces! None of that has to be part of sharing your faith. Learn about your own personal style, and how you can make a difference in the lives of those around you without compromising who you are.

**AC3 MISSION May 14th:** Learn about the vision, mission and purpose of AC3. This class is also required in order to become a member of Allen Creek. Learn why AC3 does what it does, what things are important to us, and what we believe. A fun, interactive event that provides a "peek under the hood" of what goes on around Allen Creek.

**NETWORK Sept. 29:** Discover the unique way God has gifted you and where you can get those gifts in the game.

**LIFE on PURPOSE Oct. 20th:** We introduces spiritual growth habits that are key to experiencing the life that God intends for each of us. This new life doesn't just form in us by accident, it happens on purpose.

Can't imagine fitting a 22 week APPLICATION session into your schedule? Check out the Quest pillar and get your PERSONAL copy of the Application curriculum...FREE! Now you and a friend or two can host your own APPLICATION class anytime you want, and move at your own pace!

For up-dated and detailed information on the QUEST- see the QUEST CENTER in the Lobby, visit [www.ac3.org](http://www.ac3.org), call the church office at (360) 659-SEEK or watch the next issue of AC3 Investigator



## SPECIAL EVENT:

**Breakthrough  
Sunday May 20th  
12:00 PM AC3  
Auditorium**

**When you're walk  
slows...**

**When "The Life  
You've Always  
Wanted" seems to  
be slipping away...**

**When you're  
"stuck"...**

**When it seems that  
God's voice just  
can't be heard at  
all...**

**When the luster  
and shine of life  
has dulled...**

**When eyes are dry,  
prayers are cold,  
hearts are hard and  
faith is old...**

**When you need a  
BREAKTHROUGH**

*The answers may not  
be what you expect.*

## Upcoming series

### COMMUNITY SERIES:

*The Life You've Always  
Wanted begins May 5th*

In this Community series, we look at spiritual disciplines for ordinary people. Get a modern perspective on these ancient practices and learn exercises essential for developing strength and maintaining endurance down the road of growth. As with a marathon runner, the secret lies not in trying harder, but in training consistently. Based on the best selling book by John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted* is a

road map for the exciting, transforming journey in the race of life.

### CONNECTION SERIES:

*RULES SCHMULES begins May 5th*

In this Connection series we will look at the first 7 of 10 commandments and their enduring relevancy both for the modern culture and the Christian who is free from the law. This series will then move to Community to take a closer look at the last 3 commandments. While the book of Esther will be explored in Connection

## New group: Becoming Women w/ Sarah Barci

INFO: Group Name: Becoming Women in their 20's in the process of becoming women of character, strength, and love. Reading and learning will focus on the fruits of the spirit and the spiritual disciplines, using the bible and other texts selected by group members. Monday nights 6-8pm starting April 23rd with a social gather-

ing and picking of our first book. @ Sarah Barci's: 17224 Ironwood St, Arlington 360-618-7271 or [sarahbarci@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbarci@gmail.com)



## Day of 10,000 Prayers by Judy Emge

Here are some of the statistics from the Day of Ten Thousand Prayers: 60 people participated, covering 96 available time slots for the 24 hour period. Of those, 25 read more than once. Kudos go to Dodie Deese for filling in with 5 readings. We got through 580 pages of a 1751 page Bible. That is 33.12%, which is where we wanted to be! Books read: First part of Genesis. Nehemiah. Proverbs. Ecclesiastes. Isaiah. Daniel. Matthew. Acts. Psalms. Jeremiah. More Psalms. Last verse of Revela-

tions. Most family participants: A tie for the Allenders, the Englets, the Mobeys and the Emge-Hosners with 3 each. The person who traveled the farthest to participate was Don Strong, all the way from Everson.

The person who traveled the least: Julie LaMascus, all the way from the church office. Youngest person to read: Mariah and Madison Stork (which one is technically younger?)

Oldest person to read: \*ahem\* No comment.

**Sole Sister's  
Tour the Tulips  
May 9 -11th,  
2007**



Ladies! Join us for a 3 day bicycle trip from AC3 in Marysville to La Connor - All sister cyclists welcome!

Road biking experience necessary, however speed and endurance can be limited. We are planning a lazy ride to and fro.

### May 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - Meet AC3 with bikes, overnight gear and then ride to LaConnor via Marine View Drive. Approx. 45 miles

Camp/Hotel in La Connor

### May 10<sup>th</sup>

Bike around tulips, shop LaConnor, and relax hopefully in the sun!

### May 11<sup>th</sup>

Return to AC3 back around 6:00 pm

Call Jenny Arlt, 425-293-6706 or email [solesisters@ac3.org](mailto:solesisters@ac3.org) for more information.



**Born where and when:** Kenne-  
wick, Wa. 1965

**Family stats:** Married

**How I became a Christian:** I  
grew up the son of a Methodist  
minister. I was baptized as a teen  
and I believed in God but a  
true, deep abiding relationship  
with him started about 5 years  
ago.

**Spiritual gifts:** Faith

**Education:** I have a Masters in  
School Administration

**How I landed at AC3:** Wayne  
Clinton invited me to come to  
AC3 8 years ago, when it was at  
the school. I attended sporadically  
until AC3 moved here to the  
warehouse and from then on I  
have attended full time.

**FAVORITES:**

**Music:** Christian Alternative  
(Pillar)

**Movie:** Passion and Braveheart

**Restaurant:** Anthony's

**Food:** Steak and lobster

**Cartoon Character:** Ghost  
Rider

**Place:** Lake Chelan and Leaven-  
worth

**Book of the Bible:** The Gospels

**Book I am currently reading:**  
"Shoulder to Shoulder

**One thing I can't stand:** Pro-  
crastination and lack of commu-  
nication. I love it when a per-  
sons' "yes" means yes and "no"  
means no.

**How I spend my free time:**  
Waterskiing, Backpacking, and  
motorcycle riding.

**Most embarrassing moment:**  
Walking into a store during an  
argument with my friend and  
walking full on into the sliding  
glass door. We ended up laugh-  
ing so hard we were rolling on  
the ground while people walked  
around us. Needless to say, the  
argument was forgotten.

**Say "Hi" to....**



*James Thomas Brooke*

James is the Small Group Co-  
ordinator here at AC3. James  
is particularly suited for this  
because of his gift for admini-  
stration and his personality as  
a lion. Talking with James, one  
finds out how passionate he is  
for God and his family. James  
will tell you that for most of  
his life he floated along think-  
ing that everything was just  
fine. That is until some very  
personal challenges came his  
way that challenged that no-  
tion. James was attending AC3  
at the time and, through the  
love and patience of his  
church family, he discovered  
what a true relationship with  
Christ is all about. James has  
certainly come a long way in  
his personal and spiritual life  
and through this he loves to  
share just what God has done  
for him and his family.  
Through this personal growth,  
James discovered his passion  
for the church family and this  
passion has given him a  
unique ability to harness his  
energy to be an effective small  
Group Coordinator. If you

**Best childhood memory:** I  
was serving as an usher hand-  
ing out offering plates when I  
realized I was doing it wrong. I  
thought that my dad was going  
to be angry but when I looked  
up he was smiling at me and I  
knew at that moment how  
proud he was of me. That mo-  
ment put a lasting impression  
on me.

**Best gift ever received:** My  
"God" shirts that Celia gives  
me

**I would love to meet:** Paul  
McCartney and Abraham Lin-  
coln

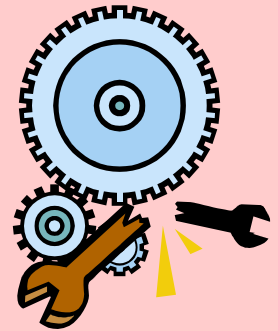
**If I could do life over:** No way  
no how. I would be able to  
avoid the mistakes that I made  
but I would end up creating a  
whole new set of them, maybe  
worse!

**I would describe my faith as:**  
My gift is faith so I very rarely  
doubt. If I feel God is moving  
me in a direction I go popular  
or not. Sometimes it is to my  
detriment because I can come  
across as intense or driven so  
finding the proper balance has  
been a challenge for me.

**I would appreciate prayer for:**  
The next 10 years for AC3 and  
the unknown faces that have  
yet to cross our doors, and that  
we would have the courage to  
speak and live a righteous life  
to give Marysville a better re-  
flection on who Jesus is.

**What I would say to the peo-  
ple of AC3:** Hold on, it's go-  
ing to be an incredible ride.  
Like Peter Tang said, "I just  
want to be part of a miracle"  
and I feel that we are. I would  
pray that each person receives a  
full experience of that miracle.

**In The Works...**



Men's Event: Some time  
in June. Date has yet to be  
determined, but it will be  
an all day event on a  
Saturday. Obstacle course  
on Whidbey Island.

Contact Josh Gibbs

**Check out  
The**



Spring Newsletter  
from Kreek Kids is  
posted online at

[http://www.ac3.org/  
KKY\\_News/  
k\\_current.htm](http://www.ac3.org/KKY_News/k_current.htm)

## Ask the AC3 Answer Man

### Why does AC3 "pause" during August?

The Pause for the Cause, was originally started as a way to rest our weekend volunteers at AC3, who endure an uniquely challenging schedule for a church our size. Think of our two types of services and our children's pro-



grams with their high degree of creativity and excellence with literally dozens and dozens of committed volunteers who give amazing amounts of their time to our Cause of making fully devoted followers of Christ out of seekers of all kinds.

But in the years since we started this unusual tradition, we've come to see the benefits to the whole organization beyond avoiding burnout. Yes, the Pause gives us all a break from regular church responsibilities... but it can also be a chance to focus on our purpose as Christ Followers: to Love God, Love the Church and Love the Lost.

## Summer Jubilee August 12

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, approximately 10,000 people gathered at Asbery Field for the biggest ever Summer Jubilee!

4,200 sets of school supplies were given away, over 600 students in grades K-12 received free haircuts, over 5,000 hamburgers and hot-dogs went to feed the hungry crowd, and 7,000 bottles of water helped the guests beat the heat.

13 churches and ministries from all over Marysville area joined together under one huge information tent to invite the people into life-giving community and to provide avenues for freedom from addiction, poverty, and more.

Thousands heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the speakers located all over the field, and approximately 100 people gave

their lives to Jesus Christ that day.

This year, AC3 has been invited to join the team in reaching the City of Marysville by participating in Jubilee 07. We are in need of volunteers to staff our booth, be involved in hospitality, and help out where needed. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information contact Rick or Dan.

## Leadership Summit August 9-11, 2007

### *Right here, right now.*

You have been divinely placed in a position of influence. You are primed to shape the world and the lives around you. At the Leadership Summit 2007, develop the leadership gifts that God has given you—abilities you can put to work now.

### *Be moved. Be changed. Be a leader.*

Because leadership development is essential for the growth and effectiveness of the local church. Come and be challenged and sharpened by some of the world's most influential leadership minds with all-new sessions and exclusive inter-

views. You will join a diverse, expanding culture of progressive, impact-minded, growth focused church leaders.

Located this year in Bellingham, there will be car-pools available that will leave from AC3. Partial scholarships are available for all AC3 volunteers.

Dates to write down:

### Annual Meeting

June 10

### Jubilee Worship

July 8th\*

### Leadership Summit

August 9-11

### Summer Jubilee

August 12

### Church Picnic

August 19

### VisionCast

August 24,25 &26

### August 1st thru September 2nd is "Pause"

No regular services



## VisionCast 2007 with special guest Tim Bergmann AUG. 24, 25, 26

This year's guest speaker is TIM BERGMANN, Site Pastor and Pastor of Worship and Arts at Rockpointe Church in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Tim is site pastor for one of several Rockpointe locations in a fast-growing city. Tim is a good friend of Pastor Rick from their college days and his work has been known to show up at AC3 on occasion

(remember the Da Vinci cartoons?). Tim is married to Jen and they have 6 kids, the oldest in College and the youngest just turning 5. Tim has developed into an in-demand speaker and trainer for worship leaders and pastors. He is also an accomplished musician, writer, performer and creative thinker whose passion for Christ, and sense of

humor will be a great shot in the arm for our leadership team at Visioncast.

A special reminder: Each year we have an AC3 Un-Talent night and this year we would like a record amount of participants. So start planning now to regale us with just how Un-Talented you are. So mark your calendars for Aug. 24-26 and we hope to see you there.

### **\*Special Note for July 7th & 8th\***

There will be a Jubilee rally at Word of Life. Therefore there will be **NO** community service Saturday or Sunday on July 7th & 8th so we can attend and support the Jubilee rally. Approximately 13 churches will be in attendance. This will be an exciting opportunity to meet and worship with the rest of the church body of Marysville.