



Why the Pause?

August is that time of year when we PAUSE in an effort to:

- give our hard working volunteers a Sabbath
- remind ourselves (and one another) that church is much more than “Sundays”
- and reflect in a NEW way on what it means to BE the church

BEING the church is more than a life-“style” ... it IS a life. The Message version of Acts chapter 2 describes this first church “organism” like this:

“Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person’s need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.”

This is a beautiful description of Christ followers living a holistic life in which “church” is not glued on to the end of a week as a spiritual add-on, but instead “church” is just a descriptor for a LIFE centered on the purposes of God:

- Worship
- Friendship
- Service
- Giving
- Study and Growth

Pause events are selected every year to help us remember these core components of “church”. Make sure you get a chance to engage in activities that reflect “church” this August! (*Pause Event Cards will be available starting mid-July in the lobby and can also be downloaded @ www.ac3.org.*)

If AC3 is your home, giving is still part of the Pause equation. It’s easy to forget this part if you’re not in the building each week for services, but the financial needs of “church” don’t Pause even though services do.

You can mail in your support during August or you visit our newest web page at www.ac3.org/giving with information on how you can give electronically through your banking institution, and MORE!

As you know – we NEVER want money to be an un-necessary stumbling block to anyone’s spiritual journey. That’s why AC3 leaders work very hard to keep giving appeals low-key, authentic and to a minimum. So, leading up to the Pause is one of those times when we step out a little bit and remind our regular AC3’rs that consistent, cheerful giving is still a big part of BEING the church.

We’ll see you at Vision Cast, The Summit and other Pause events...and we look forward to seeing you back in the building, the weekend “after” Labor Day where we’ll kick off a new monthly series that you’ll want to invite your family and friends too!