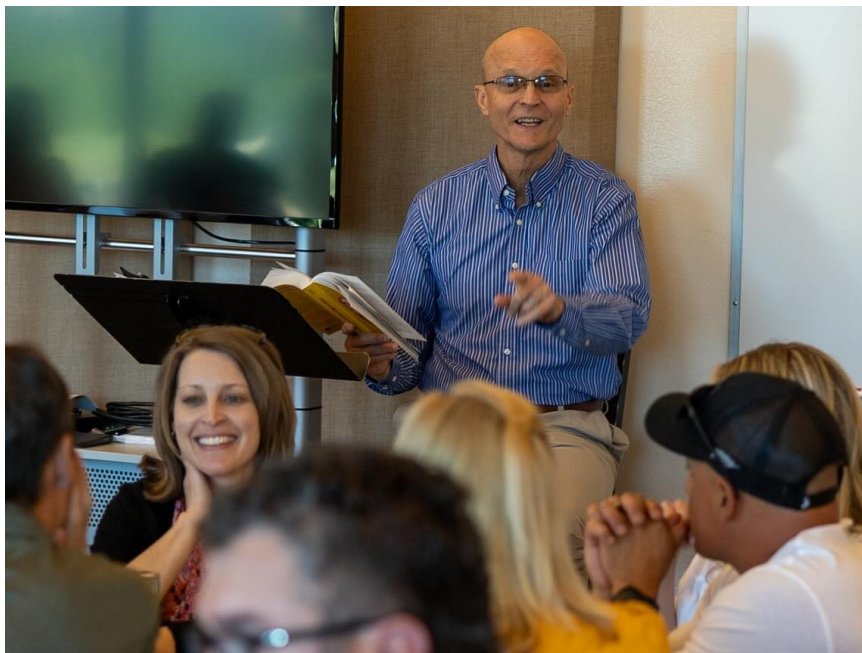


Academy CHRISTIAN CONNECT GUIDE

Fall 2025





**Get more info and
request to join online!**

academychristian.org/connect-groups



WELCOME!

Academy Christian Church is all-in on making disciples, people who strive to follow the ways of Jesus. Here at Academy, we are committed to walk with one another to grow in Christ, care for each other and equip each other for the work of the ministry.

Discipleship can happen in many different ways. We believe that the most effective way for a disciple to be formed is in the context of community - smaller groups of people committed to helping one another live a life that is fully devoted to Jesus.

At ACC we have many types of groups throughout the week. We have weekly groups on Sunday morning, which we call Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs). They take place in the church building during the 8, 9:30 and 11a worship times.

We also have groups throughout the week, which we call Life Groups. Life Groups take place all over the city. Plus, we have short-term Specialty Groups, like GriefShare, re/engage and Financial Peace University.

Connecting in a Group is essential to the DNA of Academy. We want to help people Connect to Jesus & Others, Grow in our Relationship with God, and Impact the World around us with the Gospel. Groups help us to best accomplish that vision.

We encourage you to use this guide to find what would be your best next step. New groups this fall are highlighted in blue. We can't wait to go on this journey with you!

Jeff Ingle, Discipleship Pastor

Next Steps

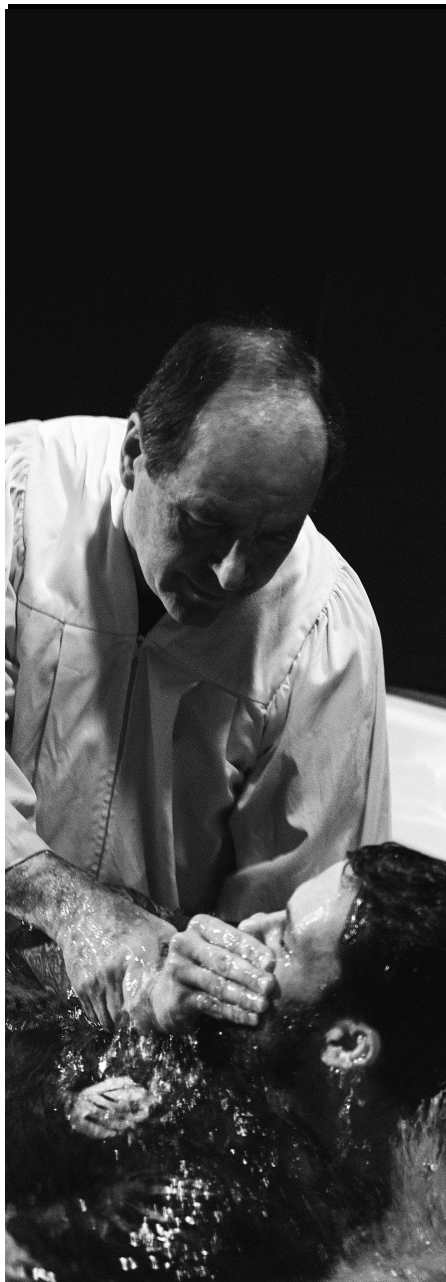
If you are new to Christ, or new to ACC, take your next step to *Connect, Grow, and Impact!*

At Academy Christian Church we firmly believe that God has a plan for everyone. Jeremiah 29:11 says, *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

With that in mind, the plan below is essential to help you take your next steps to grow in your relationship with Christ:

- **Worship:** We grow in our relationship with Jesus when we spend time in His Word and in prayer. Make daily worship a priority and commit to worshipping God with other believers.
 - **Groups:** True life happens in the context of relationships. Groups provide an opportunity to be real with others, to learn how to apply God's Word and to learn from one another.
 - **Volunteering:** One of the greatest investments you will make in God's kingdom is to serve and love one another. Allow God to move in and through you by volunteering.
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Next Steps



BAPTISM

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

Take one hour to get introduced to ACC, and ask some questions of your own. Offered five times a year from 4-5 PM on Sundays, and held next on Sep 7 and Oct 12.

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 five times a year from 3-5 PM on Sundays. The next classes will be on Sept 28 and Nov 9.

ABFs

8:00 EXPLORERS

8:00a

A6

Led by Bob Eaton, John Oswald, Rob Wilson

Gospel of Mark

#4FAMILY

9:30a

L5

Led by Dave and Julie Mintz, Michael and Karen Flaherty

A class for adults who have kids living at home.

Raising Teens

DIGGING DEEPER

9:30a

A6

Led by John Boska, Larry Lawrence

Gospel of Mark

DISCOVERY

9:30a

L1

Led by John Hickman, Gerald "Chief" Rendel

Jeremiah

9:30 EXPLORERS

9:30a

L6

Led by Bill Walter, Bruce Wadman, Kevin Daugherty, and VJ James

Minor Prophets—Hosea

ABFs

GOLDEN EAGLES

9:30a

A2

Led by Craig Campbell, Larry Izenbart

A class composed mostly of adults in their 60-90s

Contemporary Christian Topics

OPEN ARMS

9:30a

A7

Led by Dawn McClung

Joshua

ROAD TO EMMAUS

9:30a

A4

Led by Carol Norris, Gene Maples

Genealogy of Jesus

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

11:00a

L6

Led by the McKees, Savages, and Harpers

A class composed of young families

Biblical Principles to Grow Your Family

THE MASTER'S CLASS

11:00a

L2

Led by Kathleen Fast

A class composed of post-high school/post college YAs

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

Life Groups

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, 5:30p, 80921

Led by Kevin and Tami Good, Kreg and Keleigh Kell

This group for young families meets 2 Sundays a month.

WORSHIP & THE WORD

Monday, 7-9p, 80920

Led by CJ and Diane Applequist, Jadon and Shawna Pratt

Mostly made up of young adults and young marrieds

DOWNES LIFE GROUP

Tuesday, 7p, 80920

Led by Stan and Donna Downes

GABY LIFE GROUP

Tuesday, 6:30p, 80921

Led by Bob and Lisa Gaby

PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULTS Wednesday, 6:30p

Meets at the ACC Main Office

Led by Mike Folkerts and Kevin Seay

"Doing Life with Your Adult Children..."

Life Groups

SINGLE WOMEN

Wednesday, 6:15p, 80917

Led by Barb Collins and Debbie Rohan

This group for active single women of any age meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

BOOMERS

Wednesday, 6:30p, NSC L1

Led by David and Karin Sleeper

A group of Boomers—they meet the 2nd and 4th Weds of the month.

"The Chosen", Season 5.

BYARS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, 6:30-8p, 80132

Led by Bill and Suzanne Byars

This group is made up of Empty Nesters

"Seeing the Supernatural"

NEWKIRK LIFE GROUP

Thursday, 7p, 80132

Led by Paul and Donise Newkirk

Gospel of Mark

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Friday, 7p, varies

Led by Brad Harper and Stephen Sorensen

Specialty Groups

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 11:00a L1

Led by Dave Smith

9 Sessions beginning on October 5

This class is the well-known training from financial specialist Dave Ramsay. Today, managing family resources is vital to survival. Learn God's best plan for the use of money. Cost and registration info will be available at academychristian.org/myacc in mid-September.

GRIEFSHARE 6:30p A2

Led by Bill and Cindy Walter, Marcy Tourville

September 8 - December 1, 2025

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, Sept 8 through Dec 1, at 6:30 PM.

re|engage 6:15p NSC

Led by Joe and Connie Brossard

re|engage examines God's design for marriage and applies principles from the Bible to guide couples towards growth in their relationship with each other. You will learn practical ways to grow in oneness with your spouse and gain insights from others in your small group. This 17-week program is offered once a year on Wednesday evenings. It will begin Jan 14 and end May 13. Early bird cost is \$95/couple. Academy Kids is included for birth—5th grade.

Young Adults

Post-high school or post-college (18-29) -
Our Young Adult ministry helps you live a
life worthy of the calling you have received.

THE MASTER'S CLASS 11:00a Sundays L2

Led by Kathleen Fast

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

THE ARMORY 6:30p Thursdays L2

Led by Kathleen Fast

How to Lead: Bible Study for the Non-Religious: John

YOUNG & HUNGRY LUNCH

Connect over lunch at noon and then feed the homeless.

Sept 21—Last Hot Dogs of Summer—Serve ACC

Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ASSEMBLY

Nov 9 , Feb 15 2:30p A7

Parents of college students unite to pray and gush over
their brainiacs while assembling fantastic care packages.

Men

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN

Led by Jeff Ingle

Wednesday, 6:30p

Northside Campus, A6

The Men We Need

TRANSFORMING MEN'S STUDY

Led by Marc Hoffmann

Saturday, 6:30a

Panera Bread @ 1845 Briargate Pkwy

1 and 2 Corinthians

DADS TO DADS

Led by Taylor Downs

Wednesday, 6:30a

Northside Campus, A3 (Café)

MONDAY MORNING MEN

Led by Steve Thiessen

Monday, 6:30a

Northside Campus, A3

Impactful Scripture Passages, followed by the Journeys of Paul

LEAP OF FAITH

Led by Kevin Seay and Russ Chun

Thursday, 6:00a, A4

New Testament Survey

Men

MEN'S MINISTRY OF ACC

Academy Men is here to help guys

Rise Up to biblical manhood...

Lead Out a life that honors Jesus...

Disciple Others to go and do likewise.

We are a group of guys who are truly authentic. You'll find no judgment here. Come as you are and allow God to move in you.

The first Saturday of the month is our Men's Breakfast. You'll find great food, worship, teaching and break out groups for further discussion. We also have many Men's Groups that take place throughout the week. This fall we're going through the book: *The Men We Need*, by Brant Hansen.

Plus, we have at least one Men's event a month. The monthly events rotate from serving projects to chili-cookoffs to fun hikes to Super Bowl parties. We try to mix it up throughout the year.

To summarize, we're a bunch of guys on a journey together to become the men God's called us to be. We'd love for you to come and join us!

Women

JESUS' PARABLES

6:15p Mondays

Led by Lorraine Wadman

In the home of Lorraine Wadman

The Bible

LUKE IN THE LAND

9:30a Mondays

Led by Jane Patton

In the home of Jane Patton

Luke in the Land by Kristi McClelland

KEEP CALM AND...

6:15p Tuesdays

Led by Barb Collins

ACC Room L2

Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado

FIT FOR HIS SERVICE

8:00a Wednesdays

Led by Kathleen Fast

ACC Room L2

Encouragement for Weight Loss and Fitness

THE BIBLE RECAP—OT

9:30a Wednesdays

Led by Nancy Collier and Vicki Keller

ACC Room A2

For Newbies to The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble

Women

JESUS AND WOMEN

9:30a Wednesdays

Led by Jane Patton

ACC Room L2

Jesus and Women by Kristi McClelland

MOM TO MOMS—AM 9:30a 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Led by Vicki Wise, Julie Nilsen, Amy Wilch

ACC Room A3—Café with Preschool childcare

The Gospel Mom by Jensen/Wifle

MOM TO MOMS – PM 6:15p 3rd Wednesdays

Led by Vicki Wise, Julie Nilsen, Amy Wilch

ACC Room L2; NO CHILDCARE

The Gospel Mom by Jensen/Wifle

KNOWING JESUS AS SERVANT 6:00p Thursdays

Led by Kelly Poirier

Offsite at Village Coop

Knowing Jesus as Servant by Tara-Leigh Cobble

BIBLES, BOOKS, AND BANTER 6:30p Thursdays

Led by Sarah Hamel

In the home of Sarah Hamel

When Strivings Cease by Ruth Chou Simons



NEED HELP FINDING A GROUP?

For personal assistance in connecting, contact:

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