



DISCOVER
THE ROCK



THE ROCK
REAL COMMUNITY

WELCOME TO THE ROCK

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about The Rock! This class is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe and where we are headed. Also, we hope this class helps you to see how you can be part of what God is doing at The Rock.

The Basis for This Class:

"You are a member of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." (Eph 2:19, TLB)

Key Truths about "Church":

1. The church is a **spiritual family**.
2. God wants you to be **connected** to a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an **orphan**.

Our Goal:

Our desire is that you will grow in Christ and become the disciple Jesus intended you to be. We hope this church will help you to...

1. Attend weekend services
2. Connect in a small group
3. Serve in the church and outreach
4. Grow in love and relationship with God and others

Our Story: Pastor J.R. Polhemus

Our Vision Statement: Who We Are

We are a family that pursues the heart and presence of God, compelling us to radically love and disciple others through God's supernatural power.

Why We Exist As A Church: What We Do

The Mission statement of The Rock is derived from the ministry of Jesus to His followers:

**"Pursue God, Embrace People, and Transform Society
through real Community."**

Service Times:

Sunday at 9 am and 11 am

Wednesday's at 7 pm

Our “DNA” –Who We Are And What Makes Us Tick:

- Grace-based
- Bible believing
- Restoration and healing
- God’s presence
- The supernatural (Gifts of The Spirit, etc)
- Authentic relationships
- Discipleship
- Worship
- Serving others/Outreach
- Unity in the essentials
- Liberty in the non-essentials
- Love in all things

What Brought You Here?

What do you like most about The Rock?

THE ROCK FAQs

What is your central vision/mission, and what is your plan for fulfilling it?

Our vision is to reach Castle Rock and the surrounding communities, as well as impact the world for Jesus Christ. We do this as we pursue God, embrace people and transform society through Real community.

What are the most important values at The Rock?

Our values are seen in our DNA. These are not what we hope for, but who we are. (See top of page 2)

What does The Rock believe about water baptism?

We believe a person is saved by receiving Jesus into his or her life (Rom 10:4) for the forgiveness of sin. Baptism is very important, as it is a representation of what happens at salvation. It is a picture of a person who is washed clean of sin and becomes a new creation (II Cor 5:17). It also declares to the world, angelic hosts and demons that the person belongs to Jesus Christ!

Is tithing required for membership? (What is tithing?)

Biblical tithing is considered 10% of a person's income. The Old Testament teaches tithing as an obligation. The New Testament focuses not on the obligation, but on the opportunity to give, "time, talents and treasure". We believe the tithe is a great place to start to be a blessing and also to be blessed. Above all, the tithe (and offering) should be given with pure motives and an attitude of worship to God and service to the body of Christ. (II Cor 9:6-8).

What is your church government structure? (Elders, deacons or boards?)

Elders pray for and make decisions on essential spiritual matters. Trustees are over the business decisions of the church, having the power to decide on budget, salaries and many important business matters. (Also, we have overseers who function in special roles. See page 6).

Is there any particular way of getting connected at The Rock?

There are many ways to get connected: classes, support groups, life groups, and serving in a variety of areas.

Is there a program, or plan, by which people can grow spiritually, engage in ministry training, and get released into ministry at The Rock?

We see every believer as having value, and therefore all are ministers (Eph 4:12). There are many classes available which will equip you to be effective in ministry at The Rock.

Do you believe the gifts of the Spirit are for today?

Yes, we believe the Holy Spirit is just as active today and the gifts are available to every believer.

THE ROCK: WHAT WE BELIEVE

We Believe...

... **in one God**; Maker of all things who eternally exists in Trinity as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:4-7; John 1:1-14)

... **in our Lord Jesus Christ who is fully God and fully Human**; His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His coming return in power and glory. (1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Peter 2:23-24; John 3:16)

... **that the Bible in the original text, is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.** (2 Tim 3:16)

... **in the Fall of Man and the Plan of Redemption**; we believe that Christ was the Lamb of God and that His shed blood was the atonement for our sin. We believe we are saved by God's grace through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. (John 3:3, 16; Col 4:4-7; Eph 2:8-9)

... **that Jesus has provided for our healing**: physical, emotional, and spiritual (1 Peter 2:24). Because it is God's heart to heal (Luke 5:12-13), we pray for and believe in divine healing, even though there are times when people are not healed. (Mark 16:18; James 5:13-15)

... **that marriage is a covenant established by God, between one man and one woman.** A believer should pursue a marriage relationship with a person of the Christian faith. God hates divorce and its effects, but loves the divorced person and desires to restore and bless them. Remarriage is acceptable by God, and a remarried person is not considered less in God's sight. The practices of sex outside of marriage, pornography, homosexual, lesbian, and transsexual behavior along with same sex marriage are not ordained by God and are not acceptable practices. We are faithful to God's Word as followers of Jesus, but hold our views with no sense of self-righteousness as we are all in need of God's love and grace. (Matthew 19:3-9; 1 Cor 7:27-28; (2 Cor 6:14-15) (Rom 1:24-27; 1 Cor 6:9-11)

... **that water baptism is commanded by Jesus** as a public declaration of the inward transformation of the new birth. (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Acts 2:38) We are not saved through baptism, yet it demonstrates that we have received a new life in Christ.

... **that the Lord's Supper is a celebration for all believers.** It symbolizes our participation in the new covenant that was sealed by Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. The elements are representative of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and God ministers to His people through these elements. (1 Cor 11:23-28; Luke 22:14-22)

... **that the Holy Spirit dwells in the believer from the moment of the new birth.** The Holy Spirit draws the believer closer to God, imparting spiritual gifts and empowering ministry. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is essential for the spirit-filled life, for operating in His gifting, and bearing His fruit. (John 14:26, 15:26; Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15-20; 1 Cor 3:17; Galatians 5:16-25)

... **in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.** The baptism of the Holy Spirit is available to every believer to empower an individual to display the reality of Jesus Christ. Also, it helps to lead the believer into victorious living and to continually equip them for practical, effective spirit-filled ministry and service. (Acts 1:5, 1:8; Eph 5:18) The spirit filled life is amazingly empowering, not limited to a one-time experience.

... **the gifts of the Spirit operate today in all believers.** We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit spoken of in I Cor 12:7-11 have not passed away, but are still in operation today. Believers need these gifts to help others, and impact the world for Jesus Christ just as in the first century.

... **that intercession and prayer are essential and foundational to the ministry of the church.** (Matt 6:9-13; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Romans 8:26-28)

... **that everything we have comes from the Father and that the giving of tithes and offerings are an expression of joy and thanksgiving for His provision.** The Biblical first fruit tithe (10%) is a helpful guide and giving should not be out of obligation, but as led by the Holy Spirit. (Matt 6:20-21, 23; Luke 11:42)

... **in the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to carry the Gospel to the entire world.** God commands all believers to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to the all of the world and to make disciples (followers of Jesus) of all peoples. Our mission is to reach Jerusalem (our community), Judea (surrounding areas), Samaria (especially to difficult areas), and to the ends of the world. (Matt 28:18-20)

... **the second coming of Jesus Christ.** Regardless of which position you hold, whether it is pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, post-tribulation, or some other position, we are certain of one thing from the Bible: *“He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”* At the Rock we work diligently at preparing ourselves for His return. That preparation includes loving God with all our hearts, and living our lives in a consecrated, purposeful way, while reaching out to a lost and dying world.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

We believe that God has set in place means to conduct church business in an orderly and successful manner. The Rock bases its form of government upon what we consider to be scriptural principles. The authority and call of the Lead Pastor should be assisted by a check and balance accountability system.

The Pastoral Staff is extremely important in the overall success and health of the local body. These people are appointed by the Lead Pastor with the help of the pastoral staff and the council of elders.

The Board of Trustees is chosen from men and women who have demonstrated gifting in oversight and leadership in various aspects of business and ministry. They are faithful to God, and in their support of this church, to the body of Christ. Board members make all business and financial decisions. They are appointed by the Lead Pastor and the Executive Pastor, and are confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Trustees with a normal 3-year term. The Lead Pastor (President), Executive Pastor (Vice President), and Secretary/Treasurer are appointed officers of the Board of Trustees and are non-voting members.

Board of Trustees: Dave Hinchey, Lee Madrid, Osborn Ogonyo, Richard Bonham, Michael Bell, Jim Holdridge, Nate Constant, Joe Howell and Jon Urban

Officers: J.R. Polhemus (President), Mike Polhemus (Vice President) and Sandy Knowles (Secretary)

The Council of Elders is comprised of individuals with spiritual maturity, meet the biblical qualifications and are chosen by the Lead Pastor and confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the Council of Elders. Lay elders will serve for a 3-year term, with reconfirmation. The Council of Elders will oversee spiritual matters of the church. They make recommendations to the senior pastoral staff for review and consideration and confirm licensing of Pastors and other ministers. The Lead Pastor has veto power, yet our goal is to come to a consensus on all decisions. (1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:6-9)

Pastor Elders: J.R. Polhemus, Mike Polhemus and Jeff Drott

Lay Elders: Ronnie Haynes, Gary Longfellow, Doug McKenna, Dan Lillyblad, Brad Boness and Jeff Caron

The Council of Overseers: We believe that as a non-denominational church we must have mutual accountability and accountability to our overseers. The Lead Pastor has selected several men in the faith who are prominent leaders from outside our local church. These are men with successful ministries, with whom he has built trust and accountability over the past years. They serve as his accountability partners, as well as part of our government. For example, should the Lead Pastor fail in an area of sin, the Council of Overseers would join with our Council of Elders to bring restoration to the Lead Pastor and recommend a replacement as Lead Pastor, if needed. Although non-denominational, we believe in the governance of accountability. Thus we have overseers who would step in to correct and heal any moral failure or breach of integrity.

The Overseers: Peter Warren (Director of YWAM, Denver), George Morrison (Senior Pastor, Faith Bible Chapel) and Leif Hetland (President, Global Mission Awareness)

The Rock Affiliations:



Enhancing Trust

Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

www.ecfa.org

Winchester, VA



Global Awakening

www.globalawakening.com

Randy Clark

Mechanicsburg, PA



Global Legacy

www.igloballegacy.org

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Bethel Church, Redding, CA



Global Mission Awareness

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Leif Hetland

Killen, AL



Willow Creek Association

www.willowcreek.com

Bill Hybels

Barrington, IL

GROUP LIST

Children/Youth

Castle Rock Christian
Academy

Children's Ministry

Firestarters-Wednesday
Kid Zone-Sunday

Youth Ministry-Base Camp

Rock Groups

Young Adult/College-
Grove

Life Groups

Support Groups

Family & Marriage
Love & Respect
Story of Marriage
Marriage & Money
Marriage Life Group
Blended Family
Seminar
Financial Peace
Celebrate Recovery
Worship Ministry
Men's Ministry
Iron on Iron
Women's Ministry
Mothers of
Preschoolers (MOPS)
MomsNext
Prayer Ministry

Interest Based Groups

International House of
Prayer (IHOP)
50+ Connections
Sunday Fellowship
50+ Dinner & Fellowship
Christian Martial Arts
Men's Ministry
Men of The Rock
(The Truth Project)
Iron on Iron
Women's Ministry
Mothers of
Preschoolers (MOPS)
MomsNext

Discipleship Training

Prophetic & Prayer
Healing Room Training
School of Destiny
Discover The Rock
Discipleship Training Class
(DTC)
Seminars
Prayer Ministry Training
(One-Day)
Basic Prophetic Training
(Two-Day)
School of Healing (One-
Day)
Rock School of Ministry

Serving Groups

Outpour
Dinner at The Rock
Outreach & Missions
Inner City
Care Ministry
Short Term Missions
Hospitality Teams
Altar/Prayer Ministry
Weekend Hospitality

Counseling & Healing

Counseling
Pre-Marital
Theophostic
Marriage
Blended Family
SOZO
Healing & Prophetic
Rooms
Children's Healing Room
Celebrate Recovery
Divorce Care

Life Events

Baby Dedications
Wedding
Funeral
Transformation Baptism

Services

Sunday 9 & 11 am
Wednesday 7 pm

MINISTRY DEPARTMENT HEADS & PASTORS

J.R. Polhemus

Lead Pastor

- Weekend Services
- Discover The Rock Class

Mike Polhemus

Executive Pastor

- Finances
- Administration
- Staff Oversight
- Missions/Outreach
- Ministry Coordinator

Lindy Mariotti

Pastor of Ministries & Care

- Prayer Ministry, Ministry Classes & Events
- Healing Rooms
- Care Ministry
- Women's Ministry

Curt Wojtalewicz

Life Groups Pastor

- Assist. Children's Pastor

Jeff Drott

Pastor of Counseling

- Marriage Ministry

Sylvia Barahona

Children's Pastor

- Children's Ministry (6 wks-5th grade)
- The Rock Academy
- KidZone
- VBS
- Children's Events

Jim Matthews

Pastor of Facilities & Men's Ministry

Aaron Wagner

Worship Pastor

- Worship Ministry

Alan Hunt

Pastor of Missions & Outreach

Moe & Paige Becnel

Marriage Pastors

- Marriage Classes & Events
- Pre-Marriage Education
- Blended Family Education

Ryan Catellier

College and Young Adult Pastor

- The Grove
- Young Adults & College

Andrew Nemeth

Student Ministry Pastor & Director of Marketing

- Middle School
- High School
- Website
- Media & Graphics Production

Torrence Jackson

Castle Rock Christian Academy Director

- Preschool
- K-6th Grade

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MISSIONS' OUTREACH AT THE ROCK



Alan & Andree Hunt

Pastor of Missions and Outreach

After leaving a corporate career in 2007, Alan joined the staff of World Orphans where he serves as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Advocacy. His job is to recruit, equip, encourage, train, mobilize and lead individuals, churches, and corporations into orphan care ministry. Alan is passionate about children and advancing the gospel and has been actively involved in missions for over fourteen years.

Alan and his wife Andree enjoy international travel, bicycling, skiing, and cooking. They live in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Our Purpose

The Rock Global Outreach Team exists to support missionaries and ministries that reflect our goals and values. We are committed to educating, equipping and mobilizing the body for local and global ministry and short-term mission trips.

Our Focus

Here at The Rock we are using the Acts 1:8 model as our biblical strategy for local and global outreach.

2016 Ministry & Missionary Support

All Nations-South Africa
Floyd McClung

Antioch Partners
Rob & Jen Taylor

Body of Christ/Unreached Villages
Billy Graham Paulose

Christ's Body Ministries
John Moorehead

Denver Ignite
John & Barb Lewis

Denver Inner-City Ministry
The Rock

Empart USA
Jossy Chacko-India

Global Frontier Missions
Grant & Jennifer Haynes

Global Mission Awareness
Leif Hetland

Groundwire
Sean Dunn

Journey of a Joyful Life-China
Melodie Chandler

Love146
Rob Morris

Mission Catalyst
Ken Womack

MOPS
Mothers of Pre-Schoolers

New Life Providence
Bob & Kathryn Carlton

Operation Mobilization-South Africa
Dave & Eileen Kadlec

Teach My Children English
Mike & Teri Spray

Vision for Israel
Barry Segal

World Orphans
Alan Hunt

World Orphans-Haiti
Haiti Partner Church

Young Life
Suzanne Sittko

Youth With A Mission (YWAM)
Amy Taylor
Dave Gustaveson
Rev. John & Suzanne Hunter
Natalie Goble
Pat Busnell
Peter & Linda Warren
Rick & Brooke Lamb

MISSION TRIPS

Have you ever wanted to travel and see different parts of the world and at the same time be used by God? Check out our short-term mission trips!

2016 Short Term Mission Trips

California [Youth] – (LA Dream Center) – March 2016

Texas [Youth] – June 2016

Mexico – June 2016

Zambia – July 2016

Haiti – October 2016

2016 Local Outreach

Community Outreaches & Special Events

Castle Rock Starlighting, 4th of July, Eggstravaganza, and other Town of Castle Rock events.

Contact Gail Black, gailb@therock.org.

Family Fun Night

An indoor carnival complete with game booths, rides and candy! It is a fun alternative Halloween event for the entire community. Contact Pastor Sylvia Barahona, sylvia@therock.org.

Thanksgiving at The Rock

A place for those in our church and community to have a hot Thanksgiving meal. Contact Gail Black, gailb@therock.org

The A Team (Men of Action)

Provides handyman and moving help to single moms and widows from The Rock. Please contact the church office: 303-688-0777.

Castle Rock Day of Prayer

Community day of prayer for the churches and people of Castle Rock. Date and time TBD.

Contact Lana Wagner lane@therock.org

Inner-City Outreach

Join The Rock's outreach team to help feed the hungry and homeless in inner city, downtown Denver. We go the 4th Saturday of every month. Meet at the church at 12:30 pm to leave at 1:00 pm; return by 4:30 pm. Children are welcome! Contact Fabienne Hebbelink at fabiennestroup@gmail.com or 303-319-4722.

PASTOR J.R. & YVONNE POLHEMUS LEAD PASTOR OF THE ROCK



“Welcome,” from Pastor J.R. and Yvonne. Pastor J.R. will be sharing where The Rock has come from and where we are headed. He will share our vision and opportunities to get connected. There will be a time for questions. Feel free to ask any question, even if you feel it may be difficult or controversial.

Pastor J.R. grew up in a non-Christian home where football and wrestling were the center of his life. He graduated from Wesleyan University and started searching for the meaning of life. This took him on a circuitous journey of drugs, new age mentality and travel throughout the Middle East. J.R. became a Zen Buddhist during this time, heading the Monterey Zen Center. At 28 1/2 years old, he received Jesus

Christ and saw a dramatic change in his life. A year and a half later he received a full scholarship from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Upon graduation, J.R. pastored his first church in Grand Lake, Colorado. God moved powerfully during these 6 years and the church grew from 30 to over 250 in weekly attendance, in a town of 500. Many were saved and healed in a mini revival for several years. Seventeen people went into full time ministry.

Pastor J.R. came to The Rock in 1988. Since that date, The Rock has grown from 70 to 1800 weekly attendees. In 2006 The Rock moved to its current facility on 53 acres. Thousands have given their lives to Jesus, many have been healed, and many have found community in a safe place where transparency is encouraged. Pastor J.R. has ministered in China, Russia, Nigeria, Haiti, Mexico, Israel, the Philippines, India, Honduras, and England and speaks often at YWAM bases and around the country at conferences and churches.

Pastor J.R. and Yvonne live in Castle Rock. They have two children: Mike (and his wife Kristi and grandchildren, Katelyn, Ryken and Aliya) and Anna (and her husband John and grandchildren, Holden and Francesca).

Pastor J.R. and Yvonne welcome you to The Rock.

COUNSELING AT THE ROCK



Dr. Holly Hector
Pastor of Counseling

Dr. Hector has a Master's degree in counseling and Ph.D. in Clinical Pastoral Counseling. She has traveled extensively here and abroad, counseling, training and equipping others since 1987.

Counseling at The Rock

You may contact Dr. Holly Hector or Pastor Jeff Drott to schedule a counseling appointment at (303) 688-0777 ext. 214.



Jeff Drott
Counseling Pastor

Jeff is a man with a pastor's heart and has a warm, compassionate way of caring for God's people. Having a deep burden for the brokenhearted, he seeks to help restore others in Christ. He is also a tremendously anointed communicator with the ability to connect with people of all ages.

THE ROCK MARRIAGE MINISTRY



Moe & Paige Becnel

Marriage Pastors

Moe and Paige Becnel are natives of New Orleans, LA. They reside in Castle Rock, CO. They met in 1987 and married in 1989, blending a family of five children, and now 10 grandchildren.

As Singles Pastors at Healing Place Church in Baton Rouge, they led Singles, Single Parent, Divorce Recovery and Blended Family ministries. They have been involved in missions work in Africa, Honduras, Costa Rica and Peru.

Welcome to The Rock Marriage Ministry! We are Moe and Paige Becnel, Marriage Pastors at The Rock. Whether you are a first-time or remarried couple, we are here to help you make the marriage you are in to be “the thriving marriage that lasts a lifetime”. The Vision of The Rock Marriage Ministry is to build and strengthen every marriage and family into the loving, passionate, one-minded relationship that God intended a home to be. The Rock Church staff places very high value on helping you achieve God’s design of a healthy, life-giving, intimate marriage that will last a lifetime, that models God’s passionate love for His church.

You are an over-comer in Jesus Christ. Your marriage can also overcome every obstacle and blossom into something more beautiful than you can imagine.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

(Philippians 2:1-2)

The Apostle Paul spoke these words to the church in Philippi, addressing some strife and discord in the church. Yet, the words “*by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind*” also portray a wonderful image of a loving, united, fulfilling marriage!

The Rock Marriage Ministry provides the following:

- Pre-marriage education for all couples planning to marry. Everyone plans a wedding, but so few plan for a love-filled relationship. Preparation can help you have a marriage that others envy. Contact Pastor Jeff Drott at 303-688-0777 ext. 220 or jeffd@therock.org to schedule.
- Marriage classes that help foster healthy relationships
- Marriage building Rock Groups
- Pastoral Counseling and Healing Prayer to rebuild and strengthen your marriage and family.
- If you have questions or if we can serve you, please contact Pastors Moe & Paige Becnel; paige@therock.org or moe@therock.org, or call 225-287-5280
- 3rd Annual Marriage Retreat Saturday, April 16 – Sunday, April 17 in Estes Park, CO

PRAYER AND MINISTRY AT THE ROCK



Lindy Mariotti
Pastor of Ministries & Care

Lindy's heart is to see the body restored spiritually and emotionally. She has been ministering in the area of healing for the past seven years, teaching, training and equipping the Body of Believers to go deeper with God. Lindy's greatest passion is intimacy with the Lord. She believes out of this secret place of intimacy everything else flows: gifts, miracles, wisdom and all things needed for His Body.

Prayer

There are numerous places for prayer warriors to connect and serve at The Rock. We have a prayer chain, men and women prayer groups and International House of Prayer - CR. In addition, we offer a Saturday morning prayer group to pray for the weekend services and other needs of the Rock. Also, on the fourth Saturday of each month, the Inner City Outreach Prayer Team joins with the Outreach Team to pray for the hungry and homeless in downtown Denver.

Training

A wide variety of classes are offered equipping people to minister inside and outside the church. Classes include teachings from Bill Johnson, Kevin Dedman and Graham Cooke as well as training for Altar Ministry, Healing Rooms, and Prophetic Ministry.

Events

Healing and Prophetic Rooms of Castle Rock: Meets first and third Tuesdays of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm in the sanctuary. This is an evening of incredible live worship, healing and prophetic words. Whether your need is physical, emotional, or spiritual, or you just need an encouraging word from the Lord, our trained ministers will meet with you in a private setting. Outstanding live worship music creates an anointed atmosphere to meet with God. This is open to everyone. No KidZone.



Rae & Jim Shuford
Prayer and Ministry Pastor

On Rae's very first visit to the Rock, she was ministered to at the altar in a life changing and profound way by the grace of God. Since that time, her heart is to equip people and minister to the body, desiring that everyone receive a touch from God. Currently, as Prayer and Ministry Pastor, she heads up Altar Ministry as well as Inner City Prayer and Sozo Ministry. She enjoys equipping and activating others for ministry, teaching them and giving them opportunities to utilize their gifts.

Children's Healing Rooms: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm. A small group consisting of trained adults and children will pray for you and your child in a private room. Each session typically lasts for 15-20 minutes. Everyone is welcome. No KidZone.

For more Prayer & Ministry events please see the website at www.therock.org.

Care Ministry

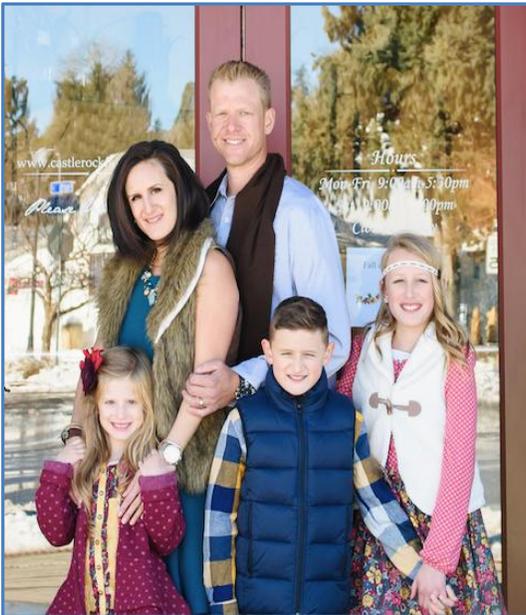
Care Ministries provides short-term help for those who are in need including, meals for those recuperating from sickness or surgery, prison visits, CORE: drug rehab, hospital and nursing home visits, transportation, and A-Team: assisting those with needs in The Rock family, specifically handyman work and moving assistance for single moms, families with special needs, etc.

Women's Ministry

Ana Carlson

Director of Women's Ministry

Ana and her husband Sean have been married for 12 years, have three beautiful children, and have been attending The Rock for the past 7 years while being involved in the leadership of Grow, MOPS, and other ministries within our church. Ana has a huge heart to not just grow the women's ministry, but to inspire women to rise up in their true identity and become powerful women of purpose.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sylvia Barahona
Children's Pastor

Sylvia is a native of the "Great State" of Texas where she worked 20 years in retail sales. Sylvia believes God led her to The Rock staff in 2003 in order to train young boys and girls to become total-life deposits of Christ's character. She has invested herself for that same purpose in the lives of her 4 children Stefanie, Richard, Jacqueline and Brittney.



Curt & Tracie Wojtalewicz
Asst. Children's Pastor/Life Groups Pastor

I am a father of three children: Lucas, Kasia, and Delila. My wife Tracie and I married in 1995, and together we lead our family to be devoted to living God's Word. I was called to be a minister in high school and currently seek to be mastered by scripture. I have been a Christian educator for most of my career and graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary. My most rewarding moments are when I am connecting others to our gracious Father. My colleagues tell me that I have a gift and a passion for ministry. My heart is to serve The Rock using those gifts in the vision the Father has given me: to equip God's people to further His Kingdom.



Torrence Jackson

Director of The Castle Rock Christian Academy

The Castle Rock Christian Academy has been called to train up the next generation as “warriors”. We believe that our students will leave a lasting impact on their community and the world as a whole. Our goal is for each student to find their identity in Christ and to understand the unique role that they play in the story God is writing. The Academy is a family of highly qualified educators who are dedicated to providing an excellent education for all of our high achievers. We invite each of you of you to partner with us in the journey of rising up the next generation of warriors!

For more information on the Castle Rock Christian Academy please visit <http://www.rockacademyco.com>

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Andrew & Luna Nemeth

Student Ministry Pastor/Director of Marketing

Andrew has been leading young people since 2007 and is a graduate of Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas. He has been a part of our staff working with students at The Rock since August 2011. He and his wife Luna are passionate about connecting youth to Jesus. They have one child, a beautiful baby girl named Ryan Kate.



Zach Spector

Student Pastor

Zach is a Colorado Native who loves Jesus and Sports. In 2011 Zach had a powerful encounter with The Lord and received a call to ministry. He now works with the youth and young adults every week to train, disciple, and encourage. Zach's passion is to see young people know Jesus in a powerful and intimate way that transforms their identity.

BASE CAMP at The Rock

At BASE CAMP our goal is to see fully mature, fully developed, followers of Christ. In order to accomplish that, we focus on training and equipping students to know God and do His work. We are excited to get to know you and your family as you explore The Rock. We encourage you and your students to check out our website at www.basecampsm.com to learn more about our ministry and up-to-date information on events we have going on. Parents are always welcome at ANY of our youth events and we welcome your input and advice. You are vital in the spiritual development of your teen and we look forward to partnering with you.

BASE CAMP Service Times

Wednesday Night Service:

BASE CAMP meets from 7 - 8:45 PM in the Student Center Auditorium. (6-12 grade)

Weekend Meetings/Discipleship:

BASE CAMP middle school meets on Sundays at 9 - 10:30 AM & 11 AM - 12:30 PM in the Student Center Auditorium for a discipleship bible study.

Serve Groups (for high school students) meet on Sundays at 9 - 10:30 AM in the Student Center Café and 11 AM - 12:30 PM in "Big-Church" on the left side.

Catalyst Prayer and Hang Out

Every Sunday night from 6 - 8 PM, 6th-12th graders are invited to come join us for prayer and hangout. We firmly believe that prayer changes things, and because of this we dedicate our Sunday nights from 6 - 7 PM to praying for our loved ones, our communities, and ourselves. From 7 - 8 PM we carpool up the road to hang out and grab a bite to eat. You can always check online (basecampsm.com) to find out where we are going.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Ryan & Alisa Catellier

College and Young Adult Pastor/Director of RSM

Ryan was a youth pastor in New Zealand for 4 years before he met Alisa in 2008. They married in 2009 and lived in New York City for six months. After relocating to the Denver area, they began serving in the youth ministry at The Rock while Ryan worked at Messenger International. In April of 2013 Ryan became the Rock Groups Pastor, and in January 2015 became our College and Young Adult Pastor. Ryan and Alisa have 3 boys and live in Castle Rock.

The Grove: A Gathering of College and 20s

The Grove is a gathering of people between the ages of 18 and 29. We meet every Tuesday night in the Student Center Gym. Join us as we come together to worship and dive into the word of God. Our desire is to create a community of people who encounter God together, connect with each other, and change the world around them. KidZone is available on select nights. Please visit our website at igrove.org for more information, directions or to listen to our current series.

RSM (Rock School of Ministry)

RSM is a rapidly growing, cutting edge ministry in Castle Rock, CO with a passion and a vision to “gather together, grow in our love for Jesus and people and go in authority and in excellence of craft and character”. We are providing Internship opportunities where you will receive personal development, as well as witnessing and impacting lives being transformed through the power of faith and the Gospel. Participants will gain valuable experience while working alongside select Rock Church Staff members. We have 3 tracks available, Worship, Media and Ministry. Regardless of which track you choose you will receive focused training and gain experience within each field.

For more information, please visit www.thersm.org or contact Ryan Catellier at ryan@therock.org

WORSHIP AT THE ROCK CHURCH

Aaron & Jen Wagner Worship Pastor



Aaron Wagner is the Worship Pastor here at The Rock. At the young age of 24, Aaron has been pastoring people in worship for 13 years in various ministries. Best known for his songwriting and producing, Aaron is the leader of WATR Music, The Rock Church's expression of worship and MEDIC, his rock band. Aaron has overseen the recordings of WATR Music, MEDIC and many other recording artists which have found their way to churches and concert halls around the world and even into mainstream markets on ABC and MTV. Aaron is passionate about people engaging and encountering the presence of God wherever they are and his deep love for discipleship, the prophetic, community and excellence is on display weekly through the various leaders, interns and volunteers in the worship ministry at The Rock under his leadership.

Aside from worship, Aaron has a passion for speaking into the lives of believers and speaks on a broad range of topics at The Rock and churches and conferences all across the country. His refreshing take and captivating storytelling are engaging for all generations to hear. He has a passion to see believers activated in the unique calling God has on their life.

Aaron is married to his high school best friend, Jen who ministers beside him in the worship ministry. They love the mountains, traveling, Apple products, old pianos, Wes Anderson films and their dog, Kingsley.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION



Mike & Kristi Polhemus

Executive Pastor

Mike started attending The Rock in 1988 and over the past 28 years has been extensively involved in ministries beginning with playing drums for the worship team at age 15, to leading a ministry of life groups in the church and serving on the Board of Trustees. Mike brings 18 years of leadership and business expertise from his work as an engineering manager for an international engineering firm, a development manager for Fortune 500 Company and most recently as the Vice President of Planning and Development for an influential commercial development company based in Houston Texas. Mike and Kristi have three beautiful children, Katelyn (9), Ryken (7), and Aliya (4). They are very excited to be back in Colorado and working at the church they call home.

Areas of Responsibility

Finances:

- VP Board of Trustees
- Board Finance Committee

Compassion Fund:

Review needs for Compassion Fund and Benevolence

Personnel:

- Supervision of Staff
- Staff Development

Mission Board:

- Review needs for Financial Counseling
- Pastoral staff liaison with Mission Board

Ministry:

- Member of Council of Elders
- Men's Ministry Leader



Sandy Knowles
Director of Administration

Sandy and her family moved to Colorado from Texas in June of 2000. Thinking she moved here in support of her husband's new job, she quickly realized the Lord had plans for her here as well. They started attending The Rock in July and Sandy came on staff in September of 2000. Sandy serves as Director of Administration and is Secretary/Treasurer for the Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Board Finance Committee. Sandy is a member of the Compassion Ministry Committee and other areas of responsibilities include managing the business office. She has been married to her husband Russell for 29 years, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 dogs.



Jim & Kelly Matthews

Pastor of Facilities/Men's Ministry

Jim has attended The Rock since December 1998, and has been involved in many ministries within the church over the years. Jim currently oversees The Rock facilities and is the pastor over the Men's Ministry. Prior to joining The Rock as Facilities Director, Jim was the Director of Operations for a national non-profit organization focused on reaching at-risk and un-churched youth and young adults