



THE
COMPASS

Current Series:



March 6, 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**, 11:00 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 10:45 am in 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 quarterly at 10:45am at both campuses.



Serving Opportunities

How is God calling you to help create a welcoming and inviting Sunday experience for our guests and regular attenders? Serving opportunities are available in many areas from Hosting and Greeting, Service Prep Teams, or Technical and General Set-Up Teams. Training is available for each role. If you have any questions about hosting or serving roles, please contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life



HUNT

Join us at our free neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts, Saturday March 26!

For more information on locations and times, please visit: www.TheAscentChurch.com

Women's Retreat



March 11-13,
2016

STORIES:
MINE, OURS & GOD'S

Location: Spring Canyon in Buena Vista, CO.

Cost of Retreat: \$200



Daylight Saving Time Change will happen on March 13. Don't forget to change your clocks an hour later.

July 2-9, 2016



Dominican REPUBLIC

MISSIONS TRIP

Our 2016 trip will focus on building relationships with the community and doing all we can to show people the love of Jesus. We will:

- Lay foundation for a sport court
- Teach VBS to 250 children
- Develop leaders in Las Brisas

Questions? Email Paul at: DR@theascentchurch.com



Guatemala Missions Trip

July 16-23, 2016

Ascent Student Ministries

Want to join an amazing adventure? Come serve in Guatemala this summer! We'll be doing VBS, soccer workshops, and work projects.

For questions:
Email 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: \$20,726.63

As of 2/29/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$820,061
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$751,465
YTD Budget:	\$961,884

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$31,541
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$31,620



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: March 8, 15, 29, Woodmoor.

ASM Worship Night: Combined middle and high school on March 8, 6-8pm.

ASM DEEP Dates: March 13, 20 upstairs at both campuses. Northgate: 9:00am, Woodmoor: 11:00am.

ASM Parent Meeting: March 6, 11am at Woodmoor.

Sky Zone: March 12, High Schoolers, 1:30pm at Jersey Mike's and Sky Zone.

Glow Mini-Golf: March 13, 1:30pm at Chapel Hills Mall. Questions, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

Guatemala Missions Trip: July 16-23. Application deadline: March 7. Questions, email Taylor at asm@theascentchurch.com.

Dominican Republic Missions Trip: July 2-9. Application deadline: March 7. Questions, email Paul Christoffersen at DR@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.

Catalyst Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus room 212.

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus room 210.

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 96.



Shared Engagement and Preparation

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass has Biblical reflections for each day, beginning on Monday and leading up to Sunday, which will help us all meditate 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. 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 reflection. Instead, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on, pick it up from the next day, and seek maturity—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 3/7/16–3/12/16: Psalm 145.

Monday, March 7, 2016

Read: Psalm 145 is a dynamic hymn/prayer filled with emotions of authentic love, adoration, and praise for God. In the Hebrew language, it's a structured composition flowing from an acrostic, where essentially each verse begins with successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

Read Psalm 145, slowly. Notice the many attributes of God. Now, read the Psalm aloud. Record any impressions you formed from the contrast of reading the Psalm silently and then aloud.

Reflect:

Verses 1 and 2 serve as an introduction to the Psalm. Various translations use such terms as *extol*, *exalt*, *bless*, and *praise*. Look up the definition of each of those words in a dictionary.

What does it mean for you to extol, exalt, and praise God as King?

What does it mean for you to extol, exalt, and praise the *name* of God?

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Read: After its introduction, Psalm 145 is divided into four major themes. Each theme is introduced with a statement that exalts/praises/extols the name of God. The name of God occurs every time we see the word *LORD* written in all capital letters. God's name is YHWH (I Was, I Am, I Will Be). Write out the following introductory verses, BUT replace "the *LORD*" with YHWH:

145:3

145:8

145:13b (second half of verse 13)

145:17

What transforming thoughts and/or actions are revealed to you as you look over the thematic statements of the above four verses?

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Read: Read Psalm 145: 3-7 in more than one translation, if possible.

Reflect:

Read 145:4. Write down ways the generation of people who came before you commended the works of God and His mighty acts to you.

How are you commending the works of God and His mighty acts to the generation of people who came after you?

Psalm 145:5-7 mentions several ways to identify God's greatness. Explore these verses, and make a list of those ways.

Write out verse 7, but replace the word *they* with the word *I*. Pause and offer this verse as a prayer and pledge from you to YHWH.

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

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Read: Read Psalm 145:8-13a in more than one translation.

Reflect:

Reflect upon verses 8 and 9. What does mercy mean to you? Since God is “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,” what will it take for you to receive this same kind of mercy in your life?

Reflect upon verses 10-12. These verses show some of the ways God’s people can praise Him (e.g. “speak of the glory of [God’s] kingdom”). Make a list of ways to praise God.

Reflect upon verse 13a. Create a prayer thanking God for what this verse reveals to you.

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

Friday, March 11, 2016

Read: Read Psalm 145:13b-16 in more than one translation, if possible.

Reflect:

These verses are likely speaking of more than physical needs and desires. They may also be speaking to spiritual needs and desires. Write in your own words what these verses say to you.

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

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Read: Read Psalm 145:17-21 in more than one translation.

Reflect:

Make a list of the attributes of God you see revealed in these five verses.

Now read the entire Psalm aloud from verse 1-21.

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

Write a prayer that expresses any conviction, insights, and/or inspiration you have gained from Psalm 145 this week:

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week two of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service.

During your gathering and/or meal time, share with each other the answers to the phrase “I will praise God because _____.” Include all ages before breaking into groups of adults and children.

Read Psalm 145 together. As you read, picture yourself as one of the divine King’s subjects. What’s good about living in His Kingdom? Why does God deserve praise?

What methods were used to spread the works of God to others (verses 4-7)?

Read verse four. Share some of the ways the generation of people who came before you commended the works of God and His mighty acts to you.

How are you commending the works of God to the generation of people come after you?

How does God treat his subjects (verse 9)? And the subjects treat God (verse 10)? How does this either encourage or challenge you?

Read verses 17-21 in more than one translation, making a list of the attributes of God you see revealed in these five verses.

As you close in prayer, use this list of attributes to praise your God, your King.

Resource utilized: *Serendipity Bible: For Personal and Small Group Study*. 1996. Edited by L. Coleman. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

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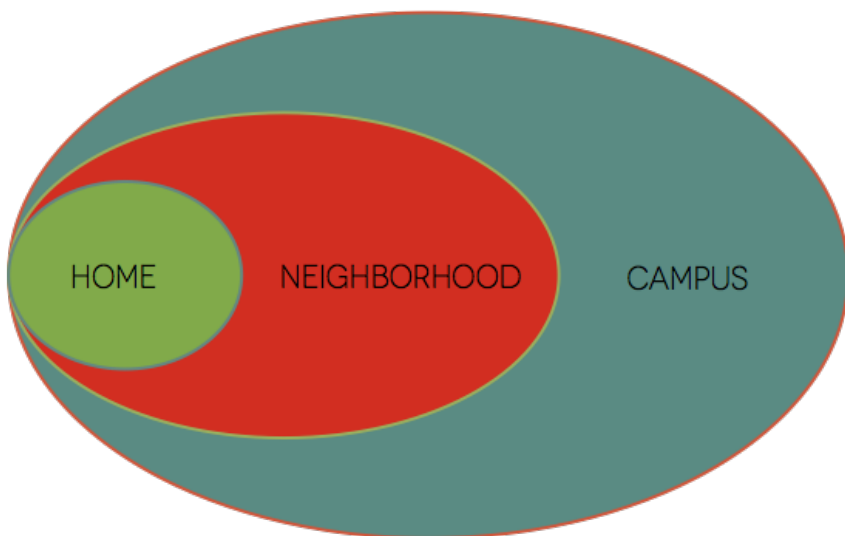
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Mission and Vision

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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