



# CROSSWALK

*A Communiqué of Anchor Christian Church*

## Come to Anchor Christian Church's Youth Rally 2011

### Have You Heard . . .

- Plan to attend our Youth Rally, October 7 and 8.
- We offer Adult, Deaf, and Youth Bible Studies, and Kids Activities every Wednesday evening at 7 PM.
- Join the Christmas Musical cast. Practice is Saturdays at 10 AM.
- Ladies' Bible Studies are held every Monday at 10 AM.
- Our sermons are on the Web! Check out our web site: [www.AnchorChristian.org](http://www.AnchorChristian.org)
- Looking for a ministry? We've got opportunities where you can make a difference in worship, Christian education, youth work, missions, and more. Don't be shy! Contact the church office to find out more today!

It's time for our annual Youth Rally at ACC. This is when around 200 junior and senior high youth from all over New York State come together to worship, learn, and have fun, all in the name of Christ! This year's Rally will be held on October 7 and 8 here, with the theme "HE>I" (He is Greater Than I). As John the Baptist said in John 3.30, "He must become greater; I must become less."

We live in a world that's self-centered. The world is pushing us all closer and closer to isolation and preaches a message of self-centered living. "I can do anything I want to do." "I deserve to

be happy and I will do whatever it takes to be happy." As Christians we are called to live life putting Jesus first, not self.

So come join us at Anchor Christian Church as a group from Mid-Atlantic Christian University will be teaching us from God's Word, leading some crazy games, and introducing you to their great university. We will also worship with ATIOB, a band formed at MACU. We'll have tons of food, fun and fellowship. The cost is \$20 for all youth, \$15 for college students, and adult sponsors are free.

This also will be a great opportunity for your unsaved friends

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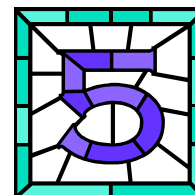
**HE > I**

## Anchor Adds Five More!

We are very blessed to have five new members added to our church family!

**Jack Leiker** first came to us in January at the invitation of his friend, Brenda Palmigiano. Brenda had shared her testimony of how she became a Christian with him and it prompted his interest. So he started coming to ACC. Right away he liked the friendly people here and the sermons. Soon he began asking questions on how

one becomes a Christian. He began studying what the Scriptures say about this subject with Tom Wink. That is why on June 29th, Tom had the privilege of baptizing him into our Lord Jesus Christ.



**John and Judy**

**Johnson** are new to our area. They are lifelong Christians and were looking for a Christian church and found us on the Inter

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## Can You Guess Who Our Mystery Member Is?

This month's Mystery Member was born and grew up in Lancaster, PA. He has one older brother. About his family life he shares, "I was brought up in a Christian home and went to church and believed. But after a long walk away from God, the Lord brought me back to Him in 1997. And it has been a process of growth since then."

Besides Lancaster, our MM has lived in Ft. Lauderdale and Jacksonville, FL, and Virginia Beach, VA. He currently resides in North Chili with his wife and four sons.

### COLLEGE:

Our Mystery Member attended Ft Lauderdale College and the University of North Florida, where he earned his Associates Degree in Travel and Tourism. He later received his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Virginia Wesleyan College.

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

He has worked at Choice Hotels,

Holiday Inn, Days Inn, United Way of South Hampton Roads, and Kintera. His current employer is CarrSystems, Inc. and WPG Solutions, Inc. When asked what he enjoys about his job he states, "Being able to work from home, the challenges of learning new things, and the freedom to be creative and give my input on important decisions for the companies."

### INTERESTS:

September's MM interests are many, including hunting, fishing, golfing, reading, traveling, NASCAR, and wood working.

### HIS FAVORITES INCLUDE:

- **Book:** Dirk Pitt Series
- **Food:** steak and potatoes
- **Music:** by Sanctus Real and Brandon Heath
- **Movie:** *Band of Brothers*

### FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah 29:11:

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

When asked about his choice of this verse, he said, "I have seen God's hand in my life and where He has given me hope when I had none, and given me things I never dreamed that I

would have, and He has provided for me in ways that are undeniably from God."

### HOW DID YOU END UP AT ANCHOR?

"We were looking for a church with a family-kind-of-feel to it, and with things to involve kids. On our first visit we were met by Keith Mason and he made sure we knew where everything was and just made us feel welcomed. It was the overall best reception that we had had at any of the churches that we had visited."

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to hear the Gospel and to learn that being a Christian is cool! So be sure to invite them!

As in the past, for this event to be a success, just about all of us in ACC will need to help in one way or another, especially with housing and transportation. Many volunteers are also needed for the event itself in such areas as cooking, cleaning, and registration. Please, for the kids' sake, think about how you might like to volunteer. This makes the event

affordable, and it's fun for us to help the kids, because the weekend has such an impact on their lives. Thanks in advance for your hospitality and help!

## Fun Fellowship Coming Soon

**Hallelujah Festival**  
October 28 at ACC

**Harvest Banquet**  
November 13, 5:30 PM  
at Churchville-Chili Junior High  
School Cafeteria

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rarely if ever heard. Most of them sound downright ridiculous, don't they? But if you relate them to involvement in the church, they seem to make sense to some people somehow.

How about you? Our wonderful Lord Jesus gave us the key to successful living: "But seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

**MYSTERY MEMBER**

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**ANY CLAIM TO FAME?**

Our MM wrote an article about his boys that was printed in *Twins* magazine, and was quoted in an article in the *Boston Globe*.

**WHO IS OUR MYSTERY MEMBER? CAN YOU GUESS?**

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net. They, too, liked us right away and soon placed their membership with our fellowship. We are so glad they did! Welcome John, Judy and Jack!

**Jimmy Hendron** and **James Perkins** both grew up in our church. They've regularly attended youth group activities and Sunday School. As with all our kids, we hope that they begin thinking about a relationship with Jesus Christ. This year they both attended Mountainview Christian Camp and while they were there, they were motivated to give their lives to Christ. We are happy to say that Jimmy was baptized at camp on August 5 and James on August 10th!



The Lord has indeed blessed our fellowship! So, keep inviting new people to church and keep praying for God to use us to reach the lost. Share your testimony and your faith openly, and you will experience the thrill of knowing the Lord used you to bring another eternal life!

**God answers prayers – not advice.**

**Join Us for New Life**

If you are a new Christian or a new member of Anchor Christian Church, the "New Life" class is for you. Allan Wells, the teacher, offers this important class every Sunday at 9:45 AM in the Conference Room in the Office Wing. It consists of thirteen studies that keep rotating, so it does not matter which week you join.



Why should you attend? Those who've been involved in the past have said, "The topics are designed to give you a basic knowledge of how to live a successful and meaningful Christian life." Also, you will be given information on the history and organization of our congregation, and help to find how you will fit in effectively.

Some of the themes covered are:

- A New Standard (How to

- know the truth with confidence)
- A New Family (How to benefit from church attendance)
- A New Foundation (How to know the Bible is reliable)
- A New Communication (How to talk to God)
- A New Confidence (How to know you are saved)
- A New Master (How to be led by God)
- A New Community (How to understand our church's organization)
- A New Involvement (How to find your place in the family of God)
- A New Assignment (How to make your life count for others)

You don't need to register for this class – just show up. You'll be glad you did. It's fun, it's informative, and it's helpful if you want to be a growing Christian. You might even find it challenging. For questions or more information, contact Allan Wells (429-7252).



**Christmas Musical Cast Wants You!**

This year, we are getting ready for another very special Christmas presentation called, "Chris-myth Busters" and we want you to be a part. If you like to sing, act, or just work behind the scenes, we can use you! Don't be shy. Our Christmas musical is open to anyone in the community. Don't worry if you're not a member of our church, or a great singer, or if you have two left feet – some of us do, too! You'll be in good



company. The Musical does take some time, but it is a lot of fun. You'll meet people, make friends, and serve God. Come join us in spreading an important message of hope and peace to people who really need to hear it! We meet for rehearsals at 10 AM Saturday mornings. For more information, contact the director, Damita Peace at 350-9327.



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## Chris' Corner

### Do the Healthy Thing – Come to Church

**D**o you want to protect yourself against hypertension, reduce your chances of infection, and increase your longevity by about three years? Then come to church every week.

That's the resulting recommendation of the latest research. Three different studies, involving thousands of subjects in widely separated areas of the country, all came to the same conclusion: go to church weekly and your body, as well as your spirit, will be healthier.

Other significant findings include:

- Weekly church attendance is the leading factor *against* coronary heart disease in a list developed by the National Institutes of Health.
- Teen suicide (the number-two killer in that age group)



is dramatically lower among teens who attend church weekly as compared to those who never go to church.

- A survey conducted by the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company indicated that the most important variable in promoting a healthy lifestyle was religious affiliation.

So I'm not saying you should stop exercising or relax your careful diet. Just don't

overlook the most important ingredient to your health, body and soul.

Along these same lines, I wonder if you've ever heard anyone say the following:

- "Sunday is the only day we have to rest, so we are not going skiing this morning."
- "Yeah, that's right, Boss. I'll not be coming for a few days. I just don't like the way they do things down there at the office."

- "No, Nurse, Johnny doesn't want to go to the dentist, and if I make him go, I'm afraid he won't want to go when he's grown."
- "No, I can't make it in to work – company just walked in the door."
- "I don't know how long we're going to be here, so we're not going to have RG&E hook up the electricity."
- "No, Ralph, I'm just too busy to go to the game tonight."

Those kinds of statements are

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### Our Mission

*God has called us and leads us by His Spirit to live the love of Christ, have the mind of Christ, and do the work of Christ.*

The **CROSSWALK** is published periodically by Anchor Christian Church, 375 Beaver Road, Rochester, New York 14624. All visitors are welcome to worship with us each Sunday at 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, and 11:15 AM. The 11:15 AM Service is interpreted for the Deaf. Bible Classes for all ages are offered at 9:45 and 11:15 AM. We also offer a Deaf Bible Class at 9:45 AM. The church building is located on Route 252 near Chili Avenue. Chris Bacus is Senior Minister; John Hiltis is Youth and Young Adult Minister; Jerry Patterson is Worship Minister; Debbie Letson is Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor. Church office phone: (585) 889-2436. E-mail: ChurchOffice@AnchorChristian.org Web site: www.AnchorChristian.org

