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Gamechanger

We can be Gamechangers! A gamechanger is a newly introduced element or factor that changes an existing situation or activity in a significant way. We believe we've been given the opportunity to become gamechangers on behalf of Christ by investing resources and leadership to launch a new church in Old Colorado City.

The Plan: We'll launch the Academy Christian Church Westside Campus in the fall of 2019 in a facility that was turned over to ACC by Central Christian Church. We've committed up to \$300,000 from our current cash on hand and still need to raise at least an additional \$400,000. On Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, we'll receive a special offering and commitments of designated giving over the next five months leading up to the launch.

Our Three-fold Strategy:

1. REFRESH the current facility over the next 8 to 9 months.

2. RENEW a vision of ministry for the west side.

3. RELEASE a vibrant community of Christ followers to impact the west side and the world with the message of Christ and His love.

The first step is to Refresh the current facility through the Gamechanger special giving campaign. Our \$400,000 goal can be reached if we all participate as we are able through either a one-time gift on Easter Sunday or regular designated gifts each month.

Your Part: Would you prayerfully consider how you might participate in the Gamechanger giving challenge? Our request is that your gift be above and beyond your regular giving. You may be able to give one lump sum or give over the months leading up to the fall launch. Your faith in Christ has likely been a game changer in your life. Our hope is that more people on the west side of Colorado Springs have the opportunity to experience that same life change.



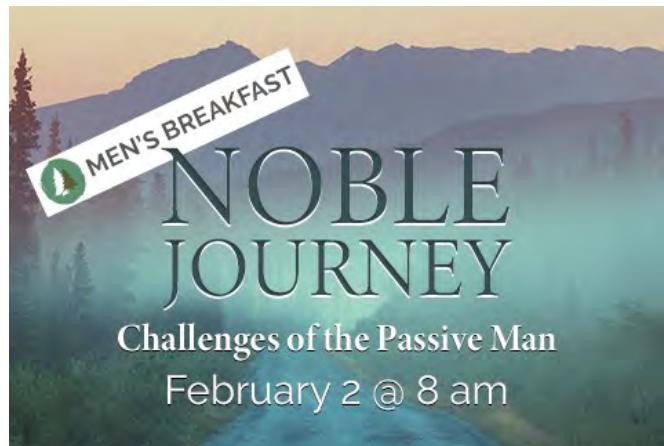
Welcome John & Karen Plastow



On January 1, John Plastow began serving as our Strategic Ministries Pastor. Previously he served as a long-term worship pastor and part of the executive leadership team at two churches. He holds undergraduate degrees in music and theatre and a master's in organizational leadership. Most recently he earned his doctorate in strategic leadership. John and his wife Karen have three awesome children: John II, Melody, and Heather. He also loves to cook for and feed people! Please take some time to welcome John and Karen to our church family.



Feb 1 @ 7-9 pm @ Academy Christian



Membership Class | Feb 10 @ 3-5 pm

If you're considering making ACC your church home, we invite you to attend our Membership Class on February 10 at 3:00 pm. You'll meet with our pastors and hear ACC's story, mission, vision and values, and answers to many of the questions people have about God and our church. Childcare will be provided. Sign up on the back of the Welcome Card or at academychristian.org. Contact Pastor Dave with any questions at dave@academychristian.org.



Student Life Camp | July 5-10



We all want to belong. Whether it be in a family, a relationship, or a community, belonging to these groups gives us an identity and a sense of purpose. However, because of sin, many people are missing out on the most purpose-driven relationship of all. Those without a relationship with God lack an understanding of what it means to truly belong, to feel loved, and to have a proper perspective of the world around them. From July 5th-10th, at Student Life Camp 2019, students will learn that by faith and through the completed work of Jesus on the cross, God grants them access to His family. Cost is \$325, but if you register by Feb 28th, you'll receive the early-bird price of \$285. Register with a deposit of \$60 at academychristian.org/events-2/sign-up/.

Our Mission: Create Christ Followers Who Create Christ Followers

BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Gary Lieser, Chad & Alicia English, Abby Ross

Baptisms: Christopher Richardson, Autumn Eyman

STAFF MINISTRY LEADERS

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| Bryan Myers | Senior Pastor |
| Dave Erickson | Teaching Pastor |
| Lisa Edmonds | Worship Director |
| Julie Nilsen | Children's Pastor |
| Taylor Downs | Student Pastor |
| Logan Justice | Young Adults Pastor |
| Jen DeGroff | Women's Ministry Director |
| John Plastow | Strategic Ministries Pastor |

| Attendance | 12/30 | 1/6 | 1/13 | 1/20 |
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