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# CONNECT GUIDE

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR ADULTS

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**Locations or times for groups may change after the printing of this guide, and some groups may have reached capacity. Prior to visiting a Connect Group for the first time, please contact the leader or church office.**

**For current updates on Connect Groups, visit [www.academychristian.org/connect](http://www.academychristian.org/connect).**

**For more information and registration visit [www.academychristian.org/myacc](http://www.academychristian.org/myacc).**

# PASTORAL INVITATION

Dear Friend,

The booklet you hold in your hands is filled with opportunities to flourish as a follower of Jesus. Knowing, loving, and serving Him is our greatest life privilege and our intent is to help you do well.

But where do I go, and how do I get there? Along with the overview of all the Connect options at ACC, we are providing a tool that may assist you in "What's MY Next Step?"

This semester we are offering and widening four specific tracks that you will find helpful.

1. A track for those new to Christ or to ACC.
2. A home and family track for doing life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
3. A track for the many who are spiritually discipling other believers---or desire to be discipled.
4. A prayer and evangelism track for changing the world and reaching the lost.

We encourage you to enter into the track best in line with your faith walk at this time and move forward to what is "My Next Step."

Bryan Myers

# NEXT STEPS

## CONNECT

### NEW HERE TRACK

#### **Baptism Class**

If you would like to follow Christ in believer's baptism, please contact the pastor of your choice for one-on-one instruction on baptism.

#### **Getting to Know ACC Class**

Take one hour to get introduced to ACC, and ask some questions of your own. Offered six times a year from 4-5 PM on Sundays and held next on Feb 4 and Apr 14.

#### **Membership Class**

Meet the pastors, learn the vision and mission of ACC., and what it means to be a member. It's the next step for greater involvement and is offered six times a year from 3-5 PM on Sundays: Jan 14, Mar 10, May 5.

#### **Alpha Class**

Alpha talks are designed to unpack the basics of Christian belief, asking questions like "Who is Jesus?," "Why and how do I pray?," and "How does God guide us?" This ten-week class is 11 AM Sundays, Jan 21-Mar 24.



# GROW

## DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

### Discipleship Luncheons

If you are currently in the role of a spiritual mentor, you are invited to join a series of luncheons to catch ACC's updated design and structure of discipleship relationships. Plan to attend both Sun Jan 14 and Feb 18 at 12:15 PM for lunch at church.



## LIFE AND FAMILY TRACK

### Faith & Baptism Class

This interactive class explains faith, baptism and communion. The purpose of the class is to assist families in assessing the timing of their child's walk with Jesus and to think through what it is to respond to Him. Sun Jan 14 and Apr 21 at 11 AM.

### Parent/Baby Dedication

We believe that parents are the true guide of the child's spiritual development, and we seek to partner with parents. Understand what it is to dedicate your little ones to the Lord on Sat May 4 at 9-10:30 AM with dedication in worship on Mother's Day, May 12.

### Re | Engage

This is a marriage enrichment journey examining God's design for marriage and applies principles from the Bible to guide all couples towards growth in their relationship with each other. Re | Engage will run Weds Jan 17 through May 15, at 6:15-8 PM.

### GriefShare

Have you lost someone precious to you? This small group encounter will help lead you through the important and challenging experience of grief, beginning Mon Feb 5, through Apr 29, at 6:30 PM.



# IMPACT

## EVANGELISM TRACK

### Community Impact

Community Impact is our monthly outreach for our ACC family to serve the Springs, generally occurring on the 3rd Saturday of each month

### Fishers of Men

This evangelism workshop, Fishers of Men, is the place to come if you are wondering how to share the gospel to someone in a loving and effective way. This class is an introduction to evangelism to get you started with helpful tips, encouragement and support happening Sun. Jan 28 at 12:15-1:30 PM.

### Go Teams

Join anytime to get practical and practiced with hands-on opportunities to share the gospel with others in this bi-weekly partnership that is ready to Pray & Go.

## PRAYER TRACK

### 24-Hours of Prayer

Apart from Christ, we can do nothing, so we humbly come before God with dedicated 24-Hours of Prayer events to heighten ACC's impact and to intercede for the lost and the needs of the world. Mar 22-23 IRL and Jun 21-22 virtually.



# SUNDAY ABFs

Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) meet Sundays for focus on Bible learning and relationships. Prayer connection and life encouragement are important parts of the design of ABFs.



## 8 AM ABFs

Explorers 8 AM



Leaders: John Oswald, Rob Wilson, Steve Thiessen, and Bob Eaton

Location: ACC, A6

Makeup: Multi-Gen, 40s-70s

Topic: Exodus

## 9:30 AM ABFs

#4Family



Leaders: Dave & Julie Mintz/  
Paul & Kelly Bradley

Location: ACC, L5

Makeup: Couples and Singles with  
School-Age Children

Topic: Book of Acts

# SUNDAY ABFs

## 9:30 ABFs (cont.)

### Digging Deeper



Leaders: John Boska and  
Larry Lawrence  
Location: ACC, A6  
Makeup: Multi-Gen, 30s-70s  
Topic: TBD

### Discovery



Leaders: John Hickman and  
Gerald "Chief" Rendel  
Location: ACC, L1  
Makeup: 60s+  
Topic: Luke





## Explorers 9:30 AM



Leaders: Todd Pickle, Bruce Wadman, Kevin Daugherty, Bill Walter

Location: ACC, A4

Makeup: Open to All Adults

Topic: Epistles of Paul

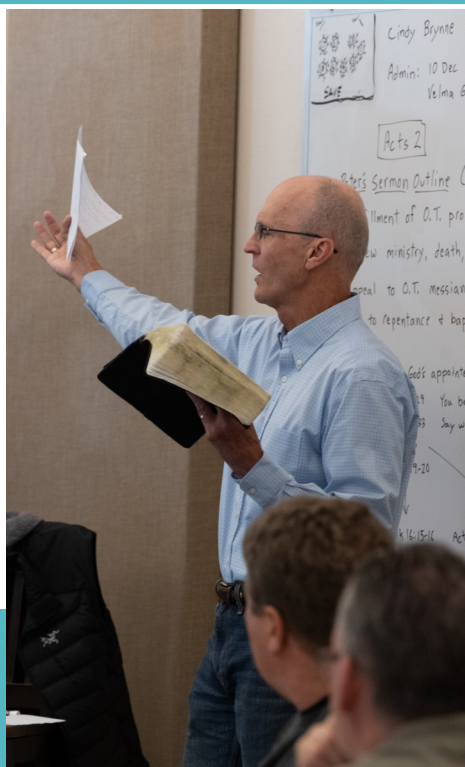
## Golden Eagles

Leaders: Rotating Teachers

Location: ACC, A2

Makeup: 60s - 80s

Topic: Books of the Bible



## Open Arms



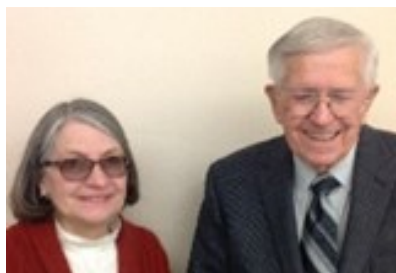
Leader: Dawn McClung

Location: ACC, A7

Makeup: Multi-Gen, 30s - 80s

Topic: 1 and 2 Peter

## Road to Emmaus



Leaders: Carol Norris and Dick Crabtree

Location: ACC, L6

Makeup: 60s+

Topic: Gospel of John



## Young Adults

Leaders: Russ and Trudy Chun

Location: ACC, L2

Makeup: Twenty-Somethings

Topic: The Chosen (3), Psalms

# SUNDAY ABFs

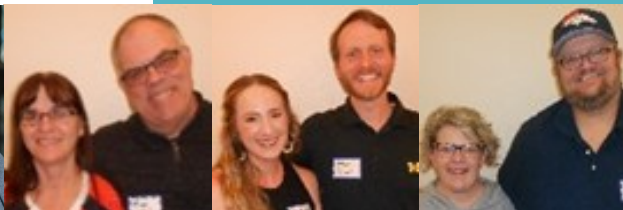
## 11:00 ABFs

### Alpha Class



Leaders: Benny Soto &  
Kathleen Fast  
Location: ACC, L5  
Makeup: New Believers

### Family Foundations



Leaders: Rick & Brenda McKee/  
Stephen & Stephanie Savage/Derrick &  
Elizabeth Harper  
Location: ACC, L6  
Makeup: Couples with pre-schoolers

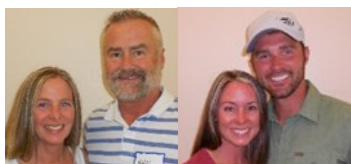


# MIDWEEK LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups meet during the week, have multiple designs and formats—all meant to help form relationships. Within these relationships, biblical teaching, community, healthy accountability, and encouragement can be found. These groups also seek to engage in meaningful ministry together.



## SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS



### **Family Discipleship**

Kevin & Tami Good  
Kreg & Keleigh Kell  
80921

Sunday, 5:30 PM

Makeup: Young Families

Topic: Discipling Families



### **Hamm Family Small Group**

Jacob & Kimber Hamm

80924

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM (1st and 3rd)

Makeup: Young Families

Topic: Living Life Together, Prayer and Fellowship

## MONDAY LIFE GROUPS



### **GriefShare**

Bill & Cindy Walter, Marcy Tourville  
ACC. NSC, A2

Monday, 6:30 PM

Makeup: Those Who are Grieving

Topic: Grief, 13 weeks begins Feb 5

# MIDWEEK LIFE GROUPS

## MONDAY LIFE GROUPS (cont.)



### **Byars/St. Martin**

Bill Byars & Doug St. Martin

80132

Monday, 6 PM

Makeup: Empty Nesters, 50+

Topic: *The Great Disappearance*



### **Lobban/Ferguson**

Jim Lobban & Don Ferguson

Life Group Member Homes

Monday, 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th Mon)

Makeup: Empty Nesters, 50s+

Topic: Various Bible Studies



### **Westlake**

Donna & Wally Westlake

80920

Monday, 6-8 PM

Makeup: Open to All Adults

Topic: Various Bible Studies

Child Care Available—Elementary+

## TUESDAY LIFE GROUPS



### **Dodge**

Todd & Angela Dodge

80920

Tuesday, 6:30 PM (2nd and 4th)

Makeup: Parents of Adult Children

Topic: Book of James



### **Erickson/Downes**

Dave & Paula Erickson

Stan & Donna Downes

80920

Tuesday, 7 PM

Makeup: Open to All Adults

10 Topic: Ephesians

**Gaby**

Bob & Lisa Gaby

80921

Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Makeup: Open to All Adults

Topic: Power of Commitment (White)

**Hagopian**

Emilie Hagopian

80920

Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Makeup: Adults 25-35

Topic: Moses

**Smith**

Dave Smith

Rotating Homes

Tuesday, 6:15 PM

Makeup: Early 50s, Empty Nesters

Topic: Various Studies



## WEDNESDAY LIFE GROUPS

**Boomers**

David & Karin Sleeper

ACC, L1

Wednesday, 6:30 PM (2nd and 4th)

Makeup: Empty Nesters

Topic: The Chosen, Season 4

**Short**

Howie & Shirley Short

80920

Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Makeup: 50+

Topic: Experiencing God by Blackaby

**Single Moms**

Tami Gale

1655 Montezuma Road, 80908

ACC, NSC, Exec Office Upstairs

Wednesday, 6:15-8 PM

Makeup: Single Moms

Topic: Various Bible Studies

**Re | Engage**

Walt & Barb Larimore

ACC, NSC

Wednesday, 6:15-8 PM

Makeup: Married Couples

Topic: Reconnect, Reignite, Resurrect



# THURSDAY LIFE GROUPS



## **The Armory**

Ben McClung & Kathleen Fast  
ACC, L2

Thursday, 6:30-8 PM

Makeup: Young Adults, 18-35

Topic: Names of God



## **Eaton**

Bob & Cathie Eaton

Briargate Area

Thursday, 6 PM

Makeup: All Adults

Topic: Hebrews



## **Newkirk**

Paul & Donise Newkirk

80132

Thursday, 7 PM

Makeup: Open to All Adults

Topic: TBD



## **Young Families**

Jon & Chelsea Quick

80924

Thursday, 5:30-7:30 PM

Makeup: Young Families

Topic: Bible, Fellowship, Food

# FRIDAY LIFE GROUPS



## **Friday Night Bible Study**

Tom Albrecht

Various Homes

Friday, 6:30 PM

Makeup: Mixed Ages

Topic: Bible Books/Topical Studies

# YOUNG ADULTS

If you are navigating your 20's facing questions of identity, calling, and meaning, then you have found a great place to join a community pursuing Jesus together!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in L2 for our ABF and on Thursday nights at 6:30 PM in L2 for fellowship and timely discussions we call The Armory.

**Young & Hungry?**  
Come enjoy a free lunch and home cooking from noon-1 PM in A3, Sunday Feb 11 and Apr 14.



## Academy YOUNG ADULTS ARMORY

6:30 PM THURSDAYS ROOM L2

The place to prepare for spiritual battles.

Expect lively discussions of Bible topics, apologetics, worldview, and making the jump into adulthood – coupled with friendship, fellowship, and occasional game nights!



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## SUNDAY PM STUDIES

5-7 PM Sundays

**The Women of the Bible  
Speak** By Shannon Bream  
Led by Sandy Shippey  
ACC A2 (starting Jan 21)

## WEDNESDAY AM STUDIES

9:30-11:30 AM Wednesdays

**Bible Recap: Old Testament**  
By Tara-Leigh Cobble  
Led by Dianna Jones  
ACC A2 (starting Jan 10)

**Gospel on the Ground**  
By Kriisti McClelland  
Led by Liz Ramsey  
ACC A6 (starting Jan 17)

**Jesus Through Middle Eastern  
Eyes / The Chosen, Season 4**  
By Kenneth Bailey  
Led by Kathleen Fast  
ACC L2 (starting Jan 3)

## WEDNESDAY PM STUDIES

6:15-8 PM Wednesdays  
Launching Jan 17  
Child Care available  
with Registration

**3:16** By Max Lucado  
Led by Sarah Hamel  
ACC Exec Office, Downstairs

**Atomic Habits / Daniel Plan**  
By James Clear / Rick Warren  
Kathleen Fast and Barb Collins  
ACC L2



# SPECIAL EVENTS



Jan 26 Souper Game Night  
Feb 10 Canvas & Coffee Cake  
Feb 23-24 IF:2024 Gathering  
Mar 16 Women's Brunch  
Apr 15 All of the Above Trivia  
May 6 !Mucho Gusto Bingo!  
May 18 Women's Brunch



# SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUPS

## Restoration

Facilitated by Sheila Dix  
ACC A2  
Thursday, 1-2:30 PM  
Makeup: Youthful Seniors  
Practice the spiritual side of aging with strength and a new purpose through our weekly time in prayer, Bible reading, and discussion.

## Single Moms

Led by Tami Gale  
ACC Exec Office, Upstairs  
Wednesday, 6:15-8 PM  
Enjoy a meal and fellowship with moms walking the same road of parenting alone.

## Sisters in Stitches

Hosted by Carol Norris  
2nd Saturday, 9:00 to noon  
A fun, encouraging environment to work on various sewing projects while visiting with other ladies. Call office for address.

## Single Sisters

Led by Mary Park  
ACC A4  
Thursday, 1-3 PM (2nd & 4th)  
Makeup: Single, widowed, or divorced women of all ages

## Soul Sisters

Be matched in a 1-to-1 intergenerational relationship as a disciple or discipler for mutual spiritual enrichment.

## Table Talk Groups

Connect informally with 4-8 other ACC women (at least once) monthly over coffee or a meal to form friendships. Groups will be refreshed and formed in Jan.

## Ukuladies

Sunday, 2:30 PM  
ACC A5  
No experience needed to join this worshipping fellowship.

# MEN'S MINISTRY

## ON MISSION!

### Men's Ministry

"So we make it our aim  
to please him..."

2 Cor 5:9a

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Men's Breakfasts

ACC Student Center  
8-9:30 AM

**January 6, 2024**

Speaker: Kevin Daugherty

**February 3, 2024**

Speaker: Dave Oertli

**March 9, 2024**

Speaker: Tad Lazechko

**April 6, 2024**

Speaker: Michael Flaherty

**May 4, 2024**

Speaker: Mark Hartman

### Mighty Men Saturdays

These monthly adventures challenge most men in some form, but not always physically. Grow closer to other men seeking God in the great outdoors. Jan 18, Feb 17, and Mar 23

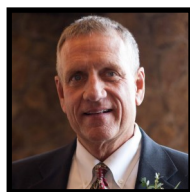


## MEN'S RETREAT

**April 12-14, 2024**

Speaker: Ty Saltzgiver

Trail West Lodge  
Buena Vista, Colorado







## MEN'S LIFE GROUPS

### **Erickson/McKee/Seay**

Dave Erickson, Rick McKee,  
and Kevin Seay  
Thursday, 6 AM  
ACC, NSC, A4



### **Hoffmann**

Marc Hoffmann  
Saturday, 6:30 AM  
Panera Bread @  
1845 Briargate Pkwy



### **Thiessen**

Steve Thiessen  
Monday, 6:30 AM  
ACC, NSC, A6



## MENTORS

We have an active mentoring  
program at ACC. If you are  
interested in mentoring other  
men, or in being mentored  
yourself, contact Pastor Dave.



## NEED HELP?

For personal assistance in finding a group,  
please contact:

Dave Erickson:  
[dave@academychristian.org](mailto:dave@academychristian.org)

Dawn McClung:  
[dawn@academychristian.org](mailto:dawn@academychristian.org)

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