



THE
COMPASS

Current Series:



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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: every 2nd Sunday at 11:00 am in Room 214. Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday at 10:45 am in the lobby. *No pre-registration required.*



Explore II

Go deeper into the vision and mission of our church. Become an active part of our church community, learn our trail map for each person, 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.



Sunday Morning Team

Serve as an usher or host with the welcome team. Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. Contact joel@theascentchurch.com

Community Life

EXPLORE I

An Orientation of The Ascent

Woodmoor Campus: Today at 11:00am
Northgate Campus: January 17
Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!
No pre-registration required.



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. This is a follow up to Explore I; but, Explore I is not a pre-requisite.

- January 24 at 10:45am at both campuses

BIBLE STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES ARE STARTING SOON!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

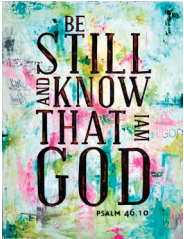
GO ONLINE TO FIND OUT MORE...

WWW.THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/WOMEN

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Transition
Update
Meeting:
4:00-5:00pm

at the
Woodmoor
Campus



Thank you to
Rita Carswell for
painting the Psalms
murals at each
campus!

Men on the Ascent Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 6:15am. Study the Gospel of Mark and apply what you learn in daily life while connecting with others.

- Woodmoor Campus in Rm 213.
- Northgate Campus: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza.

Contact Joel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



TUESDAY MORNINGS - WWW.THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/MEN

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

End of Year Offering: \$88,643.58

Last Week's Offering: \$15,720.71

As of 12/31/2015:

YTD Giving: \$622,006

YTD Actual Expenses: \$492,314

YTD Budget: \$554,933

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving: \$35,429

Avg. Weekly Budget: \$36,995

Min. Weekly Need: \$34,000



**Giving @
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)

ASM welcomes all middle schoolers and high schoolers to deeper their walk with God on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Upcoming ASM Tuesday Dates: Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at the Woodmoor Campus.

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

Upcoming ASM Sunday Dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, Feb. 14, 21, 28 upstairs at both campuses. **The White Stag Scavenger Hunt** for middle schoolers will be Jan. 17, 1-3pm at the Chapel Hills Mall.

Email Micah, Rob & Taylor at asm@theascentchurch.com for any questions.

The Guatemala Missions Trip is accepting applications for the next trip in July 2016. For more information, email asm@theascentchurch.com.

Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

Tiny Town is available for birth - PreK:

Adventure Quest is available for K - 4th grade:

Elevate is available for 5th & 6th grade:

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

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



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 get connected with others and 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: The winter session of Bible Studies will start on Jan. 12. Please visit the website for an updated list of Bible Studies. Neighborhood studies are also available. For more information, contact joel@theascentchurch.com.





Message Notes

Sermon Passage: Psalm 1.



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 1/11/16–1/16/16: Psalm 1.

Monday, January 11, 2016

Read: Psalm 1 in several different Bible versions. Take time to allow the Psalm to penetrate your heart and mind.

Reflect:

Spent some time contrasting the wicked and the righteous in this Psalm.

The Righteous	The Wicked

The analogies used in this Psalm are from an agricultural context. What might be some analogies representing the north Colorado Springs region?

Memorize this Psalm beginning with verses 1-2.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Read: Psalm 1, focusing especially on verses 1-2. Spend time in prayer, asking God to speak to you through these verses.

Reflect:

Note the description of interacting with the wicked. List the three steps below:

1.

2.

3.

How is this different from interacting with unbelievers in an attempt to build a relationship for sharing with them the good news of Jesus?

How would you “delight in the law of the Lord”?

Do you delight in God’s Word? Or would you rather hang out with someone whose lifestyle is in opposition to God? Why or why not?

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Read: Psalm 1, focusing on verses 3-4. Continue to memorize this Psalm by adding verses 3-4 today.

Reflect:

What is the difference between someone who delights in God's law and a wicked person who ignores it?

How can you make sure you delight in God's Word and continuously meditate on Scripture?

Find a friend or family member to help you set goals for time spent with God in His Word. Doing this as a team can often help establish positive habits.

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Read: Psalm 1, focusing on verses 5-6. Continue to work on memorizing this Psalm.

Reflect:

How would you summarize the difference between the futures of the wicked and the righteous in these verses?

Think of an example in today's society that illustrates the truth of this Psalm. Share it with a friend or family member.

Sometimes hearing Scripture put to song can help in meditation. Reflect on some of the songs you sing at The Ascent and the Scriptures they're based on. List a few of them below.

Write as much of this Psalm as you have memorized.

Friday, January 15, 2016

Read: Psalm 1 through several times, allowing time for meditation.

Reflect:

Use your artistic talents and create a picture that highlights your key thoughts from this Psalm.

As you think back on the study this week, what are some of your key insights?

As you reflect on this week, what actions do you want to put in place as a result of studying this Psalm?

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Spend time making sure you have successfully memorized this Psalm. Write it below without assistance from your Bible.

Begin preparation in your heart and mind for worship tomorrow. Spend time meditating on this passage. In prayer, ask God to ready your ears to hear His voice.

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you today, and how might you put them into practice?

Find someone to hold you accountable for actions and thoughts you might practice this week. Seek out someone you trust who knows you well. Journal the things for which you want to be held accountable.

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week three 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.

Prepare: Take time as a Base Camp to pray with each other, focusing on what God is doing in each of your lives and in the lives of those around you.

Mixed: This week you read through Psalm 1 and attempted to memorize it.

Discuss how you accomplished this.

Psalm 1 describes the ways of the righteous and the wicked.

- Where do you see hope in this passage? Where do you see peace?
- What challenged you as you read this passage and as you worked through The Compass this week?

Verse 3 speaks about how a righteous person is like a tree planted by a stream that yields its fruit in season.

- Are you planted in the right place? (job, friends, hobbies, neighborhood)
- If so, what season are you in? (harvest, sowing, winter)
- What fruit are you witnessing?

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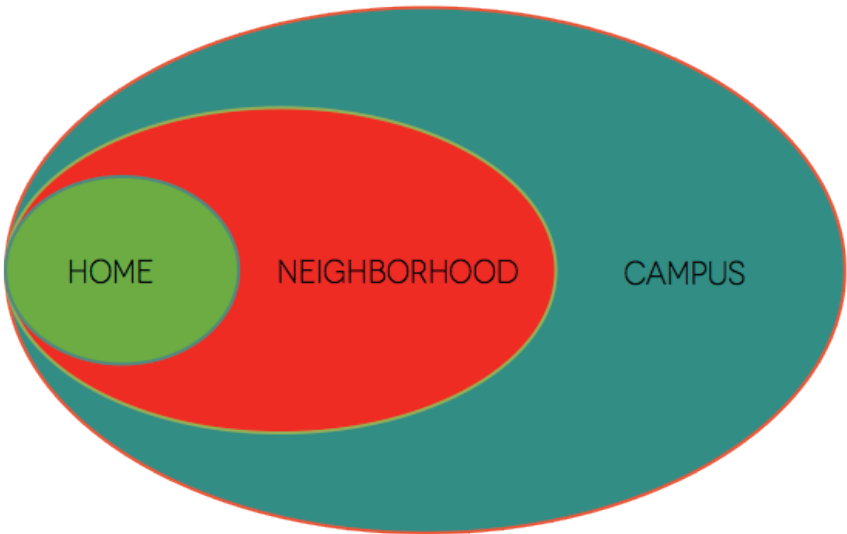
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Mission and Vision

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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