



SEPTEMBER 2008

FALL KICK-OFF 2008!

Don't miss attending one of the following Adult Sunday Classes starting on Sept. 7, along with all of our regular children and youth classes.

Membership 101: w/ John Douglas - Room 118
9:35-10:30am

This four-week class is ACC's basic introduction to our church family. Since we have people interested in membership from many different backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who and what our church is. It reviews the four things that unite us: Our Salvation, Our Statements, Our strategy, and Our Structure. Lots of basic questions about ACC will be answered in this class. This class will be followed by "Maturity" 201 designed to help a person know how to "Grow in Christ."

That the World May Know: w/ Steve McLean & Ed Gegen - Room 205
9:35-10:30am

Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into Scripture's significance for modern believers. Steve McLean and Ed Gegen facilitate this rich series of lessons. This class will meet in Room 205 each Sunday.

Financial Peace: w/ Patrick & Dolly Mooney - Fireside Room 8:15-10:30am & 5:30 - 7:30pm.

This is a video based series of 13 lessons that deal with different topics that will change the way you think

about personal finance. Dave Ramsey, the video instructor, teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving. Over 500,000 families have completed FPU with amazing success. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 13 weeks. That's an \$8,000 change in position in just 91 days! There is a \$99.50 dollar registration fee to cover the materials students will receive in this class. Due to a clear licensing agreement, you must be enrolled in the class (having purchased the class materials) in order to attend. **Cut off for enrolling is Kick-off Sunday. If you miss this particular session, let us know so that we can consider providing this course again.**

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Special Points:

- Men's Breakfast - Sat. Sept. 6 @ 8:30am
- Women's Wednesday Bible study, not meeting on Sept. 3.
- Quilting group starting up Sept. 20
- Next Ministry Council meeting is Tues., Sept. 16 @ 7pm
- Greeters needed
- Church office closed Sept. 1

BRIDGES FOR PEACE SPECIAL - SEPT. 28

Sunday, Sept. 28 - Guest preacher Rebecca Brimmer CEO of Bridges for Peace Israel will be speaking at both services. She will be joined by her husband, Tom who is a professional tour guide and Ed Smeltser Bridges for Peace NW area representative. Bridges for Peace is a Jerusalem-based, Bible believing Chris-

tian organization supporting Israel and building relationships between Christian and Jews worldwide. Through their programs they hope to give Christians the opportunity to actively express their biblical responsibility before God to be faithful to Israel and the Jewish community, a community of people who gave us the Bible. Follow-

ing second service we will have a potluck lunch with Middle Eastern foods, and a Q & A open microphone time with Rebecca. This will be publicized throughout our community. Tell your friends and neighbors! For more info, visit www.bridgesforpeace.com

Six Months to Love and Serve! - Message from John

God is playing "What if" games with me again. What if Jesus, with His nail-scared hands, feet and spear-pierced side visited us this morning. "John, you have six more months on earth to express your love for Me. That's it!" What would I do? First, this would make it easier to put my finger on a large list of things that would no longer be important. I could brush them aside, take them off the table, scratch them from my "To Do" list. I like it!

This would also make it easier to prioritize matters of eternal significance. I'd be nicer to people in general, and extremely sensitive to family and friends. I'd pray more, give more, serve in prac-

tical ways more. I'd leverage my impact on the world by reaching deeper into my creative, unique talents and abilities. I'd further leverage my impact by joining

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who I am with others to gain the advantage of synergy. I'd work with a team, a community, a "brotherhood", a church. I'd pray a lot. My Bible would get more time than TV. I'd search it for stories about what matters most, and instructions about how to do what matters

most. I'd be a lot more serious about pursuing Christlikeness.

What if this news was for our whole church? What would we keep; what would we stop doing; what would we add?

We are still pursuing Christlikeness through love, relationships, and service to the world. What if we lived with no assurance of life beyond six months out? Would this be healthy, give us a sense of urgency to serve God's kingdom?

Do any of us really have assurance that we have six more months on this earth to love and serve?

FOR OUR MEN

Our Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 @ 8:30am. Come, eat and have some great fellowship with other men. This will also be a time to discuss what things ACC can do to serve the needs of our men better. How can we help each other to grow and become equipped men of God. See Dale Clark for questions or if you would like to be of help.

2008 Promise Keepers Rally

Tacoma Dome - Nov. 14-15
"Manhood - Let the Truth be Known"

Adult \$89.95, Youth {under 18}
\$74.95, 15% off for Groups 11 or more.
Let's take a bus load down. See Ed Gegen if you are interested in going.

FOR THE LADIES

Women's Wednesday Bible Study ~

September 3: No Bible study (enjoy the holiday week)

September 10: We will begin a new 12 week study of Moses. Books can be purchased from Arlene French.

MISSIONS BOOK REVIEW

Epicenter, Joel Rosenberg
Review by June Pierce

Joel Rosenberg is an evangelical Christian from an orthodox Jewish background. Quoting the author: "Too many in Washington, D.C. today have a modern, Western secular mind-set that either discounts or outright dismisses the facts that evil is real and active force in history." Some leaders in Washington, D.C. could not "imagine anyone using planes as a missile. We never considered this threat. Who could ever imagine that our own airplanes would be used against us?"

Mr. Rosenberg bases his book,

Epicenter, on Ezekiel 38 & 39. Some of our policy makers in Washington, D.C. claim we have lost Iraq. Not according to Mr. Rosenberg. One chapter in his book is titled "Iraq Emerges from Chaos as Region's Wealthiest Country." Another chapter reads that in Iraq "Muslims turn to Christ in record numbers." Bibles are getting into people's hands who want them. Churches are growing. People can now watch Christian preaching and teaching on satellite television and get Bible studies and other materials off the internet. The truth is God is doing some amazing things amidst Muslims.

Mr. Rosenberg predicts that Israel will become one of the richest countries in the world. Recent oil discoveries and production of quality computer microchips add to their exporting of industrial oils and polished diamonds makes one wonder about Mr. Rosenberg's predictions. He uses several scriptures (Genesis 49:1, 25; Deuteronomy 32:12-13; 33:13, 19, 24; Isaiah 45:3) he says are the basis of his predictions. Mr. Rosenberg's name is respected among leaders around the world.

Psalm 31:24 - "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP '08

BY GRETCHEN HANSON

Follow God...Reach Our World

God sent eleven servants on a journey to help heal the hurting and love the stubborn. Eleven servants returned healed and loved. Scripture tells us, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 5:3). God must first humble us to the point at which we say, "I yield all to you Lord" before he can use us to glorify himself. He did just that. As I prayed on the plane ride over to New Orleans, I searched to know how to lead the team God had put together. I was reminded over the next few days that my role was simply to encourage, pray and be about my Father's business (Luke 2:49). What was to follow was a life-transforming journey.

God placed strong personalities of all ages on our team. Excitement came as I watched God bring us together. Two days into the trip I wrote in my journal, "Lord, I want to see walls broken in our group. Open up the hearts of those who only know how to follow their own voice. Thank you Lord that this is not my battle to fight. I have seen victory in you and only you." As I wrote those words I noticed the verse on the page: *"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but god's."* (2 Chronicles 20:15). The same day the team headed out to Central City, an inner city district of New Orleans where poverty and crime run rampant, to minister to the kids through day camp (VBS) at a local mission. We found out quickly these were not your

typical kids. One 12 year old proceeded to antagonize and harshly hit one of our members. Our team member struggled to keep his cool as this boy raged on. Though we never met, little toddlers ran around as if they had a vendetta against us, and when asked to complete a task, defiantly stated, "No, you do it!" After VBS, four of our team members left to walk children home. As they dropped off the kids and headed back towards the mission, they passed

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a small store. From behind them they heard, "pop, pop, pop, pop" and assumed it was fireworks. Being naïve folk from Anacortes, WA, it took a few minutes before they realized that those "pops" were gunshots between two opposing gangs in the area. The four team members, a little spooked, fled and prayed.

When the team returned to the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOC) where we lived for the week, the team debriefed. Some were visibly shaken, others were not sure how to react, but all were able to praise the Lord for His protection. Psalms 91 was our comfort as we praised the Lord for keeping our team and the little kids safe. *"This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge,*

my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him." (Psalm 91:2). On the agenda, we still had two more days of camp in Central City. Logic and reason argued against us going back. The team prayed and all decided that God wanted us to go back. Some returned to the storefront where the shooting occurred because God told them to pray over the area. God was teaching our team that it is safer to be in the refuge of our heavenly father in Central City, New Orleans than to be away from our Lord in Anacortes, WA.

By the end of the week, the Lord used our team to help a boy named Sean accept Christ, to help a plumber, named Barry, open up his heart so seeds could be planted and to help many more kids and adults without hope experience the love of God.

As the members reflected on the trip, many were able to comment on the power of prayer and scripture in their life. No longer was prayer or the scriptures a side note. It had become a way of life, a constant conversation with God.

Humility, bold faith, and the power of God brought people to the Father's feet and raised them up to walk a new life transformed by the Master's touch. Praise be to our God! Pray that the lessons learned on this trip would be remembered. Please feel free to ask those who went how God changed their life and the lives of those they came in contact with.

"Glorify the Lord with me; Let us exalt his name together." (Psalms 34:3.)

WORLD AWARE CHRISTIANS - MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS

As we concentrate on becoming "world aware" Christians, we want to focus on praying for Muslims during the month of September. This ninth month is considered the most blessed of the Islamic year. "Ramadan" is a Muslim religious observance including prayers, fasting, charity and self-accountability. Every day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims around the world get up before dawn to eat the Suhoor meal (the pre-dawn meal) and perform their first prayer (fajr). They break their fast when the fourth prayer of the day at sunset

(Maghrib) is due. In addition, Muslims are encouraged to read the entire Qur'an, their holy book, believed to contain revelations made to Mohammed by Allah (their God). Much emphasis is placed on not only preparing special foods and buying gifts for family and friends, but also for charity, good deeds and kindness to the poor and needy.

Pray, asking God to: 1) Reveal Himself to those in Muslim countries who are sincerely seeking the truth.

2) Open the eyes of the powerful reli-

gious leaders in Muslim nations. 3) Protect those in all nations affected by Islamic "holy war" (Jihad). 4) Soften our hearts as Christians, giving us a desire to love Muslims the way Jesus loves them. ~ In the Prayer room you will find booklets of what to pray for each day. We would encourage you to stop in the Prayer room sometime during the week and pray for Muslims to come to Christ. Pray that they might experience the love that Christ offers them. Also, there are several books you can check out that shows how God is working among

JOLT YOUTH NEWS

As summer comes to a close, we at JOLT look fondly back on our trips and memories.

A majority of our teens volunteered to be crew leaders for VBS. What a testimony to the servant hearts of our youth. Both the teens and the "youngins" learned a lot, and had fun. It was great to experience the "Power Lab", we can't wait for next year.

At the end of July, 55 people from Anacortes, 35 teens and 20 adults, traveled across the state to attend a four day Christian music festival, Creation West, which took place at the Gorge, and featured some of today's most popular Christian artists. Although the beginning of our trip was a little

rocky, this year Teresa had a tire blow out; once we got there it was a fabulous time of music, heat, fun, and fellowship.

And in August a group of 11 headed to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding efforts of Adventures in Missions, this fall we will be sharing testimonies and video from this trip on a special evening. As that group returned, another troupe made their way to the Owyhee River to float down in inflatable kayaks, ask any who went about their incredible journey!

If you'd like to hear more about any of the above activities, find a teen that participated and ask, they'd love to talk to you!

Upcoming Events for JOLT:

Kick-Off Sunday – September 7

Home Tour '07 – September 12 – 14, a bonding time for small groups, host homes needed, contact Teresa.

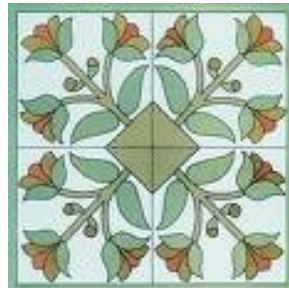
See You At the Pole – September 24, a student led event to pray for their school.



QUILTING ANYONE?

Ladies and Gents: If you have an interest in quilting, be sure and join us on Saturday, September 20 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. We will meet in the Fire-side room downstairs. This will be a working meeting. Bring all of your sewing equipment (machine, lights, cutting implements, etc., etc.) We will discuss goals of such a group (missions, teaching, etc), and decide on a monthly meeting time. Please bring your ideas and projects, (if you wish) and share your vision for such a group. If you have any questions, please call Anne

Kendall (466-0470) or Penny Rustad (293-3329).



SENIOR SAINTS

Our next get-together is Monday, September 8 @ noon. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. And stay afterwards to hear Mike Rauwolf share slides and stories about the recent Owyhee River trip that he went on with other men from ACC in August.

Also, mark your calendars for October 13 @ 11am, when we will have a special speaker, Stanny Stuart, (Speech Pathologist at Island Hospital) share on the topic "Improving and maintaining Your Memory Skills". Our usual potluck time will follow at noon.

LOVE INC OUTREACH UPDATE

The Love INC ministry at ACC is continuing to grow as we reach out to those in our community with immediate needs. The furniture and auto repair ministries are busy touching the lives of people outside the walls of ACC and bringing a message of hope and love to those in need. Here is an opportunity for you to get involved as well.

There is a continuing need for donations of furniture and appliances that

can be used to help our neighbors. If you have furniture or appliances in good condition that you would like to donate to a worthy cause – or perhaps you know of someone else that does – please contact Jay Lewis (360.588.8086) or contact the Mount Vernon Love INC office directly (360.293.4800). A Love INC volunteer will be scheduled to come by to pick up your donation and take it to a needy family in our community.

Or perhaps you feel the Lord has been directing you to get involved in a ministry that will directly impact the lives of those in need. The ACC Love INC ministry has a place for you too. There are many ways that you can help. Please contact Jay Lewis (360.588.8086) to get answers to your questions.

FACILITIES & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

A big THANK YOU goes out to the church body for supporting the Facilities Committee's recommendation to take a small bank loan for repairs and upgrades to the building. We will soon be seeing new carpeting in the sanctuary, new paint in the foyer and the sanctuary, new exterior doors with safety glass for the preschool, and a new roof and gutters. We are in the process of scheduling the work to be done but it will ALL be done before November. There will be ways to help if you are able. See the sign up sheets at the Information counter in the foyer or contact Dale Clark. This is exciting!

Capital Improvements

Install new roof	\$26,848.00*
Replace Gutters	\$2,895.00
Replace carpet in sanctuary	\$19,200.00
Replace exterior doors in preschool	\$715.00
Purchase paint for interior	\$325.00
Total.....	\$49,983.00

*Note price increase due to material price increase

As of printing this newsletter, we have received \$7,000 to reduce this loan amount. We appreciate your generous giving towards these improvements.

By vote of the congregation, several building maintenance projects will be done in the future. The dates will be forthcoming as soon as plans are finalized. Volunteers will be needed for several tasks. Signup Sheets are in the foyer. If you have questions or need clarification of each task, please contact Dale Clark at 293-7043. *Thanks so much for your prayerful involvement in this endeavor!* Dale Clark, Chairman of Deacons.



WANT ADS

We are in need of someone to organize greeters for second service. Every person entering this building for worship should be made welcome. If you can smile, say "good morning", and shake a hand you are qualified to be a greeter. A big THANK YOU to David Yount for his commitment in this area at first service.

If you are able to be a greeter or are willing to take responsibility for this

ministry please contact the church office. The rewards are great!

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MINISTRY COUNCIL

Ministry Council meets again on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7pm. Remember, ALL people are welcome to attend these informative meetings.



A NEW LIFE IS HERE!

CONGRATULATIONS to Dick and Karen Gerlach, the proud grandparents of new Mara Antina Wolfswinkel. Born July 23, weighing 8' 7oz. and 20" long, to their daughter Erin and husband Karl. We rejoice with you!

DIRECTORY UPDATES



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Reminder:

*Church office will be closed
Monday, Sept. 1 for
Labor Day*

THANK YOU



We'd like to say a heartfelt Thank You to Bud, Dale, Dennis, Colleen, Bob and so many others, who continue to keep this facility in beautiful condition. The cleaning, painting, mowing, watering and more, are so greatly appreciated!



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 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30AM
 JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: 7:00PM

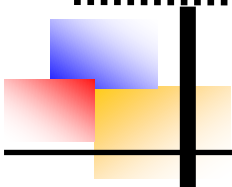
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ACC GENERAL INFO

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed - Labor Day holiday	2 7pm - Borlin group 7pm - Elders' meet	3 6a - Men's study 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer meeting	4 7:30p - Band Practice	5	6 8:30a - Men's Bfast
7 Reverse Offering FALL KICK-OFF - new classes & activities!	8 12p - Sr. Saints 6:30p - Missions 7p - Men's Bible study 7p - Facilities	9 7p - Borlin group	10 6a - Men's study 10a - Women's study 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer meeting	11 7:30p - Band Practice	12	13
14	15 7p - Men's Bible study	16 7p - Borlin group 7p - Ministry Council meeting	17 6a - Men's study 10a - Women's study 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer meeting	18 7:30p - Band Practice	19	20 9:30a - Quilters (Fireside room)
21	22 7p - Men's Bible study	23 7p - Borlin group	24 See you @ the Pole 6a - Men's study 10a - Women's study 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer meeting	25 7:30p - Band Practice	26	27
28 Bridges for Peace - Special Speaker both services Oyster Run 12p - Deacons meet	29 7p - Men's Bible study	30 7p - Borlin group 7p - Deaconess meet				