



Upcoming Dates and Events:

July 7th– Baptism

July 8th–Jubilee Rally
6pm at Word of Life Church

July 21 & 22–Child Dedication

July 22– All In, The Adventure Continues... Celebration

August 9-11 – Willow Creek Leadership Summit in Bellingham

August 12 – Summer Jubilee at Asbery Field

August 17-19 – Freedom Fest in Snohomish

August 19 – AC3 Picnic
11am to 5pm
Place TBA

August 24-26
VisionCast at Lakeside Bible camp. Interested? Pick up a registration form in the lobby.

September 2 – Post Pause Worship 9AM, no childcare available.

Online calendar and event updates can be found at:

www.ac3.org/Monthcal/calendar.htm

AC3 INVESTIGATOR

It's time for the AUGUST PAUSE!

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 programs 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.

Shouldn't we focus on these all the time? Obviously! But the Pause provides some unique opportunities to do so:

How about a spiritual retreat over a weekend? Just you and God in God's nature.

How about a special small group outing (Freedom Fest!), or Sunday morning get together with your friends for a meal and worship time? That's how the first church often did it! (Acts 4:42-47)

How about sharing a coke over the fence with your neighbor? A conversation on a Sunday morning, when he doesn't expect you home.

Remember it was God who instituted concepts like letting the soil rest every 7 years, God who initiated the year of Jubilee, and it was God who wove the Sabbath (Rest) concept into the very fabric of creation and the moral law!

But let's keep this in mind. Things that rest are not "temporarily dead" – we know they are working, but in less obvious ways. They are repairing systems, doing internal maintenance, gathering strength. So I hope for that reason that you don't "check out" of everything this August.

Use the opportunities we're offering to "repair your systems", do "internal maintenance" and "gather strength". On top of these Pause activities, you may

want to join a group of leaders who are gathering strength at the Willow Leadership Summit. Call the church for more info.

Finally if AC3 is your church home, I encourage you to not forget to offer your gifts to God this month, even though it's a month of pausing. The church's financial needs remain, and the staff will still be working hard for you – especially in preparing a great VisionCast August 24-26 which you don't want to miss. There will be offering mailboxes at our Pause events and the office will be open most regular operation hours.

If you have feedback about the Pause, come tell me or another elder, we'd love to hear from you. And we'd love for AC3 to experience true renewal during this Pause so that we can be as healthy as possible – because healthy things grow!

Love,

Rick



One Time Serve Workshops!



Crafters, Cooks, Builders, Scrap Bookers, Game Enthusiasts and more...

Don't want to commit to a year long teaching schedule in Kreek Kids? You don't have to!

Starting this fall, you and/or your family can host a **ONE MONTH** workshop in our new program. We'll use your special gifts, talents and passions while making a Bible character or truth come alive!

Have a fun hobby, a job you love, a special collection of items or a life lesson to share?

We'll find a workshop that's perfect for you!

Contact Twila for more details @ 425-334-8043

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Geezer's Corner

I joined this AC3 men's group about a year, maybe a year-and-a-half ago that meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 am @ AC3. In hopes of making a good impression, I brought fourteen pastries to my first meeting (at Safeway a dozen was 14 and I am incurably driven to value for the \$) since the illustration for the Men's Breakfast Group on the small groups pole in the lobby illustrates a cup of coffee and a doughnut. I have continued that practice to this date and am held in high LOW-ESTEEM as they mumble behind my back, "doughnut junkie" and "pastry pusher!"

How could anyone, who is willing to pay for and acquire the freshest doughnuts (Safeway puts out their fresh doughnuts at 6:00am daily) be denigrated for such a thoughtful and loving act, you ask? Easy. Very Easy. With the exception of those under the age of 40 and only two of the "Senior" members all the remaining members carried similar "portfolios" as my own. Our stomachs lead our chests everywhere we go. Those guys are appalling in their resolve not to succumb to this temptation; a warm, sweet, fresh, tasty pastry. It was as though God was backing their play and resolve. I am not crossing swords with Him!

One of those dedicated "non-users" (you know the soft spoken, quiet, thoughtful type) boldly accused me of not eating any pastries myself. I replied that I ate one at home later. He countered with, "That's not verifiable!" Managing my feel-

ings under such a character attack was challenging, so I slowly (is there another way?) lifted my 200 pound five foot ten inch frame off my chair and while towering above my accuser I chose not to speak but simply pointed to that part of my torso that leads me everywhere I go. Case closed.

However, I persisted because the other two "Senior" members, whose portfolios differed significantly from the aforementioned, did indulge in my sugary treats. One, a swelt 60 year old, whose chest and stomach are flatter than any washboard, on occasion, enjoys TWO PASTRIES! Before completing his first bite of his second pastry the words fly from my mouth: "Tom is my personal HERO!"

How does he do it? Is he afflicted, or does he practice some Godly invoked practice of regular exercise and all that stuff? The other "Senior" member who indulges in my sweet treats ain't really qualified as a true "Senior" since he has only reached the 61 milestone.

So, if you would enjoy safe, confidential and candid conversation of following Christ in this new millennium, please feel free to join us. The coffee is always on and if you have more than one pastry you will join Tom as one of my personal HEROES! Oh, just one more thing. I have soooo much pastry left over after the meeting that I leave one for Dan and Rick to enjoy. It's part of our groups 20-year recruitment plan.

Yours in Christ, Geezer Fish

★ RYM Youth Summer Activities

June 22nd - Summer BLOW OUT - 7:30 PM
Invite your friends to this all night event. Meet at AC3.

July 6th - Outer Court
Kick off event. Meet at the Carabinieri Coffee bar @ 7 PM. Music, food, and fun! Outer Court will be held each and every Friday through out the summer.

July 25th - Ropes Course
See [Jenn](#) or [Heather](#) for details.

August 2nd - 10th Youth Camp Space is limited so contact [Jenn](#) for details and to register now!

Thursday Nights Junior High Girls meet with [Jenn](#) @ 5:30 PM weekly.

August 19th Slip & Slide Egg Toss
Youth driven activity and held at the church picnic. See [Heather](#) to get involved!

If you have any questions regarding events, please reach Jenn, our middle school intern, at 425.346.0207 jenn@ac3.org.

You can also reach Heather, our high school intern at 425.508.7402 heather@ac3.org.

RYM activities, schedule changes and updates will be posted at
http://www.ac3.org/KKY_News/y_current.htm

David Epperson

Born where and when:
Everett, WA - Dec. 3, 1968

Family stats: Married

How I became a Christian: I grew up “Christian”, but truly accepted Christ on my knees washing my family’s feet.

Spiritual gifts: Apostleship

Education: High School; working on religion and psychology degree.

How I landed at AC3: We were looking for a church home when Sharon Allender came to our house to fix the phones and she invited us to AC3.

FAVORITES:

Music: Newsboys, Third Day

Movie: Lord of the Rings

Restaurant: Anything Thai

Food: King crab legs

Cartoon Character:
Sponge Bob

Place: New Zealand

Book of the Bible: James

Book I am currently reading:
“Life You Always Wanted”

One thing I can’t stand:
Traffic

How I spend my free time:
Studying the stock market and making pens.

I would love to meet: Martin Luther King Jr., Steve Largent

Say “Hi” to....



David Shawn Epperson

David was born as Shawn DeLance Houghton but was adopted by Ernie and Lois Epperson who changed his name to David Shawn.

David has been married to Becky for 18 years and they have two children; Ryan—10, and Kim—6.

He is AC3’s Communications Director, involved in Kreek Kids and is part of the AC3 building committee.

David came to Christ at a young age but took his faith for granted and with a grain of salt. Things changed for him a few years ago he and Becky went through a very rough patch. Through that time, God started David on a journey that culminated in David finally realizing who God was and accepted Christ fully and things haven’t been the same since.

If you would like to hear David and Becky’s story, grab them in the lobby, say “hi”, and ask them to tell you about their wonderful journey that just keeps getting better and better.

Best gift ever received:
My son and daughter.

Most embarrassing moment:
Commenting to a lady friend that she didn’t look that young.

Best childhood memory:
The many cross country trips that we took as a family.

If I could do life over: I wouldn’t. All the experiences, good and bad, have shaped me into who I am and I am good with that.

I would describe my faith as:
Two steps forward and one step back. The moment that I think I have it all figured out I get my head handed to me. I have a very basic belief, that Christ died and rose again, and I leave a lot of the philosophizing to the experts.

I would appreciate prayer for: The staying power to finish my degrees and the ability to open a youth outreach center.

What I would say to the people of AC3: Have fun, party, and have a good time, but never forget that in doing so you are ambassadors for Christ and the world is watching and critiquing your moves. Live life to the fullest but live it in Jesus Christ.

Child Dedication

July 21st & 22nd
during our
Community Service.



If you would like to have a child dedicated please sign up at the Information Center in the lobby.

Rick will contact you the week of July 16th.



On **September 2nd**, we will hit the UN-PAUSE button with a worship service at 9AM. (no childcare)

Our full schedule will return **September 8 & 9** with Community at 5:30pm & 9am / Connection at 7pm & 10:30am.



AC3 Picnic – On **August 19th**, 11 am to 5 pm, we will have our annual picnic. It’s a great time to invite family and friends! Watch the lobby pillars and www.ac3.org for details as they become available. **Place TBA.**

Baptism

**Saturday, July 7th
at 5:30 PM
during our
Community Service**

If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up in the lobby and attend Baptism Class on **Wednesday, June 27th at 7PM** upstairs. If you can't make class please call the church office to talk with Rick or go online to check out our statement on [Baptism](#).

Pre-Jubilee Rally

July 8

There will be a Jubilee worship rally at Word of Life. Therefore **NO** community service will be held on Sunday July 8th so we can attend and support the Jubilee rally.

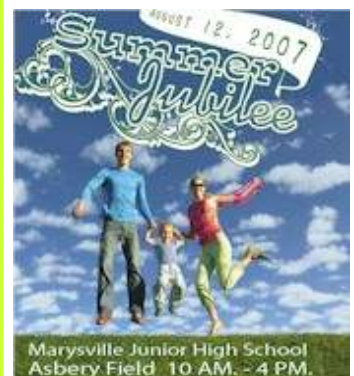
Approximately **13** churches will be in attendance. This will be an exciting opportunity to meet and worship with the rest of the church body of Marysville.

Summer Jubilee August 12

Last year on August 13th, approximately 10,000 people gathered at Asbery Field for the biggest Summer Jubilee ever! 4,200 sets of school supplies were given away, over 600 students in grades K-12 received free haircuts, over 5,000 hamburgers and hotdogs went to feed the hungry crowd, and 7,000 bottles of water helped the guests beat the heat.

Thirteen 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 will be joining the team in reaching the City of Marysville by participating in 'Jubilee 07' on **August 12th**. 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 @ 360-659-7335.



Leadership Summit August 9-11

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

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. 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 interviews. 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.



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. He oversees one of the several locations in a fast-growing city. He 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!) His wife's name is Jen and they have 6 kids, the oldest in College and the youngest just turning 5. Tim has developed into a 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 everyone at VisionCast. 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. See you there!

Plug into Power

VisionCast registration forms can be found in the lobby at the information center.