



# Connect Groups

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## **Information for 2022 Winter/Spring Semester ACC Connect Groups:**

This Winter/Spring ACC will have 35+ opportunities for Adults to enter a Group whose goal is Spiritual Formation and connections to other Christians. To Create Christ Followers, who will Create Christ Followers.

**Academy Christian Church** encourages everyone to connect in a Life Group or Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF). On the next few pages, you will find several groups that offer that opportunity. The design of each type of group is:

**'Adult Bible Fellowship' – (ABF)** - Meet Sundays for focus on Bible learning and relationships. Prayer connection and life encouragement is an important part of the design of these groups.

**'Life Group'** - Meet during the week, have multiple designs and formats, and are 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.



## New Groups to ACC

### New 10-Week ABF



Title: Untangling Social Tensions (10-week ABF)  
Teacher: Dave Erickson  
Date/Time: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
Location: ACC, A6  
Study Topic: Black Lives Matter—Love is Love—Gay Rights are Civil Rights—Women’s Rights are Human Rights—Transgender Women are Women

Description: Have you felt the tension between your Christian beliefs and secular ideas—but aren’t sure how to engage them biblically and lovingly? In this ABF, we will attempt to disentangle the beliefs Christians can affirm from those they cannot embrace, and find that Christianity is the source and only firm foundation for true diversity, justice, and life-transforming love.

### New Men’s Life Group



Title: Men’s Bible Study  
Teacher: Brad Hodges  
Date/Time: Saturday, 7:00 a.m.  
Location: ACC, A4  
Current Study: Francis Chan’s “Multiply”  
Description: This Men’s Life Group will focus on young dads with families.



## New Groups to ACC (cont.)

### New Men's Life Group



Title: Transforming Men's Bible Study  
Teacher: Marc Hoffman  
Date/Time: Saturday, 6:30 a.m.  
Location: Panera Bread, at The Shops at Briargate, 1845 Briargate Pkwy. COS  
Current Study: Book of Acts

Description: We are a Bible study, not a book study. We read and study books of the Bible. Our structure is 30-45 minutes in fellowship, sharing life, and prayer requests. Then 45 minutes beginning with prayer, reading the chapter/book that we are studying and then discussing our impression and how it applies to our lives. Occasionally, we get together for a social evening outside of study hours.

### New Life Group



Group Name: Young Families Small Group  
Leader: Jon & Chelsea Quick  
Location: 7822 Springwood Terrace  
Time: Monday nights, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Group Make up: Young families  
Study Topic: Bible, Fellowship, Food

Description: Our structure is that every other gathering we will share a meal with everybody (kids/spouses included) and on the other nights, just the women/just the men will gather to study while the spouses stay home with the kids. It will meet primarily out of our home, but sometimes we may meet at another member's household.

# CONNECT

## Specialty Groups

### ABFs



**Group Name:** ACC Foster Care & Adoption Support Group  
**Leader:** Laura & David Bibighaus  
**Location:** ACC, A2 (Incl. Google Link)  
**Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month, 11:00 a.m.  
**Group Make up:** All Ages  
**Study Topic:** Foster/Adoption Support  
**Childcare Available:** Yes



**Group Name:** Single Moms  
**Leader:** Tami Gale  
**Location:** ACC, A2  
**Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month, 11:00 a.m.  
**Group Make up:** Adults  
**Study Topic:** Various Bible Studies

### Re | Engage



**Group Name:** Re | Engage (18-week Sessions)  
**Leader:** Walt & Barb Larimore  
**Location:** ACC, Worship Center  
**Time:** Wednesday, 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Group Make up:** Married Couples  
**Study Topic:** Reconnect, Reignite, Resurrect  
New Groups Available in August

This ministry is for couples that wish to re-engage, reconnect, reignite, resurrect their marriages. Whether your marriage needs to be reignited, or resurrected, many have found ReEngage to be a safe place to reconnect with their spouse. At ReEngage you'll hear from couples whose marriages have been transformed, learn practical ways to grow in oneness with your spouse, and gain insights from others in a small group setting as you walk through the 18 sessions. Register at [www.academychristian.org/reengage](http://www.academychristian.org/reengage)  
 Cost: \$75.00 per couple – limited capacity.

# YOUNG ADULTS



## **Group Name: Young Adult Life Group**

**Leaders:** Young Adult Led

**Time:** Monday, 6:30 pm

**Location:** ACC, Loft 1

**Group Make Up:** 18-26

**Topic:** Daniel

**Description:** Join us for this book study through Daniel as we follow God's plan and people while the nation is in exile!

## **Group Name: Young Adult Life Group**

**Leaders:** Young Adult Led

**Time:** Tuesday, 6:30pm

**Location:** ACC

**Group Make Up:** 22-30 (Couples and singles)

**Topic:** 1 Samuel

**Description:** Join us for this video series led by Michael DeFazio through the book of 1 Samuel. 1 Samuel continues the unfolding of God's plan for Israel and reveals more and more of His character to this fledgling nation.

**For more information about joining a Young Adult group please contact Pastor Taylor Downs.**





## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

(Go to ACC Women's Ministry Website for Updates)



Group Name: *No Other Gods (The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ)*  
by Kelly Minter  
Leader: Ruth Patnaude  
Location: ACC  
Time: Monday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: *Using Scripture to Change Your Life*  
Leader: Margaret Snyder  
Location: ACC  
Time: Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: *Running with Horses –Group is Full*  
Leader: Terri Dole  
Location: ACC  
Time: Wednesday 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.  
Childcare: No



Group Name: *Keep it Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All* by Karen Ehman  
Leader: Sarah Hamel  
Location: ACC  
Time: Sunday Evening, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Childcare: No

**The cost for all Women's Bible Studies is \$15 each semester**, which covers materials and supports Women's Ministry. Credit card payment is due at the time of online registration.

### Women's Ministry Social/Support Groups

"Please go to <https://www.academychristian.org/northside/ministries/womens-ministry/> for a list of all of the social groups available through Women's Ministry".



## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Life Groups:



Group Name: Thiessen  
Leader: Steve Thiessen  
Location: ACC, A6  
Time: Monday, 6:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: Men's Life Group  
Study Topic: Covenants of God  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Erickson  
Leader: Dave Erickson  
Location: ACC, A4  
Time: Thursday, 6:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: Men's Life Group  
Study Topic: Luke  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Hoffmann  
Leader: Marc Hoffmann  
Location: Panera Bread  
1845 Briargate Pkwy.  
Time: Saturday, 6:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: Men's Life Group  
Study Topic: Acts



Group Name: Hodges  
Leader: Brad Hodges  
Location: ACC, A4  
Time: Saturday, 7:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: Men's Life Group  
Study Topic: Francis Chan's "Multiply"



Where: ACC Activity Center  
When: Group meets One Saturday per month, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

### Breakfast Speakers:



**Rick McKee**  
January 8



**Zach Miller**  
February 5



**Ron Reno**  
April 2



**Aaron Carter**  
May 7

## Men's Retreat—March 4-6, 2022

Quaker Ridge Retreat Center  
Woodland Park, CO



### Featuring Michael DeFazio

\$175 for a Lodge Room  
\$130 for the Bunkhouse



## Life Groups

(Meet During the Week)

### Sunday



Group Name: Ray  
Leader: Tim & Lindsey Ray  
Location: Meets in rotating homes of members.  
Time: Sunday, 4:30 p.m.  
Group Make up: Anyone welcome  
Study Topic: Andy Stanley's "Starting Point"  
Childcare Available: Children Welcome-with focus on MS & HS  
Email/Phone: TimRayC130@gmail.com/970-433-5475

### Monday



Group Name: Folkerts  
Leader: Mike Folkerts  
Location: Pine Creek Area  
Time: Monday, 6:30 p.m. (twice a month)  
(Includes Zoom Link)  
Group Make Up: 50s – Empty Nesters  
Study Topic: Various DVD Video Series  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Westlake  
Leader: Donna & Wally Westlake  
Location: 7750 Conifer Drive, CS 80920  
Time: Monday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Open to All Adults  
Study Topic: Shared Meal, then study of Chosen series  
Child Care Available: Yes-Elementary & Up



Group Name: Young Families Small Group  
Leader: Jon & Chelsea Quick  
Location: 7822 Springwood Terrace  
Time: Monday nights, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Group Make up: Young families  
Study Topic: Bible, Fellowship, Food

## Life Groups (cont.)

### Tuesday



Group Name: Erickson  
Leader: Dave & Paula Erickson  
Location: 9725 Otero Ave, CS 80920  
Time: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Open to All Adults  
Study Topic: Eye Witness-Study of Luke  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Maa – **Group is Full**  
Leader: Barb & Steve Maa  
Location: 9642 Timberlake Loop CS 80927  
Time: Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.  
Group Make up: Early 50s, Empty Nesters  
Study Topic: TBD  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Byars/St. Martin  
Leaders: Bill Byars & Doug St. Martin  
Location: 16059 Bridle Ridge Dr, Monument 80132  
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Empty Nesters, 50+  
Study Topic: Charles Colson's "The Faith"  
Child Care Available: No



## Life Groups (cont.)

### Wednesday



Group Name: Short – **Group is Full**  
Leader: Howie & Shirley Short  
Location: 3025 Hollycrest Dr., CS 80920  
Time: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (Incl. Zoom Link)  
Group Make up: Age 50 & Above  
Study Topic: Chosen series  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Boomers—**Group is Full**  
Leaders: Rotating Leaders  
Location: ACC, A2  
Time: Every Other Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Group Make up: Empty Nesters  
Study Topic: Chosen series  
Child Care Available: No



Group Name: Re | Engage (18-week Sessions)  
Leader: Walt & Barb Larimore  
Location: ACC, Worship Center  
Time: Wednesday, 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Married Couples  
Study Topic: Reconnect, Reignite, Resurrect  
**New Groups Available in August**

## Life Groups (cont.)

### Thursday



Group Name: Eaton  
Leaders: Bob & Cathie Eaton  
Location: Contact: 719-359-2250 for details  
Time: Thursday, 6:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Open to All Adults  
Study Topic: TBD  
Child Care Available: No

### Friday



Group Name: Albrecht  
Leaders: Tom & Vanessa Albrecht  
Location: 1558 Lily Lake, CS 80921  
Time: Friday, 7:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Mixed Ages  
Study Topic: Knowing God by J.I. Packer  
Child Care Available: No

### Saturday



Group Name: Miranda  
Leader: Ashley & Edmund Miranda  
Location: Rotate Various Homes  
Time: Saturday, (every other) 4 p.m.  
Group Make up: Family, Adults  
Study Topic: Book of Acts  
Childcare Available: Elem. & HS children welcome



## Life Groups for the Whole Family



Group Name: Ray  
Leader: Tim/Lindsey Ray  
Location: Rotating Homes – Monument CO  
Time: Sunday, 4:30 p.m.  
Group Make up: Anyone welcome  
Study Topic: Andy Stanley's "Starting Point"  
Childcare Available: Children Welcome-with focus on MS & HS  
Email/Phone: [TimRayC130@gmail.com](mailto:TimRayC130@gmail.com) 970-433-5475



Group Name: Westlake  
Leader: Donna & Wally Westlake  
Location: 7750 Conifer Drive, CS 80920  
Time: Monday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Group Make up: Open to All Adults  
Study Topic: Shared Meal, then study of Chosen series  
Childcare Available: Yes-Elementary & Up



Group Name: Miranda  
Leader: Ashley & Edmund Miranda  
Location: Rotate Various Homes  
Time: Saturday, (every other) 4 p.m.  
Group Make up: Family, Adults,  
Study Topic: Book of Acts  
Childcare Available: Elem. & HS children welcome





ABF (Adult Bible Fellowship) Classes  
(Meet every Sunday at ACC)  
(Children's Ministry services available for  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. ABFs)

ABF Classes – 8:00 A.M.



Group Name: Explorers 8:00 a.m.  
Leader: John Oswald, Rob Wilson, Steve Thiessen,  
Bob Eaton  
Location: ACC, A6  
Time: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: Multi-Generational 40s-60s  
Study Topic: Book of Acts

ABF Classes – 9:30 A.M.



Group Name: Open Arms  
Leader: Dawn McClung  
Location: ACC Exec. Office-Upstairs  
Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: Multi-Generational, 30s - 80s  
Study Topic: Matthew



Group Name: Digging Deeper  
Leader: John Boska, Larry Lawrence  
Location: ACC, A6  
Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: Multi-Generational, 30s-70s  
Study Topic: The BibleProject Video Series



Group Name: Explorers 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Todd Pickle, Bruce Wadman,  
Kevin Daugherty, Bill Walter  
Location: ACC, A4  
Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: Open to All Adults  
Study Topic: Epistles of Paul—on 1 and 2 Corinthians now

## ABF Classes – 9:30 A.M. (cont.)



Group Name: Discovery  
Leader: John Hickman, Gerald “Chief” Rendel,  
Pat Howard, John Balyeat  
Location: ACC Exec. Office-Downstairs  
Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: 60s  
Study Topic: Gospel of Matthew



Group Name: Road to Emmaus  
Leader: Carol Norris & Dick Crabtree  
Location: ACC, Loft 5  
Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: Average age 60  
Study Topic: Gospel of John



Group Name: Golden Eagles  
Leader: Glenn & Jane Littrell  
Location: ACC, A2  
Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Group Make up: 60s - 80s  
Study Topic: Psalm 23

## ABF Classes – 11:00 A.M.



Group Name: #4family  
Leader: Dave & Julie Mintz/Paul & Kelly Bradley  
Location: ACC, L1  
Time: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: Couples with Children  
Study Topic: “Getting to the Heart of Parenting”  
by Paul David Tripp

## ABF Classes – 11:00 A.M. (cont.)



Group Name: Defending Your Faith  
Leader: Warren Lotter  
Location: ACC, Loft 5  
Time: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: All Ages  
Study Topic: Revelation



Group Name: ACC Foster Care & Adoption Support Group  
Leader: Laura & David Bibighaus  
Location: ACC, A2  
Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month, 11:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: All Ages  
Study Topic: Foster/Adoption Support



Group Name: Single Moms  
Leader: Tami Gale  
Location: ACC, A2  
Time: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month, 11:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: Adults  
Study Topic: Various Bible Studies



Group Name: Untangling Social Tensions (10-week ABF)  
Leader: Dave Erickson  
Location: ACC, A6  
Time: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
Group Make up: Adults  
Study Topic: Black Lives Matter—Love is Love—Gay Rights are Civil Rights—Women's Rights are Human Rights—Transgender Women are Women



## WESTSIDE CAMPUS GROUPS

Group Name:	Journey ABF
Leader:	Mark Crocfer
Location:	Activity Center
Time:	Sundays at 9:00 am
Group Make up:	Adults
Study Topic:	Various Bible Studies
Childcare Available:	No
Group Name:	Men's Bible Study
Leader:	Andy Smith
Location:	Library
Time:	Thursdays at 6:30-7:30 am
Group Make up:	Adults
Study Topic:	Matthew
Childcare Available:	No
Group Name:	Freedom in Christ
Leader:	Ken & Jan Hardison
Location:	Hospitality Room
Time:	Tuesday Nights at 6:30-8:00
Group Make up:	Adults
Study Topic:	Freedom in Christ
Childcare Available:	No
Group Name:	Women's Bible Study
Leader:	Linda Morris
Location:	Activity Center
Time:	Tuesday Mornings @ 9 am
Group Make up:	Adults
Study Topic:	1 Peter
Childcare Available:	No
Group Name:	Monthly Prayer Meeting
Leader:	Steve Bell
Location:	Hospitality Room
Time:	1st Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
Group Make up:	Adults
Study Topic:	Prayer Meeting
Childcare Available:	No

## **NEED HELP!**

For personal assistance in Group finding  
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