

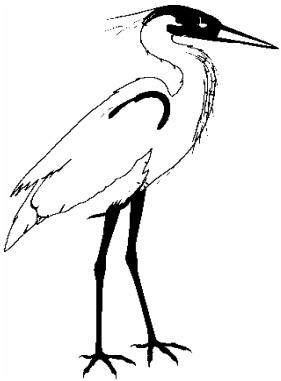
JAN/FEB 2007

You are Invited

The Elders and the board would like to extend a special invitation to all those interested in the ALL IN campaign.

Saturday January 20th & Sunday January 21st after the second service there will be an information and update meeting followed by a question and answer period.

There have been many interesting developments in the past year. To find out where AC3 is going and plans for the future make a special note on your calendar to attend one of the meetings. Hope to see you there!



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AC3 INVESTIGATOR

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

A Fresh Start

Around here at AC3, we believe in fresh starts and doing life a little differently. Last year was a time of change and growth for AC3 and this year is starting out no different.

One of the changes seen around here was adding a second Community service, held on Saturday nights. This additional service helped increase parking and lobby space to make room for new people.

In addition to a new service, new staff members were added to help. Trina Perry came on board to help with Saturday's Adventure Club, Heather Walejeski and Jenn Bartlett were added to guide the youth program, James Brooke jumped in to be a resource for small groups, Jeff Swanson came aboard as the new Music Director and David Epperson was added as the new Communications Director.

Connection

Our upcoming Connection topics for January and February are also fresh and creative. In January, we'll be inviting our friends to 'Thwonk', a 4 part epic of superhero character traits;

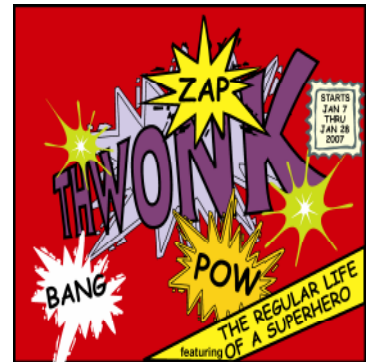
Servanthood, Responsibility, Truth and Redemption. Who doesn't want to find the superhero within?

In February, a series called 'Desperate Households' will explore Biblical principles and how we can create healthy family dynamics. Both series will be a fun way to start the New Year.

Community

During Community, we will be entering an 8-week series on the Three R's; Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities. This series will examine our misconceptions about who is "in", who

is "out", who we are accountable to and who are our enemies. By the end of the series we will gain a clearer understanding of God's plan for us. Additional information about upcoming series and service times can be found @ www.ac3.org/onstage.htm.



New for the New Year-Living Waters

Living Waters is a new outreach program that is the brainchild of John Hosner. After going to Brazil with the Project VA team, John came home with an idea. His idea was to find, partner, and form relationships with churches throughout the world that would allow for a free exchange of ideas and support. The elders liked the idea so much that Living Waters has been granted an operating budget to get the idea rolling. The first organization that Living Waters partnered with is the school in Brazil that the project VA team visited. Eventually John would like to see several people from Brazil come here on an exchange program. Right now though, the school was in need of a printer so Living Waters donated a new printer to them. Way to go Living Waters. If you would like more information or would like to partner with Living Waters contact John Hosner at 360-653-6706 or crystaldoor@juno.com



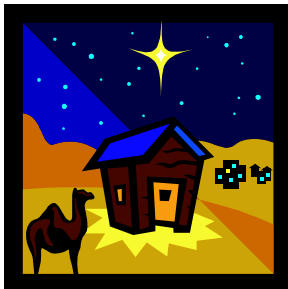


While They Last...

Pick up your AC3 10 year anniversary t-shirt or polo for just \$15 and \$23 each!

Contact Twila @ 360-659-7335 or twila.allencreek@verizon.net

"The men's retreat was a major turning point in my life and it was there that I got my life back on track", Michael O'Haegher



Good Sense Budget Course

Are you in financial crisis? Are you one paycheck away from disaster? Do you have questions on what the Bible says about money? Not sure which way to turn? There is a way out. AC3's Good Sense Budget Course is a free class that teaches Biblical money management principles. If you needs some insights on budgeting or would like to take your money management to the next level, this course is for you. Chuck has led this class for several years and it has truly blessed the lives of those who have attended. Contact Chuck, AC3GoodSenseMinistry@worldnet.att.net. Next Class in early 2007 - TBA

Men's Retreat - What Matters Most is How God Sees You

On January 26th the men will be spending the weekend at the Homestead Retreat Center outside Snohomish. The Homestead has hiking trails, an inside game room (pool, foos and ping pong tables) basketball court, fire pit and a small lake. Here the men will spend time getting to know each other and discover that it is not how you see yourself that matters, it is how God sees you. Registration forms are at the information center and the cost is \$75.00. If you are interested but would like more information, contact James Brooke at 360-631-4498.

Live From Bethlehem

This year's children's Christmas program included a trip to the Holy Lands where the Kreek Kids News Team broadcasted LIVE the birth of the Messiah! There were exclusive interviews with Mary, Joseph and others in Bethlehem. Craft and family picture stations were open after the performance. We would like to give 'special' recognition and thanks to Suzanne Summer (Drama Director), Trina Perry (Program Director), Wayne Clinton for the extraordinary stage set and the Adcock family for creating such dynamic event banners. Their efforts were 'above and beyond' and the night's program would not have been the same without them. THANK YOU!

CARS Movie Night

In November, Kreek Kids opened the auditorium doors to family and friends to watch the newly released Disney movie CARS on the really BIG screen! Popcorn and snacks were provided. A box CAR design contest was held and special prizes were awarded. There were fancy cars, race cars and even a silver hummer onsite! Families worked together and used their imaginations to complete their unique CARS.



For additional information about upcoming Kreek Kids events, weekly programs or how you can get involved, go to: <http://www.ac3.org/kids.htm>.

Men's Retreat



WHAT MATTERS MOST IS HOW GOD SEES YOU!!

January 26th - 28th

Jeff Swanson

Born where and when: Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 6, 1950

Family stats: Single

How I became a Christian: I grew up in a strong Christian home – my parents were Lutheran. I came to the faith when I was 18 years old and in my senior year.

Spiritual gifts: Administration and music

Education: I attended Pacific Lutheran University and majored in psychology and sociology.

How I landed at AC3: I was in need of a seamstress and was introduced to Pat Tallmadge. After she found out I loved music she introduced me to Dan Hazen and as they say, the rest is history.

FAVORITES

Music: Beatles

Movie: The Godfather

Restaurant: Talay Thai

Food: Prime rib

Cartoon Character: Bugs Bunny

Place: Northern Montana and the Rockies

Book of the Bible: The Gospels

First job: I made dishwashing machines at a dishwasher machine manufacturing owned by my uncle.



Say "Hi" to.....



Ten years ago Jeff was just coming out of a difficult situation, feeling that he had made a mess of his life and was seeking God when God blindsided him by putting Pat Tallmadge in Jeff's life. Jeff is the owner of Swanee's Jeans and Sports Wear and he was in need of a seamstress. Jeff was introduced to Pat who is a seamstress and after Pat got to know Jeff she found that Jeff loved music and decided to introduce him to Dan Hazen.

Jeff says that when he met Dan he didn't know there was a place in the church for a contemporary musician and when Dan told him that there was room it blew Jeff away. "It amazes me," Jeff says, "that God provides the opportunities at just the right time to use the gifts that he has given us to not only serve him but to help ourselves in the process."

Jeff is now the music director at AC3 where he is able to put his passion for music and his talent for administration to good use. The next time you see Jeff walking around say "Hi", or better yet, give a big AC3 shout out at the next worship service.

Book I am currently reading: "Good to Great" by Jim Collins

One thing I can't stand: Traffic

How I spend my free time: Playing music, hiking, gardening, cycling

Most embarrassing moment: On stage at AC3 playing a worship chorus and the band playing it in three different keys.

Best childhood memory: Going on summer vacations with my family to California or Minnesota.

Best gift ever received: Being raised by solid parents who taught me faith and honest values.

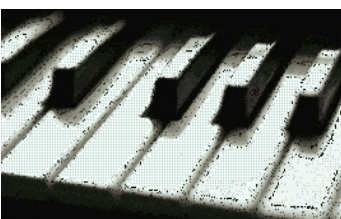
I would love to meet: Paul McCartney and Abraham Lincoln

If I could do life over: I would be more of a risk taker

I would describe my faith as: My faith is foundational for everything that I do from my personal life to my business life.

I would appreciate prayer for: My aunt Phyliss has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma (cancer of the plasma cells).

What I would say to the people of AC3: Each of you has been given a gift that is unique to you. Find that gift and use it in service to God and in doing so you will find yourself closer to Him.



On the web at AC3. Org

New Reviews Page



Have you always wanted to be a critic?

Here's your chance to share your opinion with us on *books, movies, sermons... whatever.*

On this webpage you can read other AC3'ers reviews and you can submit your own reviews here too! Simply fill out the review form found at the bottom of the reviews page.

Diva Dash



Ten AC3 Sole Sisters recently celebrated girl power in style; finishing a 5K run for adult women and a 1K run for our littlest diva's.

Their entry fee helped support Girls on the Run, an after-school program for young girls.

After the run, the girls stopped by a local Starbucks to continue the fun!

Sole Sisters engage in a variety of fitness levels and activities. Contact Becky @ solesisters@ac3.org or call 360-653-6621 to join them.

Get connected with small groups

Essence - A safe place for women to build community and discover the woman God intended. Meets every other Thursday evening at 7:00pm and childcare is available. Contact Trina Perry 425-737-4061.

Moms Doing Life Together - Open to moms of childbirth through elementary age. This group meets every Thursday morning at 10:00am. Contact Carin Weier at 360-659-3210 for more details.

Joyful Hearts - Open to all women. This group meets Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Julie LaMascus has the details. Call her at 360-659-7335 or e-mail her at julie@ac3.org.

TGIF - Ladies, discover your unique identity in Christ. Join TGIF Fridays at 9:30am, at AC3. Bring the kids as they can play while you study and get to know each other. Contact Twila at 360-659-7335 or 425-334-8043 email twila.allencreek@verizon.net.

Men's Breakfast - Open to all men and it meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 for doughnuts, coffee, and devotionals in the AC3 lobby. Call Tom Jarnagin at 360-659-5503 or e-mail at tomjarnagin@yahoo.com.

RYM-Restored Youth Ministries

6th-12th grades meet
Sunday evenings @ AC3 6:07 PM
www.ac3.org/youth.htm

A New Year's Note

By Heather Walejeski, H.S. Intern

The fresh fragrance of the New Year has hit and God has done some amazing things in Restored Youth Ministry (RYM). With newness at it's height, in this progressive experience of RYM, Christ honoring proficiency is what I ache for as I walk side by side with my youth leader team-mates and these love-filled and rising students. As with the beginning of anything, undoubted challenges and unexpected curve-balls are expected. Yet in the words of one the most reputable baseball players of all

Search and Rescue - Open to all men. This group meets Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Contact James Brooke at 360-631-4498 or e-mail at james_brooke@asd.wednet.edu.

Fit 2B Tied - F2BT sponsors fun 'date night' activities balanced with gatherings which take a deeper look into how to maintain or start a healthy relationship as a couple. F2BT meets on selected Friday evenings in the local area. Contact Tracy or Twila @ 425-334-8043 or tnt@kendra.com to be put on the F2BT email list.

Scrapbooking - Get together with Tracy Saturday mornings for some good times and memories making as you create lasting scrapbooks. Call Tracy Blake at 360-657-4955 for details and times.

Study with Karen - Join Karen Campbell as she finds the "Cure for the Common Life". Meets every other Thursday at the Campbell house from 6:30-8:00pm and is open to all men and women. Call Karen for directions & info at 425-252-1405.

Young Married Group - Join Gabe and Monica Getty as they join with other young couples wanting to deepen their marriage. Contact Gabe or Monica at 360-653-9535 for additional details.

Lake Stevens Marriage Group - Couples helping couples by using Biblical principles is the focus of this group. Contact James or Celia Brooke for more information at 360-631-4498.

time I trust that this team God raises up will: "Never let the fear of striking out get in (our) way." George Herman "Babe" Ruth

Ingredients of grace-filled obedience, a servant heart's desire for excellence and openness to the direction of God, not self, has been unveiled through some resourceful originality in the team God has and still is stirring in RYM. With love as the spark, some new flames of creativity are being spread through various forms such as unique approaches to teaching the Word of God; safe small group setting discussions/prayer allotted times; intermixing/visiting other churches; starting a new



Ask the AC3 Answer Man

Q: Why don't you pass the plate and take a traditional offering?

A: We feel that giving should be personal and just between you and God. There is no and never will be any pressure from AC3 for anyone to give money. If you decide you would like to give, you can do so by placing your gift in one of the mailboxes located in the lobby.

Q: Why don't we sing hymns at AC3?

A: We look at how we can worship God with the music of our culture because the church can never be a cultural museum. We use contemporary worship music but we may also update and sing a hymn making it pertinent to everyone in our culture. One of the things that AC3 strives to do is make the Gospel fully accessible. We live in an un-churched culture, so in our world, just like in foreign countries, you have to contextualize the Gospel.

Have a question for the AC3 Answer Man? Want to know why we do what we do? E-mail him at tenikobj@comcast.net or call 360-659-SEEK.

youth band incorporating art, poetry, stillness and more; and did I mention fun? Laughter-filled games and relationship building exercises are also fundamentally worked into Sunday evening RYM events and each time we meet.

Being the new Sr. High intern, I want to express that I am enthusiastically excited to be a small part in a huge kingdom-building environment that God's heart changing love is sovereign over.

In Christ's Abundant Hope & Joy,
Heather Walejeski
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