

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



July 9, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH



This Sunday's Message

“Absalom: A Troubled Youth”

Sermon Notes:

Four lessons for families from Absalom:

I. Our Children _____ need _____.

2 Samuel 13:20-23 (NIV)

II. Our children _____ need _____.

2 Samuel 13:23-26

2 Samuel 13:37-39

III. Our children _____ need _____.

2 Samuel 14:13-14

2 Samuel 14:21, 24

2 Samuel 14:32

IV. Our Children _____ need _____.

2 Samuel 15:30-31

2 Samuel 17:14

2 Samuel 18:5

Get Connected

If this is your first visit, welcome! We hope your visit is meaningful, and we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area. 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, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 11:30 am in lobby.

No pre-registration required.



Explore II

Explore II is a workshop for those ready to make The Ascent Church their church home and to 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. Explore II classes are held quarterly.



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 at: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.



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 email: info@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life



Summer Sundays at The Ascent



Tiny Town: June, July and August

Adventure Quest: June and August
(Family Services in July)

Men on the Ascent

Men's Camping Trip

September 22-24, 2017

This is a time to fellowship in God's great outdoors as brothers in Christ.

Lake Isabel, Spruce Group Campground

\$25 for the first person

\$17.50 each additional person

More Information and Registration:
theascentchurch.com/men

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Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
July 11 and 25

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

Middle School Nerf Night July 18,
6-8 pm

[www.theascentchurch.com/
students](http://www.theascentchurch.com/students)

ASM Deep

ASM Deep will not be meeting in July, we will return in August.

Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

Adventure Quest and Elevate, please enjoy worshipping with your families in July. Tiny Town will still be available.

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

Join us for Preschool Day!

Wednesday, August 2nd, 9:30am-12:00pm at The Ascent Church, Woodmoor Campus. The Kritter Caravan will be joining us again this year to share their awesome, unique animals. All children ages 2.5-5 years old and potty trained are welcome! This event is free but families need to register their child.

Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Mezey or Stacy Oseland for more details.



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:
Sundays, 10:45am,
Woodmoor Campus

Room 213. The Connection Class will be studying the book of Galatians. All are welcome!

Parents of Teens Class: Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 210.

Men's and Women's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

Men on the Ascent will return after a summer break.

Please join us for the Men's Camping Trip, September 22-24, at the Lake Isabel, Spruce Group Campground. For more information and registration please visit:
www.theascentchurch.com/men

Women on the Ascent:

Women on The Ascent will not be meeting over the summer.

Save the date! July 18 at 5pm, Women on The Ascent will host a family potluck. Location is to be determined. Please plan to bring a dish to share along with family games, activities or even bikes.
www.theascentchurch.com/women.

Missions

Information about our upcoming Ethiopia and Kenya mission trips can be found online:

www.theascentchurch.com/missions.

Preschool Day



Join us for
the Kitter
Karavan

Wednesday, August 2, 9am-12pm

Woodmoor Campus

Ages 2-5, potty-trained

Register at: www.theascentchurch.com



Middle School

NERF

NIGHT

1750 Deer Creek Rd.
Monument, CO

JULY 18

6-8 PM

Cost: \$5.00



**Giving
at The
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- Offering box in worship center
- Online: theascentchurch.com
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

SUMMER POTLUCK

Women
ON THE
Ascent

Everyone's invited!

Save the Date!

Tuesday, July 18 at 5pm

These study pages are for groups and individuals to deepen their reflection on the biblical passages from the sermon and work toward group and personal application of His word. They can be completed in one sitting or over the week. Together, we are learning and living the Bible.

Better Families Series **“Absalom: A Troubled Youth”**

2 Samuel 13-18

If you have not heard Pastor Rusty’s sermon this week, take some time to listen to it online before continuing with the questions.

Read 2 Samuel 13:1-14; 20-22; 23-39

As young princes to King David, their father, what attributes did Amnon and Absalom display in this passage?

How did their character flaws impact their judgment? Were they able to untangle the series of bad choices or did they fall deeper into sin?

In what ways did the choices of Absalom and Amnon impact/hurt others?

Do you see King David's interactions with his sons as strong and wise or passive and weak?

Read 2 Samuel 15:1-16; 16:15-22

In what ways did blind ambition cloud Absalom's judgment?

How did Absalom manipulate the people of Israel to gain their allegiance?

How did Absalom's choice of advisors, from whom he sought counsel, result in even further wedges between King David and his son?

Read 2 Samuel 18:1-33

In what ways did King David's response to Absalom's death surprise you?

As you consider the traits and actions of King David and his sons, do you see those attributes in world leaders today?

How are God's ways bigger than any one king or prince?

**NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:
HEROES AND ZEROES SERIES - KING SOLOMON:
A FOOLISH WISE GUY
*1 KINGS 1-11***

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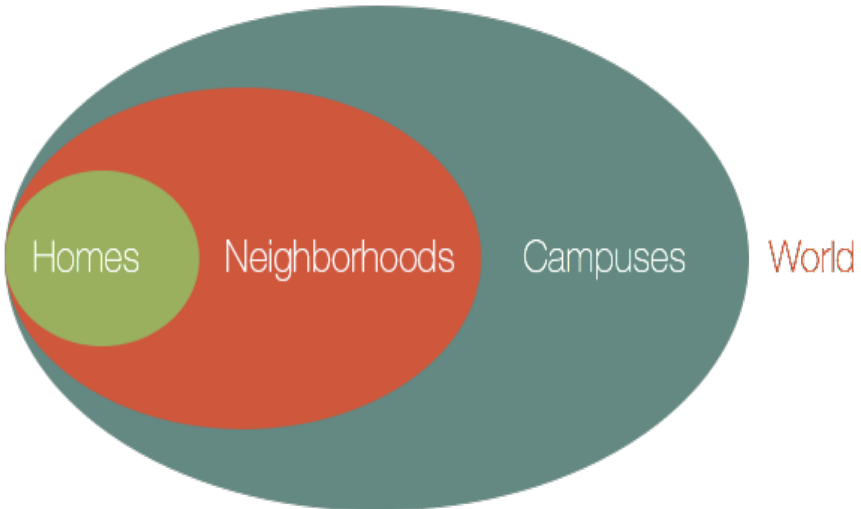
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Mission and Vision

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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