

Welcome Asa Hart

DCC Elder Candidate for Pastor of Discipleship Ministries



Asa grew up as a missionary kid in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico where he heard the Gospel of Jesus from his earliest memories. After seeing a Gospel presentation during a street drama, he became convinced of his sinful state and his desperate need for Christ.

After leaving the mission field, Asa's family moved to Tennessee where he went through Junior High and High School and received a call to the ministry which was confirmed by Northside Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Upon graduating high school, Asa promptly attended Liberty University in Virginia where he studied theology.

After obtaining his Bachelor of Science in religion, Asa moved to Louisville, Kentucky to further his theological studies at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. During this time, he attended Sojourn Community Church where he served on staff and grew in his love for the local church. He continued at Sojourn for three and a half years after he graduated from Southern with his Master of Divinity. It was during this time that Asa met and married his lovely wife, Krista—an RN who occasionally serves as Asa's personal nurse when he hilariously tries his hand at home improvement.

Asa has previously served as a Family Pastor at Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis, IN, and at Lake Bible Church in Lake Oswego, OR. Asa and Krista currently reside in Milwaukie, Oregon, with their son John Luther and their doggo Samwise as displaced fans of the Tennessee Titans, Atlanta Braves, and Saint Louis Cardinals.

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Important Dates To Know:

June 09 @ 10am

Asa joined us for a church staff meeting.

June 09 @ 11:30 am

Asa had lunch with our Children's Ministries Director and our Student Ministries Director.

June 20 @ 8, 9:30, 11am

Asa will be preaching in all three services.

June 23 @ 8am-Noon

Asa is available for 1-on-1 appointments at the church.

June 23 @ 6:30pm

Dessert gathering with Elders & wives.

June 27 @ 8, 9:30, 11am

Asa will be preaching in all three services.

June 27 @ 12:30pm

Lunch with some of our Community Group leaders.

June 27 @ 3pm

Q & A Session with the congregation followed by refreshments and fellowship.

DCC Staffing Strategy as it relates to our current Senior Pastor transition and the hire of a Pastor of Discipleship.

Several factors have converged as we anticipated the current Senior Pastor transition and our staffing strategy for DCC ministries. These include:

- The Biblical principle that people should serve as they are gifted, Romans 12:3-8.
- The Biblical principle that shepherds and teachers are to equip the saints for ministry, Ephesians 4:12.
- The refocus on Making Disciples (including outreach and evangelism, Matthew 28:19-20) as our primary mission, the result of the church-wide “Equipping Faithful Followers” study done around 2003.
- Acknowledgement of the need to prioritize children’s ministry in addition to youth ministry in staffing development, one outcome of Pastor Steve’s doctoral studies in the area of nurturing faith.
- Consideration of the Senior Pastor ministry oversight responsibilities and what would best support Pastor Andy as senior pastor, given his gifting and passions.

Here at DCC, part of the Senior Pastor role includes the oversight of four major church ministry areas: Worship Outreach, Caring, and Spiritual Growth (now renamed Discipleship). In consideration of Pastor Steve's specific giftings and passions, he directly oversaw the area of spiritual growth and built a staff team to assist with the leadership of the other areas of ministry. This team included a full time Worship Pastor, full time Outreach Pastor, Full time Pastor of Children & Student Ministries, and a volunteer Caring Ministries Director.

As we transition to Pastor Andy as the next Senior Pastor, this role will continue to provide oversight of these four major church ministry areas. However, given Pastor Andy's specific giftings and passions, the make-up of the staff team will adjust accordingly. Pastor Andy will continue to provide direct oversight of the area of Outreach. (Although, we are seeking assistance in this area of ministry by adding a Barnabas Team's Director and possibly another Deacon level director position related to missions.)

Pastor Steve's upcoming retirement presents the need for a new staff member to oversee the areas of Discipleship Ministries which is why we are in the process of seeking a Pastor of Discipleship to serve alongside Pastor Andy.

The Pastor of Discipleship will work to apply the discipleship process in a whole life, comprehensive way. He will work with ministry leaders at every age from Nursery through Adult and coordinating the teaching of our various ministries aimed at developing mature Christ-like believers. The Pastor of Discipleship will oversee our Children's Ministry Director and Student Ministries Director, while also working to strengthen our Adult Ministries by working closely with our current ministry leaders in the areas of Community Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, and Men's and Women's Ministries.