



THE
COMPASS

Current Series:



February 7, 2016



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH

Get Connected

If this is your first visit, thank you for joining us. We hope your visit is meaningful! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop in the offering or at the Welcome Areas so we will know you were here. For all guests and attenders, below are steps you can take to engage in our community.



Explore I

Learn more about our church, meet our Campus Pastors and others on our leadership team.

- Woodmoor Campus: **TODAY** at 11:00 am in Room 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday at 10:45 am in the lobby.



Explore II

Explore II is a workshop for those ready to make The Ascent Church their church home and be involved in God's mission and vision in our region. Explore II includes why and how to become a member, our trail map for each family member, ministry values, doctrine, and connecting with a Base Camp. Held quarterly at 10:45am at both campuses.



Base Camps

Base Camps are neighborhood-based groups that meet regularly around our community. To build deeper relationships with your neighbors, visit our website at theascentchurch.com/basecamps.



Serving

Use your talents and interests to serve with others in your church, accomplishing common ministry goals. There are always teams you can join! Contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping

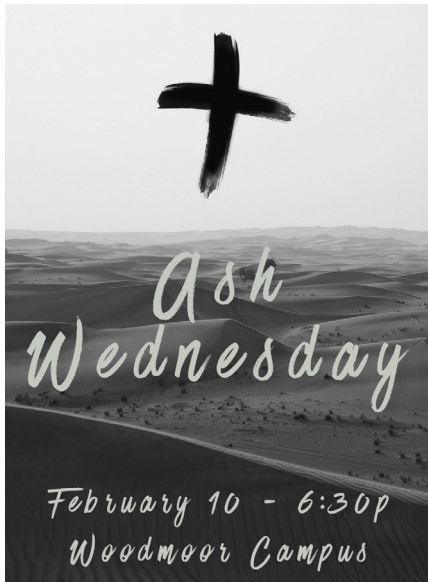
Our Equipping Classes are designed to help further your walk with Christ. There are many short-term classes offered at both campuses, as well as ongoing women's and men's Bible studies. For more information, visit our website or contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



Worship Team & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info, contact carson@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life



Request for Nominations for a Constitution and Bylaws Advisory Team

Do you or someone you know have a gift for reforming and editing documents? Visit the church website for more information about the team and the nomination form.



Woodmoor Campus: TODAY at 11am
Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday
Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!
No pre-registration required.

The Ascent
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PRAYER
for the Pastor
Search Team

Woodmoor Campus: 9:30am,
Office Conference Room
Northgate Campus:
after service,
TCA Conference Room

Women's Retreat



March 11-13,
2016

STORIES: MINE, OURS & GOD'S

Location: Spring Canyon in
Buena Vista, CO.

Cost of Retreat: \$190
Early Bird Price until 2/26

Response Time

Each Sunday service, after the message, we have a time of response to God. We invite you to engage in worship through some tangible ways throughout our worship space.

- Communion: Available to all who profess Jesus Christ
- Prayer: Pastors or Prayer Partners available in the room
- Song: Engage in singing and expression to God
- Offering: Offering boxes and kiosks are available for giving
- Other: At times we will offer artistic/tactile worship stations

We invite you to move around the room at your own pace and in freedom to worship and respond to God as you feel led. You may engage these areas of worship in any order and at your own pace.

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering: \$27,547.64

As of 1/31/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$733,654
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$621,161
YTD Budget:	\$813,902

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$34,674
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$34,000



Giving at The Ascent

- (1) Offering Boxes: cash/check (in our worship service)
- (2) Online from our website
- (3) Kiosk: In the lobby
- (4) Mobile/Text: The Ascent Church App (download from your App Store)

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM welcomes all middle schoolers and high schoolers.

ASM Tuesday Dates: Feb. 9, 16, 23, Woodmoor Campus.

- Middle School: 5:30-6:45pm
- High School: 7:00-8:30pm

ASM DEEP Dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28 upstairs at both campuses. Northgate: 9:00am, Woodmoor: 11:00am.

ASM Ski Trip: Feb. 20, ski trip to Monarch for all students, cost \$50 includes lift ticket, dinner and transport. Questions, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

The Guatemala Missions Trip: July 16-23. For information, email Taylor at asm@theascentchurch.com.

Dominican Republic Missions Trip: July 2-9. For more information, email Paul Christoffersen at DR@theascentchurch.com.

Please pray for the Ethiopia Mission Trip Team currently serving in Africa.

Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK:

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade:

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade:

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:30 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 9:30am

For more info, go to www.theascentchurch.com/kids.



Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

Connections Class: Sundays, 9:15-10:30am, Woodmoor Campus room 213. New series on the life of King David from I and II Samuel and I Chronicles.

Catalyst Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus room 212. Catalyst is for those seeking to be equipped for Biblical community.

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus room 210. Join other parents to learn and to help one another with raising our teens.

Men on the Ascent Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:15am, *Gospel of Mark* study.

- Woodmoor Campus: room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza

Women on The Ascent: Please visit the website for a list of Bible Studies. Email: joel@theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes

Sermon Passage: Psalm 8.



Shared Engagement and Preparation

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass begins devotions on Monday and leads up to the Sunday which will focus on the week's passage. In this way, the whole of the church engages in God's Word and prepares for our time of worship and preaching.

Deep Engagement and Doable Application

In order to allow for deep impact by God through His Word, The Compass centers on one passage in three ways — as individuals, with others, in our corporate gatherings — and focuses on applying what God is showing us, not biblical information itself. Life transformation happens when God's people depend upon and live out what He has revealed to us in His Word.

Consistency Over Time

With a tool such as The Compass, we can mistakenly measure personal spiritual success or failure based on whether we've completed a given day's devotion. Rather, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on and seek growth; God will honor this.

Our prayer is that God will bless you as you seek to connect intimately with Him, intentionally with His people, and influentially in His world.

The Compass Passages for 2/7/16–2/13/16: Psalm 73.

Monday, February 8, 2016

Read: Psalm 73 thoughtfully. Allow God's Word to fill your heart and mind. Read the Psalm again out loud. Hear the Word of God.

Reflect:

This Psalm was written by Asaph.

As you read through this Psalm, what verses do you most relate to? Why?

What is the theme of Psalm 73?

What phrases from this Psalm seem to resonate with your current life?

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Read: Psalm 73 through, focusing on the first five verses. If possible, read these verses in a couple different versions.

Reflect:

From the first five verses, how would you describe the mental state of Asaph, the author of this Psalm?

Which phrases give you clues about what he might be thinking?

Think of a time you may have felt the same way. Write a prayer to God that expresses what you remember feeling at that time.

Share with someone in your Base Camp or family about that time and how you worked through the situation.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Read: Psalm 73 again, focusing on verses 4-17.

Reflect:

In verses 4-12, Asaph outlines his view of the wicked. Write below the traits he lists for them:

In verses 13-17, Asaph draws his conclusions. What are some of the attitudes he experienced as a result of what he observed?

What differences or similarities do you see between those who have turned against God today and those Asaph describes?

How does this impact how you live your life as a Christian?

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Read: Psalm 73, focusing on verses 13-26. Read from a couple of different versions to help bring clarity to this passage.

Reflect:

How do the thoughts of Asaph change in this section of the Psalm?

What do you think brought about this change of focus regarding the wicked?

How have you acknowledged wrong thinking on your part and begun to refocus your heart on God? What does the Lord reveal to you?

Why is it important to have the right perspective of God in order to interpret current events?

Friday, February 12, 2016

Read: Psalm 73, focusing on verses 23-28. Take time to pray these verses back to God and ask Him to reveal Himself to you in them.

Reflect:

Notice how in these verses Asaph's focus is on a private relationship with God. How does this perspective change his thoughts?

How would you summarize where Asaph is mentally and spiritually at the end of this Psalm?

How can you correct your thinking when you dwell on your circumstances and circumstances of others?

What do you think it would look like for you to say, "there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you"?

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Review your notes from your study this week.

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you through your study this week?

Take time today to reflect, and determine one thing you want to put into practice from this study in Psalm 73. Find someone in your Base Camp or family to share this with.

Try memorizing verses 25-26 as a reminder of God's sufficiency in your life.

Spend time in prayer, asking God to give you a heart that desires Him alone.

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week two of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service. Each week will have an intergenerational element (such as the meal), then there will be a focus for the meeting that follows the pattern and is attentive to God's Word and the age mix.

Provide paper copies of Psalm 73 to aid each person in outlining the Psalm. Work through the questions below, review your work in this week's Compass, and be prepared to help people understand Asaph's struggle and resolution. Provide an appropriate plan for grade school and younger children.

Before dinner, ask teens and children to share a time when they were jealous of others. Ask them to identify the impact jealousy has on them and others. Read together Psalm 37:1-4, then open in prayer for the evening. Join together in mixed-age pairs for the meal, continuing the conversation.

Older Teens and Adults:

- Outline the Psalm, giving titles to each block; share outlines with the group.
- Is it important that Asaph acknowledges his struggle with the ease of the wicked? Why or why not?
- Read Proverbs 24:17 or Psalm 37:1; compare with Jeremiah 12:1. What is God's direction to us when we are in Asaph's place? Read more of these passages, and record the full counsel of God on the matter.
- What happened in "the sanctuary of God" (v.17) that might have shown Asaph the error in his heart? How might this help correct your own heart?
- What do you experience in the "holy place" where you join for corporate worship? What, in the end, displaced Asaph's (heart-level) error?

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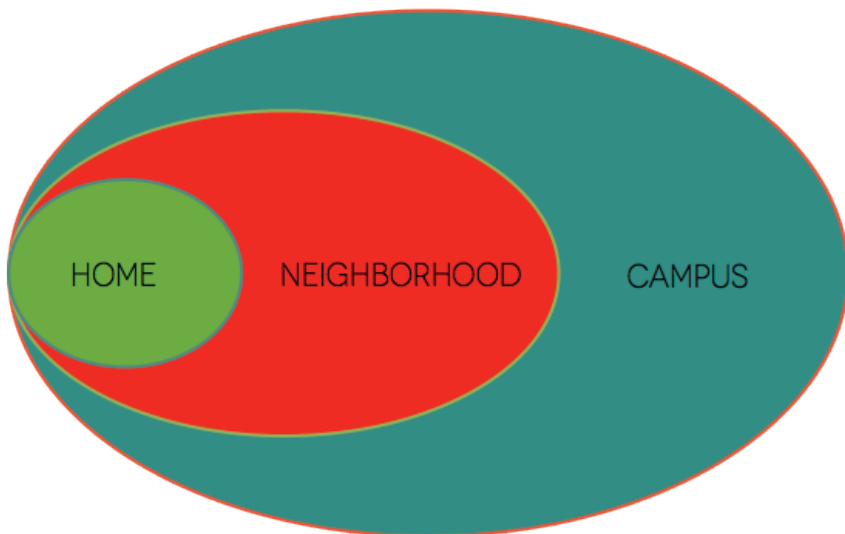
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Mission and Vision

The mission of THE ASCENT CHURCH is to help people connect: *Intimately* with God, *Intentionally* with God's family, and *Influentially* with God's world. Our vision is to develop genuine Biblical communities on every street in our region.

Our community lives out its vision and mission within three environments:

- Home - The best place for formation and nurture.
- Neighborhood - The best place for application and outreach.
- Campus - The best place for equipping, inspiration and celebration.



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