



THE
COMPASS

Current Series:



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P S A L M S
— A SOUNDTRACK FOR OUR LIVES —

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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 1st Sunday at 11:00 am in Room 214. Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday at 10:45 am in the lobby. *No pre-registration required.*



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.



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.



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 January 31st at 10:45am at both campuses.



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.



Worship Team & Technical Arts

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

Community Life

Women's Retreat



March 11-13,
2016

Cost of Retreat: \$190

Save the date for the next
Women's Retreat at
Springs Canyon Ranch in
Buena Vista, CO. More
details to come...



Ascent Student Ministries

New Year

MIXER

Who: All Middle and High School

When: Jan. 31, 11:00am

Where: The Ascent Church Woodmoor Campus

What: Come find out what ASM is doing in 2016!

Free lunch & rides from Northgate Campus provided.

Contact: Micah & Taylor at

ASM@theascentchurch.com

Ascent Student
Ministries

Worship Night

the REFLECTION of WORSHIP

Who: All Middle and High School

When: Jan. 26, 6-8:00pm

Where: The Ascent Church Worship Center

What: A special night with all of ASM celebrating and worshipping our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Contact: Taylor at

ASM@theascentchurch.com



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: \$23,669.10

As of 12/31/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$682,471
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$506,553
YTD Budget:	\$554,933

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$34,673
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 to deepen their walk with God.

ASM Worship Night: Jan. 26 at 6-8:00pm, combined middle and high school, Woodmoor Campus.

Upcoming ASM Tuesday Dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23, Woodmoor Campus.

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

ASM DEEP Dates: Jan. 24, Feb. 14, 21, 28 upstairs at both campuses. Northgate: 9:00am, Woodmoor: 11:00am.

ASM New Year Mixer: Jan. 31, Woodmoor: 11:00am.

Questions, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

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: 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: The winter session of Bible Studies just began. Please visit the website for an updated list of Bible Studies. Neighborhood studies are also available. For more information, email: joel@theascentchurch.com.





Message Notes

Sermon Passage: Psalm 150.



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 1/25/16–1/30/16: Psalm 23.

Monday, January 25, 2016

Read: Psalm 23 slowly and prayerfully

1. What stands out to you as you read Psalm 23 today?

2. Why do you think this item caught your attention?

Reflect:

1. Spend time in reflection about how and why this Psalm provides you comfort personally.

2. Many people are familiar with this Psalm and have memorized it. Why do you think Psalm 23 in particular appeals to such a wide audience?

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

1. Look inward now, search your heart and write below the trials and transitions you are going through and the worries and fears you feel.

2. Now that you have completed your list, symbolically release and lay these at the foot of our Shepherd.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Read: Psalm 23.

Reflect:

1. Think back to your list of trials, transitions, worries, and fears listed yesterday. Is there anything else that should be added to the list? If so, go back and write it in.

2. How successful were you at leaving your listed items in the care of the Shepherd? Surely, you'll need to symbolically release and lay all of these items at the foot of our Shepherd again.

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

1. What is it in human nature generally, and in you specifically, which makes it difficult not to try to solve problems on your own?

2. What have been the events in your life which have caused you to turn to God for help?

3. What are alternatives to solving problems in your own power and strength?

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Read: Psalm 23 two times.

Reflect:

Fill in the table below with how the Lord's identity and actions influence you.

The LORD is, or, does...	Because of who the Lord is and what He does, my response is "I am able" to...
He meets my needs (v.1)	
He is my Shepherd (v.1)	
Lord makes me.., leads me.., refreshes me.., guides me.. (v.2-3)	
He is with me (v.4)	
He comforts me (v.4)	
He prepares a table for me (v.5)	
He anoints me; my cup overflows (v.5)	

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Read: Psalm 23.

Reflect:

Look back over your notes from Monday-Wednesday. What are your discoveries about:

1. God?
2. Yourself?

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

As you read Psalm 23, what specific characteristics and attributes do you discover about God (ex. loving, powerful, sovereign)? Write them below and then circle the two that give you the most peace in your current situation.

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Read: Psalm 23 again, this time with a focus on community, such as your street, workplace, classroom, extended family, or church.

Reflect:

How do you think Psalm 23 speaks to the troubles we experience together in community?

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

1. Pick one of the communities you participate in and consider the troubles, trials, and transitions—along with worries and fears found among the members of that community. Paraphrase Psalm 23 below and personalize it for the community you chose.

2. With whom will you share the paraphrase you wrote?

Building Our Base Camp Family

This week with your Base Camp family we continue in our study of the Psalms. Our focus this week is on Psalm 23.

During your gathering time, include all ages and read Psalm 23 in smaller groupings. Answer the question “How has God comforted you in your life?” For the rest of your Base Camp meeting time, focus on adult discussion, including middle and high school students. Make sure to have a purposeful activity for younger children.

Re-read Psalm 23. Many people are familiar with this Psalm and have memorized it. Why do you think it appeals to such a wide audience?

How do you tend to deal with fatigue, stress, and anxiety? How do your methods compare with what we read in this Psalm?

What dark valleys (trials, transitions, worries or fears) are you currently going through? How might you call on our Great Shepherd to protect and guide you?

What green pastures and still waters has God brought in your life? How can these times be an encouragement for others and ourselves?

Focus on Psalm 23:6. What does “dwelling” mean to you? What promises in this verse do you find comforting?

Close your meeting time by praying for each other, keeping in mind the dark valleys shared in the discussion. Pray for a realization of the LORD as shepherd in our lives, in all situations.

Resources utilized: *Serendipity Bible*: For Personal and Small Group Study. 1996. Edited by L. Coleman. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.
Psalms: A Life Changing Encounter with God’s Word from the Book of *Psalms*. 2014. Life Change Series. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

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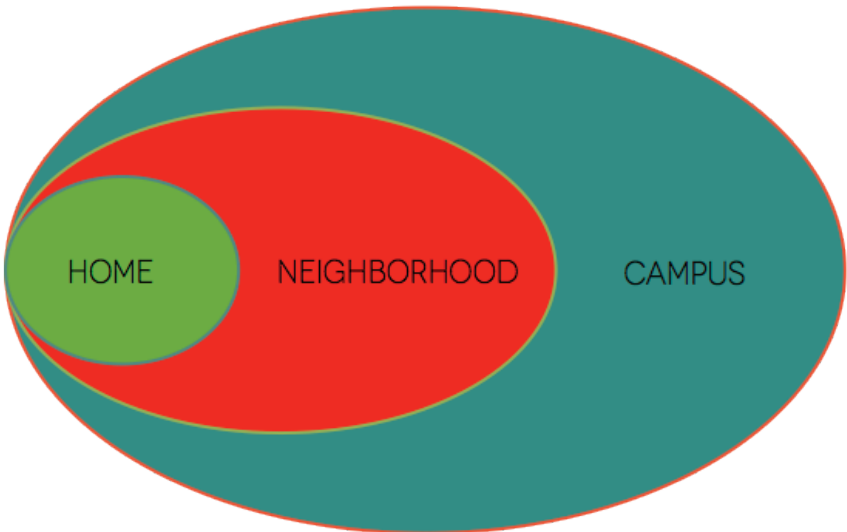
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Mission and Vision

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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