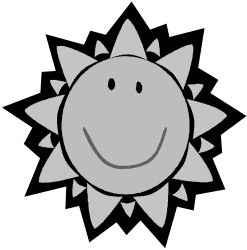




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ACHIEVEMENT

The tombstone of Annie Armstrong appropriately summarizes her life. It simply reads, "She hath done what she could." That's a worthy goal for us all!

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IMPOSSIBLE?

"I think I've found a church home!"
 "I need to start coming to church, I'll be back."
 "That was awesome, you do this every week?"
 "That was the best Easter service I've ever seen."

These sentiments represent just a taste of the stories I heard about the impact of Easter at AC3. They started to trickle in the night "Body in the Belfry" opened, and they kept coming all the way through the "Above All" weekend services. The entire week, including 4 dinner theater performances, 2 Easter worship services and 4 full children's programs, pushed well over 700 people through our doors. Of course, many of us came to multiple events, but we estimate that AC3 saw over 200 people who have never been to AC3 before.

What I want to draw your attention to is the fact that our Easter weekend, which showed me just a hint of the Redemptive potential of our church, was a result of many factors. Growth doesn't happen in a vacuum. It happens through the supernatural power of God working through people dedicated to their God given purposes.

So a group here at AC3 decided that their purposes is to help families and they started Parenting in the Real World. That met a need, as our people banded together to love outsiders well, serve them, teach them, help them, feed them! The buzz created by that event affected Easter.

A prayer team at AC3 knows their purpose is to stand before God and ask for his blessing and protection and help. And every night of dinner theater, every table and chair was prayed over by them. That affected Easter.

Creative teams ready to sacrifice huge portions of time in rehearsal and set designs and creativity, poured out their lives to engage the hearts of seekers and believers, to set the stage for God to speak to their hearts. That affected Easter.

Small groups growing people up to their full potential in Christ are creating such a winsome environment at AC3 and people come out so whole and healed – that they eagerly want to invite outsiders to join this community of oneness. That affected Easter.

A deaf woman "singing" with her hands brought the church to tears, as one person's offering helped the cross make sense to hundreds of people. That affected Easter.

Food preparers and servers labored countless hours and gave precious time – some taking their own vacation time – to prioritize the serving of a free meal to hundreds of first time visitors. That affected Easter. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**





THE JOURNEY~ EXPLORATION

Are you ready for the next step on your spiritual journey? Perhaps you have been feeling “stuck” when it comes to your relationship with God. Are you asking yourself, “Shouldn’t there be more?” Life on Purpose is the QUEST Elective that may be just what you’re looking for. Change the way you think about spiritual disciplines like, Prayer, Bible Study, Giving and even Fasting and solitude. At Life on Purpose, these sometimes intimidating topics take on a new function: Bringing you closer to God, and bringing you the peace we all long for. Life on Purpose will be held Saturday May 22 from 8:30am – 3:30pm. Watch the Information Center for the sign-up sheet.

Va’! That’s Portuguese for “Go!” And that’s the key VERB in Matthew chapter 28:19. Jesus said, “Therefore GO and make disciples of all nations...”

So what nation (besides Portugal) do you suppose speaks Portuguese?

That’s right! Brazil! AC3 will be traveling to the Alpha School and the Christ is Life Church in Mossoro Brazil, in August of 2005 to assist in the work going on there. There are opportunities for ANY adult who wants to be part of this adventure, from musicians and actors, to construction workers, cooks, teachers and helpers. There will also be great need for support and preparation here at home; prayer, financial support and administrative help!

Many more details to come! An informational lunch meeting will be held Sunday June 13th right after Connection at 12:00 You can see a short film about Alpha, the Christ is life Church, and hear about what God is planning to do in Brazil through AC3!

For MORE information on the “Va’Project” you can visit: <http://www.harmonline.com/stucky/> or contact Dan Hazen at www.ac3.org

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Children’s workers, who love to love on little people, broke their backs to make a program for children to ensure that they too hear and understand the enormity of the Resurrection event. That affected Easter.

I can’t possibly mention all the countless hours I see in building relationships and meeting needs that is going on around here. We had a bit of a payday on all that investment this Easter. But the real dividend of our labor is in lives changed, hope restored, guilt wiped away, eternities secured. Only God knows that full score.

Allen Creek, I bring this to our collective mind to focus us on what God can do through a church that is radically devoted to Him, compassionately loving one another, and relentlessly pursuing a hurting world.

That is a picture of the church working right; we got a taste of it, and it is an awesome thing! So, with Easter fresh in our minds, let’s meet the challenges of our future with faith...

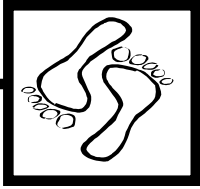
- we have the challenge to develop more settings for spiritual growth,
- we have the challenge to meet more needs in our community,
- we have the challenge of funding a new building and more staff.

It seems impossible, but then, so did 700 people back in 1995. Apparently, with God, impossible is negotiable!

We invite you to
attend our



Allen Creek
Community Church
June 27th
8:45 am during our
Community Service



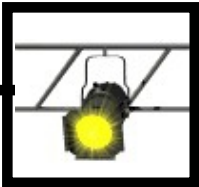
FOOTPRINT ANALYSIS

SPORTS FANS!!

Softball season is underway and AC3 has three teams playing in the Parks and Rec League on Sunday afternoons. Watch the sports column in the lobby for schedule information for each of the teams. Games are all on Sunday afternoons and evenings at Marysville-Pilchuck High School. We love spectators so come on out to enjoy an afternoon of sunshine and some great softball.

Relay for Life is coming July 23-24. If you or someone you know has been affected by cancer this might be the event for you. Between now and July 23 people will be raising money to support the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life. AC3 Sports is participating in this 20 hour event again this year. If you are interested in being on the team or want more information, contact Michelle Bibich at 360.653.4256.

Watch for more sports information in the lobby at the church. Coming this summer... volleyball, hiking, tennis and more. If you have ideas for sports here at AC3 or are interested in becoming more involved, contact Michelle. m_bibich@hotmail.com



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Connection 10:30 am
Sunday Mornings

Community 8:45 am



June 6

God Made You For More

June 13

God Is At Work All Around You

June 20

God Wants Relationship With You

June 27

God Invites You To Join His Work

****Summer Schedule NO Saturday Connexus****



Into the Light

The wonder of living totally in the light, brings us into closer friendship with God and with each other.

June 6 **LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY**

June 13 **THE HABIT OF
CONFESSION**

June 20 **BUILDING CONFESSING
RELATIONSHIPS (Baby
Dedication!)**

June 27 **BAPTISM Service!**



ON THE DOCKET

UPCOMING EVENTS



VÃ is Portuguese for Go, and Allen Creek Community Church is preparing to "Go" on our first ever foreign mission trip to...Mossoro, Brazil!! Many more details to come!

An informational lunch meeting will be held **Sunday, June 13** right after Connection at 12:00. Please RSVP with Dan Hazen, if you plan on attending.

???? QUESTIONS ????

Contact: Dan Hazen at danh@ac3.org / 360-659-SEEK

Baby Dedication
June 20th
Community service

If you would like to have your children or you know of a friend that would like to dedicate their children to God please sign-up at the Information Center or call the church office Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm 360-659-7335.

Baptism is coming, June 27th during our Community Service at 8:45 am. Baptismal class is required for anyone desiring to be Baptized and will be Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:00pm. Sign-up at the Information Center or contact Rick at the church office Monday-Thursday, 360-659-7335.

Questions, questions, questions... What is the point of life?... What happens when we die?... What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?... How do we deal with guilt?... we all have questions. Alpha offers the opportunity to explore the meaning of life and get to know others. Contact John and Carin Weier for the next available course! Alpha@ac3.org



Treasures often lie on the other side of mysteries. Rainbows, riddles, rings and wardrobes are just a few fictional mysteries that lead to fictional treasures.

For many, the Old Testament represents a 6,000 year long mystery...but what's the treasure on the other side?

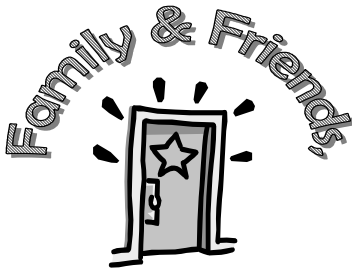
Old Testament Challenge will help you unravel the "mysterious" Old Testament artistry, history and imagery of God that guides us to the treasure of knowing Jesus, and setting our feet on the path of

knowing God. This 8 week, multi-media study begins Saturday May 8th at 7:30 in the Upstairs Education Room. Contact Neil Allendaer at neil@Ac3.org or Dan Hazen at dan.allencreek@verizon.net for more information.



COMING INTO FOCUS

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YOU are Invited!

**Kreek Kids and Youth Ministry
Reflections 2003-04**

If you have any questions or would like to confirm your attendance, please contact Twila Crain. 360-659-7335
Email: youth@ac3.org

All Star Dessert & Celebration

Join us at an All Star Dessert and Celebration event! We will be honoring our children and youth volunteers, recognize our children's accomplishments on stage and reflect on children and youth ministry highlights for 2003-04. You won't want to miss this fun and entertaining evening as we celebrate and say 'Thank You' to our dedicated children's and youth staff!

June 11th, Friday - 7:00 PM at AC3

This is your opportunity to celebrate our children's accomplishments and to say 'Thank You' to our ministry volunteers.



ACT3 is on the Move!

Senior high students and their friends currently meet Thursday evenings at The Shop, located at the Ross' home. The Shop will no longer be available at the end of June as our youth guy, Tom and his family, will be moving into a new home.

Watch the youth kiosk in the AC3 lobby for ACT3's new meeting place as details become available. You can also contact Tom at: 425-319-7007.



ARE YOU A PARENT WHO CALLS AC3 HOME?

From infants to senior high students, we realize that the job of raising and teaching children today is far bigger than any one of us can accomplish on our own! We believe a co-operative effort needs to exist between parents and ministry staff in order to insure fun and effective programs for children and teens. We depend on both parents and volunteers to help create a fun and S.A.F.E. place for kids on Sunday mornings and at mid-week youth events. If you are a parent and call AC3 your home, let's chat! We need your active support in order to maintain simple and effective children and youth programs. Our rotating department schedules make volunteering easy. With God's help, we CAN make a difference in the lives of our children. Won't you join us? Contact Twila at 360-659-7335 or at youth@ac3.org.