



History

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- The Church at South Mountain began July 10, 1994, with 30 members.
- The first place of meeting was Holdeman Elementary School.
- CASM began baptizing new believers right away at First Southern Scottsdale and currently does so at First Christian Church.
- Rich Wells, Associate Pastor, officially came on staff in June 1995.
- In 1996, CASM moved to a larger facility, Nevitt Elementary School, to accommodate growth.
- In 1998, the first elders were ordained for church leadership.
- CASM met for almost 6 years in business parks.
- In 2003, CASM purchased 3.3 acres of land on 7th Avenue, just north of Broadway.
- Also in 2003, CASM moved to Cesar Chavez High School to aid in the preparation for the construction of new facilities.
- In 2004, CASM temporarily moved to First Christian Church.
- Since December 2004, CASM has been meeting at Phoenix Preparatory Academy located at 7th Street and Fillmore in downtown Phoenix, Arizona.
- CASM has been meeting at its current location, 7th Avenue and Broadway, since January 4th, 2009.

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