

Anacortes Christian Church

Connections Newsletter

September 2011

BY HIS DIVINE POWER...

*By His divine power,
God has given us everything
we need for living
a godly life.*

2 Peter 1:3 NLT

What an assurance for kicking off 2012! All that needs to happen can happen because of this promise, one of many. We can go beyond any victory we have ever experienced before. God's power! Everything we need! A total, flat out godly life throughout the coming year!!!

I recently spoke of the necessity of unity throughout the body so that our children can believe in Jesus. It will

happen. God will make it happen. For our children and for our world!

We need to love each other, serve one another, carry godly community into the entire world. Beyond anything we would ask for or imagine . . . that's the adventure God promises for ACC throughout 2012.

Can He really do it? Who would dare reply, "He can't!" or "He won't!" I sense He has already started. We can each say, "I won't." But why? When so much is being offered if we stick to His plan and purpose, why settle for less?

Let me remind you of His purpose: *MAKE discipleRs*

EVERYWHERE (Matthew 28:18-20) Scriptures infer that we do this in relational environments . . . like in Acts 2:42-44. Matthew 4:19 gives a simple definition of a disciple: One who is following Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and one committed to serving the mission of Jesus. You've heard this before, you'll hear it again. All we do must lead toward this commandment and commission. Farther than we've ever gone before. Better. Seeing each other become Christlike. It's all going to happen. God has given us everything we need, including each other!

~ John

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Fall Worship Schedule Starts - Sunday, Sept. 18



**First Service -
8:00am
(Fireside Room)**

**Sunday School -
9:30-10:30am**

**Second Service -
10:45am
(Sanctuary)**

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of god, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

A Letter from the Elders

The elders want to thank everyone for their input on scheduling for the fall. Good points were made on both sides of the discussion concerning one or two services.

After prayerful consideration on what is best for the church as a whole, the elders have decided that ACC will resume having two services starting September 18th. The early service at 8 am will be in the Fireside room until growth in either service requires additional space.

Both services will reflect our mission to "Make *discipleRs in Relational Environments Everywhere!*" Preaching will be the same at both services.

The Order of Worship for both services will include styles that best express heartfelt worship by the respective worshippers. We anticipate that this will mean "hymns" in the immediate future for first service, and more contemporary worship expressions for the second.

The praise band will provide music for the second service. The elders feel this option will be ground work for growth in the body as it allows members and visitors a choice of worship styles and times. We appreciate the teachers in the children's department and this allows those who would like to worship God before Sunday school to fill their spiritual needs with God's love before sharing that love with our children.

Thus, Sunday School will be from 9:30 to 10:30am beginning Sept. 18 and second service from 10:45 to Noon. This way the praise band will be able to practice before Sunday school rather than having to come at 7am. This will help relieve their feelings of burn out and will also allow them to participate in some of the Sunday school classes/activities.

We are planning a strong Sunday school program for both adults and chil-

dren beginning in the fall that will enable our church to reach out and grow. We plan on continuing to have one service in the summer and at strategic times during the rest of the year. As a concerned member of the congregation pointed out at the Ministry Council meeting, with this format we have been meeting as one service about 18 times a year and will continue to do so until growth requires multiple services.

In His Love, **Ron Pinson**
Chairman of the Elders

Adult Education - Sunday Class Offerings

Church is a Team Sport

(Meeting in Youth Wing)

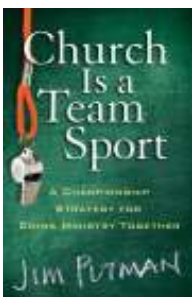
Teacher: John Douglas

"I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Jesus spoke those words to Peter in Matthew 16:18. How does He build His church? How does He plan to build ACC? For answers, we go to the Scriptures.

We will also look at a book titled "Church is a Team Sport," by Jim Putnam. This gives us a model of what a Biblical church looks like, and how God blesses such a church. Church leaders, those aspiring to church leadership, folks who want to know how we should do church...all would benefit from this class.

Cost of the book is \$10.00. Register for this class and pay for books ASAP so we can order materials in time for September 18.



Standard Bible Curriculum

(Meeting in Room 205)

Ron Pinson and Dale Clark invite all interested adults to come study with us in Sunday School class for the Fall Quarter.

We will be studying the wisdom of Solomon and of Jesus and applying it to our lives in a class setting where sharing of opinion, insight in to the scriptures and life experiences are encouraged. We will be exploring Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song Of Solomon and Matthew.

Come explore the Word with us at 9:30am Sunday mornings as we look at the themes of Tradition and Wisdom.



Marriage Class

(Meeting in Fireside Room)

We believe that strong godly marriages are one of God's greatest tools for making discipleRs. We invite couples of all ages and stages, from seasoned veterans to newlyweds, to join us as we walk with one another towards experiencing all that God desires in our marriages.

We will invite you to take an honest look at where you are at and challenge you to examine your fears and expectations that stand between you, your spouse and God.

Through a mixture of teaching and small groups, you will be exposed to a variety of different marriage resources based on God's word and then you will be challenged to put them into action.

Led by: Jay & Linda Lewis and Mark & Laurel Bryant



Children's Ministries and Education

Our goal is to help children know, love and have a relationship with Jesus.

Sunday School:

God's Tods (18 mos. – 2yrs.):
 Teachers: Ed Borlin, Teresa Schwabe, Lana Laumbattus, Linda Fischer, Doris Robertson, Elsa Phillips, Jeff Ingstad, Ami Bryant and Penny Rustad

Pre-school (3's-4's):
 Teachers: Jeff & Claire Ingstad

Kindergarten 2nd gr.:
 Teachers: Donna Ruddell, Carrie and Adam McCoy

3rd-4th gr: Teacher: Gail Douglas

5th-6th gr.: Teacher: Sunni Ausland

Songleader: Shari Weaver

Content:

Pre-schooler plus K-2nd graders will continue with their age-appropriate curriculum that goes through the Bible in three years. The emphasis for this series is weaving the Bible story and faith into a child's everyday life.

The 3rd-6th graders will be combining for an exciting style of learning and moving at the same time. The "On the Go" format presents rotating Bible activities: first

series of the year being a "Kids' Travel Guide to the Ten Commandments." These 13 lessons help children differentiate between right and wrong and encourage making wise choices for their futures.

During second service: there is child-care in the nursery and God's Tods area. Also available:

Wee Worship (3's & 4's) in the Pre-school area downstairs.
 Team: Shawn & Melissa Holsinger, James & Jen Turpin, Frank & Carol Mann, Amy Askey & Reiko Nystrom, Nate & Gretchen Hanson, Steve & Cathy Pitts, Kris Comeau, Gail Douglas. Wee Worship consists of age appropriate lessons and crafts which take them through the Bible.

Children's Church (K-4th gr.) in the Fire-side room.

Team: Ami Bryant & Shannon Burch, Cheri Pinson & Cat Weech, Dawn Pittman & Elizabeth & Joanna Pittman, Donna Ruddell & Jane Nelson & Gail Douglas. Children's Church uses curriculum that goes through the entire Bible in three years.

* 5th-6th graders are welcome to join also.

Our various Children's ministries incorporate Bible with singing, scripture memory, crafts and other special activities during the year.

We are pleased to announce that Michelle Slater has volunteered her time and talents to leading our kids in a Christmas musical emphasis, along with the adult choir.

Children's Ministries contacts:
 Gail Douglas 299-8243
 Donna Ruddell 293-5707
 Sunni Ausland 293-8306

~ Gail

Dear Nursery Servants
 Ashley Rice,
 Linda Lewis,
 Teresa Schwabe,
 Dawn Rauwolf,
 Eileen Williams, Claire Ingstad, Jane Nelson, Carol Mann, Amy Askey and Lynne Borlin...



You are wonderful women!
 We appreciate how you care for the infants and babies so tenderly.
 We know they are safe in your arms.
 Our continued thanks to ALL of you as you serve these precious ones. Nursery is available each week during the 10:45am service.

~ Lynne Borlin

Sept 11 - Church BBQ, Community Service and Worship

Remember that on Sunday, Sept. 11 - Mark Bryant will be preaching for our last "One Service" summer schedule time @ 9:30am. Mark will share an overview of God's Redemptive Story, bringing this series to a close...getting us ready for the next emphasis...ENGAGE.

Following this last 9:30am service we will enjoy some great table fellowship over a wonderful, old fashioned BBQ!

Burgers, hot dogs, chips, salads and drinks will all be provided. A great time to KICK-OFF our new Fall schedule which starts on Sept. 18. (see front page for specifics)

May we all enter into this next season with a renewed thirst for God and for



His mighty Word to be planted deep into our lives and hearts. Amen!

The days not over yet...

At 3pm, join in the Community-wide worship service at Causland Park. We will celebrate Jesus, Unity in Christ, remember 9/11 and declare the Lordship of Jesus over our town.

(Mike will be teaming up with Dick Bugg from Safe Harbor church, and other musicians from various churches to lead this worship service.)

Looking Back...Moving Forward
 A Weekend of Service and Praise

Sept. 9-10

Community Wide Service Projects
 (Specific lists will be posted in the foyer)

"By remembering, we are reminded of what truly matters...

YOU ARE VALUED!"

14 Ways to GET INVOLVED AT CHURCH in 2011-2012

Sometimes it's difficult to actually volunteer or get involved in your church. If you're like me, you've felt the urge to jump in and contribute somehow, but it's not often clear where to start. As you mull things over in your mind, the moment of inspiration passes, at least for the time being. Well, here are some practical suggestions and some needs you could step into. Some are more involved, or should be matched to a specific personality and skill set. Others are more universal. Many are not even included here or perhaps haven't even been considered yet. Either way, we'd love to get you serving your church in a way that's right up your alley.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(Note: Background Checks Required) Like kids? Volunteer in the children's ministry. You can have an impact on the spiritual formation of our young ones. There's always a place for more help, from publicizing, to making copies, arts and crafts, and actually teaching. The more help, the less burden on any one individual.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

This is actually a specific need we have at ACC right now, and would involve a specific job description, skill set, and time commitment. This role would include vision casting and follow through with the ministry as a whole, periodic interaction with the leaders to find out where they're at, what their needs are, and how to better enhance their ministries. You would have help and initial guidance from other leaders at ACC in order to determine specific goals and action steps that lend to the mission to make discipleRs in relational environments... Everywhere! For more information, please email us at office@accweb.net. Or, if you want to give us a head-start, fill out our online volunteer application at <http://www.accweb.net/Volunteerapp.aspx>

BREAKFAST WITH THE BREW

Like to cook or bake? At this point you probably know that we serve coffee here at ACC (and here in the northwest, it should be a prerequisite). However, there's not always something to go with it. You could volunteer to whip up some muffins or banana/zucchini/pumpkin bread to offset the caffeine. Perhaps not one of those dire needs, but an opportunity that can go a long way nonetheless.

PROGRAM / NEWSLETTER / WEB DESIGN

Are you a designer? Do words like Adobe InDesign, Photoshop or WordPress perk your ears? You could use your talents for the church! The task of designing layouts and graphics for newsletters, bulletins, and other media can easily get overlooked. ACC also uses the web, social media and blogging to advertize, communicate and minister. Fire up your creative juices and give us a call.

WORSHIP PRESENTATION. Lyrics, readings, outlines – all part of a presentation that someone carefully assembles prior to services. If you're good at staying on schedule and creating presentations, this might be a great place to serve. Contact Mike at mike@accweb.net.

SOUND TECH. Do you have an ear for music and sound? Are you intrigued by technology? Like to mix live or recorded sound? Want to learn? We could definitely use your help! Volunteer to run sound. You could have a tremendous impact on how the Word and music are communicated and received by worshipers throughout the service.

Contact Mike at mike@accweb.net

WORSHIP BAND. The worship team is always looking for more musicians and, in holding to our mission to make discipleRs, potentially more leaders. We have a specific need at this point for volunteer pianists who could play hymns during the First Service in the Fireside Room. Dust off that piano and sign up! Additionally, we could especially use more electric guitarists, bassists, drummers, stringed instruments and, well, if you play something and want to join, give us a call! Some auditioning is required. mike@accweb.net

DÉCOR - OUTSIDE. The lawn, plants, flowerbeds, etc. make our facility pretty, but involve some upkeep as well. If you like the outdoors and have a green thumb, sign up to help with watering, weeding, etc. every once in awhile. A little goes a long way.

INSIDE. How our facility is presented can actually have an affect on how people worship, and can leave impressions, both positive and negative, on those who come and go. Do you have an eye for interior design? Ever have thoughts on how our facility can communicate with more impact, allure, and artistic integrity? You could put your skills to work in partnership with our ministry and facilities teams for ideas on how to use the building itself to better communicate Christ's heart and mission to those who enter its doors.

PRAY This may seem like a no-brainer, but your church always needs more people committed to prayer. Become more intentional in praying for your church. Grab a partner and visit the prayer room for an hour or so a week. Pray over the weekly requests that go out by email. Pray over the newsletter, for small groups, or for the church's effectiveness in reaching the lost in Anacortes. By actually setting time aside – as opposed to shooting up a prayer here and there in passing – you'll be surprised at how the Lord moves in your heart and works through your prayers.

YOUTH Always an area that weighs heavily on our hearts. Our teens are our most at-risk people in Anacortes. They bear heavy burdens and handle a lot of pressure. They have multiple voices shouting in their ears who they should be, what decisions they should make, and what to believe. Perhaps the most vital ministry to any church, there is always room for help in some form or another. Give an ear and a voice and you could dramatically influence and altar the course of an entire life. Contact Teresa: youth@accweb.net

MENTOR SOMEONE

A recent study (by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy) found that 88 percent of unmarried young adults are having sex. The numbers don't decrease much among Christians: 80 percent... **Eighty percent!** What's even more staggering is that 65 percent of women who have abortions identify themselves as Protestant or Catholic. That's 650,000 abortions obtained by (self-proclaimed) Christians every year. More familiar is the fact that by far most youths leave the church in their early 20's if not sooner. We live in a culture of extreme contrast: Passionate yet distracted, desiring to change our culture but numb to it at the same time, busy, hyper-connected, yet incredibly lonely. The stats go on and on, and it

begs the question: Would some of these people **not** be statistics if they had mentors in their lives?



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Keep reading...

JOLT Youth News

This fall we are hoping to go through the Bible in a way that is easy for the teens to grasp, and help them gain a foothold on God's truths, and why we need a Savior.

We are looking for adults who would be willing to spend time building relationships with our JOLT teens, either through our Wednesday night small group times, or even hanging out with them during the games, and even for longer at events and/or lock-ins. This is a terrific group of young men and women who are trying to grow, both spiritually, and in maturity. Finally, if you would like to be around a younger group, sitters are needed to help out our leaders with young ones, so that

they can give their attention to the teens.

Upcoming Events for JOLT:

First Home football game –
Friday, September 16

See You At the Pole –
Wednesday September 28, before school, a student led event to pray for the Middle and High schools.

Coming in October, our trip to the Corn Maze.

Be sure to pick up a new year-long permission form from any of the youth leaders. This form covers everything we do, except for YD or Young Life trips.

~ *Teresa*



Skagit Valley Human Life Ad - Sept 25 & Oct 2

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139: 13-16 (NIV)



Dear Church Family,

This picture is amazing isn't it? God has created each one of us uniquely in His image. He loves each of us at every stage of our development. He has asked us to speak up for those who have no voice.

There are a number of ways we can do this. One way we have is to be part of the Skagit Valley Human Life Ad.

Each year we collect names to be placed in a full page ad that comes out in January. This ad always coincides with the anniversary date of Roe vs Wade's decision to make abortion legal. In this country 1 out of 4 pregnancies are terminated by abortion!

There will be a table set up in the foyer for this purpose on September 25th & October 2nd for both services.

To cover the cost of the ad we ask that you would donate \$5.00 per line. Of course if you would like to donate more to our Anacortes chapter of Human Life it would be very much appreciated!

If you have any questions please contact either Sandy Moffitt @ 941-0190 or e-mail: wildwoodmtn@comcast.net or Penny Rustad @ 293-3329 or e-mail: brucerustad@frontier.com

~ *God Bless each of you,*

Sandy Moffitt

→ Continued... 14 Ways to Get Involved...

The question itself is at least worth the pursuit. We tend to be quick to protest these issues, yet slow to invest in lives in order to intervene preemptively. The task may sound daunting, but doesn't have to be. Start with coffee, or seek out connections in a small group. Jesus in you is enough to make a difference.

FIND A MENTOR Don't wait for someone to seek you out. Find someone you

look up to spiritually and whom you respect and ask them if they would be interested in mentoring you personally. Chances are, that person will be flattered. The truth is, we all desire change in our lives for the better, and this simple request is one step you can take to move beyond intention and into action. Small Groups are a great place to start, to make connections, and be drawn into real intentional relationships that make a

difference (see the article "Follow, Change, Serve").

START SOMETHING NEW

Perhaps a little more daunting to think about, but also very exciting. Offer up your talents and see how you can best serve your church.

~ *Mike*

Benevolence - The Sheep & the Goats

Matt 25:31-46 (ESV)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed,

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



This Matthew passage is haunting. It is a powerful passage and one that cannot be explained or "interpreted" away.

Jesus is clear as to this one aspect of our Christian walk...taking care of those in need.

Here at ACC, your designated funds are doing just that...helping "the least". These past couple months we have helped with over \$700 of various needs. There has been aid given for rent assistance, PSE & city water bills, gasoline cards, as well as money given to an emergency shelter fund here in town (overseen by the Anacortes Human Services Coalition group). Some of the people helped included a cancer patient making ends meet while on SSI assistance. Someone who was out of work due to a needed surgery. And a single mom working 3 p/t jobs, yet still experiencing a shortage. Most often we join our funds with those from Salvation Army, Saint Vincent De Paul, and other churches in town, thus continuing to foster healthy and helpful relationships with these other congregations.

God's people...working and giving together. Thank you again for your continued monies that help us to help others. It is far reaching...farther than you know.

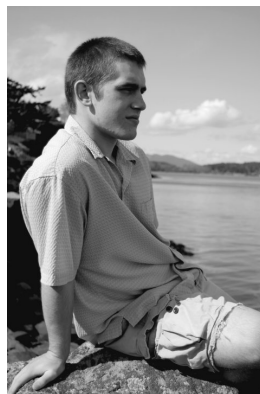
~ Nancy

Missions

At our last missions committee meeting we discussed what our priorities will be for the coming year. We would like to change the missions committee meetings from being about projects and programs to a small group developing a passion for missions. At our meetings we will continue to plan events but also will gain more knowledge about what God is doing around the world. If you have a heart for missions please think about joining our small group. We will plan to meet every other month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We will be exploring about possibilities of taking on an unreached people group to pray for and then to maybe consider sending someone out from our ACC body to serve this group of people.

A huge thank you to all of you who financially and prayerfully supported Isaac's mission trip to Guinea. His funds came in and he is now over in

Guinea working with the Riley's. He will be helping with homeschooling for



Sophia and helping Pete with projects. Please keep Isaac and his mission and family in your prayers for the next six months while he is gone. Pray for good health and a life changing experience.

Thank you ACC congregation for your generous support at all times!

~ Sandy Sjogren & the Missions Committee

Family Game Night

Come one, come all!
Bring your games and spend an evening of fun and fellowship,

Friday, September 16, 7pm
(Fireside Room)

Coffee will be provided. Please bring your favorite game and snack and have a little fun! All adults and game-playing children are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Anne Kendall @ 466-0470.



Money Matters



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love INC Financial Mentors Needed!

The Love INC Financial Mentoring Class

helps couples and individuals to understand the practical application of Biblical Financial Principles. To make this 6 month program work, Love INC relies on volunteer mentors (training provided) who are available on Tuesday evenings to show someone else how to: balance a checkbook, prioritize spending, understand the importance of paying off their debt, and strive to honor the Lord with their money. If you're good at managing

your money, and you enjoy helping people in need, PLEASE contact Peter at the Love INC office to find out more about being a financial mentor! Classes begin in late September. (360) 419-7061



Crown Money Map Seminar

Comes to Skagit County: On Saturday, September 10th from 9am to 4:30pm, a representative from Crown

Financial Institute (www.crown.org) will be teaching through Crown's life-

changing, personal financial management material. You will learn all of the Biblical Financial Principles, and also the practical application of those principles in one day. You will leave the seminar with hope, and an action plan to get out of the bondage of man's economy, and into the freedom of God's economy. This seminar is not just for people with "Money Problems," this is for anyone who handles money in any capacity. Cost is \$25 per person. Location: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mount Vernon. Register today at www.crown.org, and click "Find an Event," then click on "Money Map Seminar."

Special Improv

"An Evening of Improv for Hunger"
Saturday, Sept 17th at 8:00 pm
@ AHS Brodniak Hall.

This is going to be a special show to raise money for famine relief in Somalia. We have special arrangements for use of the hall from our wonderful school superintendent so that more of the money we raise can go to help the terrible tragedy that is unfolding in Africa right now.

*** We're looking for special sponsors who are willing to help with advertising costs and also for matching funds contributors. A matching fund contributor is someone who offers money to double someone else's contribution that is above the ticket sale. If you are interested contact Brian Geer at 293-4791 Only \$5 at the door

Deacons

Deacons' Meeting September 25, 2011 after Second Service in Room 205.

See you there!



FYI...the kiosk in the foyer has packets which include the most recent Ministry Council agenda and reports. Feel free to pick one up next time you are in the building. ~ Office

ACC's Centennial

For anyone interested in being involved in the Centennial planning for next November there will be a meeting Thursday night, September 22, in the youth wing, 7:00pm. This will be a time of pre-planning for our 100 year Anniversary in 2012. It seems a long way off, but will be here before we know it.

~ Teresa



Dear Ones in Christ,

Just a note to say "Thank You" for your cards of comfort, visiting Mom in the hospital and at Fidalgo Care Center and then to all who attended her memorial service. Your presence and love meant so much to our family. We will miss her for awhile, but look forward to a great reunion in Heaven! Love, John, Gail and family.

Kicking Off D-groups with a Fresh Start

Follow

A D-Group (Discipleship Group) is a Small Group formed for the purpose of discipleship.

At ACC, we recognize that the primary role of the church, apart from hearing from God, is to make disciple makers (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 4:19). This is the task for all believers, not just a select few. We have observed that this is best done in smaller, relational environments, as was modeled by Jesus himself. Sadly, the majority of Christians in our country today are not connected in an intentional relationship with someone for the purpose of discipleship. So many problems in the church today – disputes, disagreements, disunity, moral failure, hypocrisy, etc. – could easily be prevented if the parties involved were connected to intentional, relational community. Here are a few goals we are striving for in our small groups ministry, or in other words, things you can hope to experience by getting connected to a group: *

Bible-based leadership and discussion – as it applies to your life, personally.

Pastoral Care – A counseling pastor once told me that 90% of the issues

Change

encountered in his office could have been effectively dealt with or prevented had the parties involved been connected to a small group. In a group you ideally find people who will care for you in times of need. They show up at the hospital, arrange meals, or move boxes when you change residences.

Intentionally Relational Community – What does that mean? It means more than just fellowship and study. It means that members care for each other too much to let things sit on the surface. You will be challenged to go deeper, and find a place of intimate trust, where it is safe to be real and vulnerable.

Outreach – People often find the concept of walking into a church threatening. In a small group, however, one finds people being real and vulnerable, and is invited into that authentic Christian community, as opposed to being preached at for a half an hour and dismissed. Statistically, Small groups are a far more effective entrance point into the church than simply inviting someone to attend on Sunday morning. This provides group members (a.k.a: YOU) with an effective means of reaching out to their neighbors. In fact, one of our

Serve

groups is in the midst of a real-life example of this even now. There will be a powerful story to tell in the next few months.

Leadership development. You know you've been called to the task of making disciple-makers. It's a daunting sounding task that is easy to forget or ignore. How does one become equipped to make disciple-makers amidst the typical, busy schedule? You don't have to face this challenge alone. Ideally, a D-Group is a leader-making factory. This is where you can find real-life opportunities to be developed over time, with the help of your group and leader(s), into an effective discipler.

Our groups are very different from one to the next – each with diligent leaders who have incredible hearts. We're all in process, and we realize that the expectations listed above are goals we are striving for, continually working out the nuts and bolts. Some groups exert more strength in one area over another, but it is with these goals in mind that we continue to develop this ministry.

~ Mike

Listing of Current D-groups Available

Aaron and Ami Bryant, Mondays @ 7pm - location varies.

Ruddell Group - 1st & 3rd Weds; 6:45pm.

Keep watching...other groups coming...yet to be confirmed.

Rauwolf / Bryant Group will resume meeting September 12, Mondays, 7pm. Location TBA

Dolly Mooney – Women's Group – Every other Tuesday, 6:30pm

Men of Faith - Mondays @ 7pm, ACC

Mooney Group – Every other Wednesday @ 6:30pm (rotating weeks with Dolly's women's group)

Gretchen Hanson – High School Girls, Mondays @ 6pm, Hanson's house

Rustad Group - Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Nate Hanson – High School (middle school?) boys - TBA

Lewis Group - 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7pm @ Lewis' home resuming Sept. 8





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TODAY!

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
 JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: 7:00PM

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GENERAL INFO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30p-Grayson Burch Baby Shower (Fireside)	2	3
4 9:30a-Worship Service	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 10a - Ladies study 6:45p-Ruddell group 7p - JOLT Youth	8 6:30p-Aktion Club 7p-Lewis group	9 Community Service	10 Community Service 9a-Crown \$\$ seminar
11 9:30a-Worship Service 11a- Church BBQ 3p- 9/11 Community Worship@Causland	12 6p - HS gals group 7p - A.Bryant group 7p - Rauwolf group 7p - Men of Faith	13	14 10a - Ladies study 7p - JOLT Youth	15	16 7p-Family Game Night (Fireside)	17
18 NEW FALL SCHEDULE 8a - 1st Service 9:30a - SS hour 10:45a -2nd Service	19 6p - HS gals group 7p - A.Bryant group 7p - Rauwolf group 7p - Men of Faith	20	21 10a - Ladies study 6:45p-Ruddell group 7p - JOLT Youth	22 6:30p-Aktion Club 7p-Lewis group 7p-Centennial mtg. 7p-Missons mtg.	23	24
25 Human Life Ad 8a - 1st Service 9:30a - SS hour 10:45a -2nd Service 12p-Deacon/ Deaconess meetings	26 6p - HS gals group 7p - A.Bryant group 7p - Rauwolf group 7p - Men of Faith	27	28 SYATP, youth 10a - Ladies study 7p - JOLT Youth	29	30	

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