



THE
COMPASS

Current Series:



February 21, 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: every 1st Sunday, 11:00 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: **TODAY**, 10:45 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 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.



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.



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. **Sign-up boards are located at the back of the sanctuary at each service this week.**

Community Life

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

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PRAYER

for the Pastor
Search Team

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

EXPLORE I

An Orientation of The Ascent

Woodmoor Campus: every 1st Sunday
Northgate Campus: TODAY, 10:45am

Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!

No pre-registration required.

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: \$25,498.93

As of 1/31/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$733,684
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$629,926
YTD Budget:	\$813,901

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$32,514
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. 23, Woodmoor Campus.

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

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

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

ASM Worship Night: March 8, 6-8pm at Woodmoor.

Questions, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

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

Dominican Republic Missions Trip: July 2-9. For more information, 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. 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 67.



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 2/22/16–2/27/16: Psalm 104.

Monday, February 22, 2016

Read: Psalm 104.

Reflect:

1. What impresses you about these verses?

2. What characteristics of God are revealed to you in verses 1 and 2?

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

1. How do you bless the Lord?

2. How do you show your love to Him in worship?

3. How are you able to feel close to your Lord?

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Read: Psalm 104 and Genesis 1:1-2:3.

Reflect:

1. What does the psalmist use from the story of creation in Genesis?

2. What evidence of God's creative handiwork do you see in your life?

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

1. How is God's wisdom highlighted in Psalm 104?

2. How is God's power highlighted in Psalm 104?

3. In this Psalm, do you think the psalmist is worshiping the creation or the Creator? Why?

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Read: Psalm 104, focusing on verses 27-32.

Reflect:

1. What is the psalmist's response to God's creation and God's sustaining control of all things in His creation?

2. What is your response?

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

Write a prayer that reflects your feelings about God's creation.

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Read: Psalm 104 and Isaiah 55:9.

Reflect:

The psalmist responds to God's holiness, wisdom, and creativity in verses 31-35. List what He does or says.

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

1. Take a walk and reflect on Psalm 104. What thoughts do you now have about these verses?

2. How are God's ways higher than your ways?

Friday, February 26, 2016

Read: Psalm 104.

Reflect:

1. How does God care for His creation?
2. How has God provided for you?
3. How has He supported your family and friends?

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

There's no shortage of clashes between those who hold to God as Creator and those who favor a science textbook/evolutionary explanation. How do you reconcile these two?

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Read: Psalm 104.

Reflect:

Look back over your notes from this week.

1. What questions were answered?

2. What questions still linger for you?

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

1. Find time before service tomorrow to discuss with family, Base Camp members, or others what you learned this week.

2. Bring your insights and lingering questions to Base Camp and be prepared to share them.

3. Make preparations to arrive at church on time, be in the right frame of mind to listen and delve more deeply into Psalm 104.

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: When I was in Kindergarten, one of my fondest memories was when I would go for walks with my grandfather in the afternoon. To be out on the trail and walk around the hills in back of the house was always a great time to be with him, look at creation around us, and to ask silly, five-year-old questions.

Pray about a friend, neighbor, someone God has laid on your heart, or someone you've been meaning to connect with for a while.

Invitation/Service: In our culture, we tend to meet up for meals and coffee breaks with others, but what about for a walk or hike around the area or head up to the trails and hills close by? You might be surprised by the response when you make the effort to ask. As you've been reflecting upon your reading of Psalm 104, take comfort that God is surrounding you with His creation as you converse with this person.

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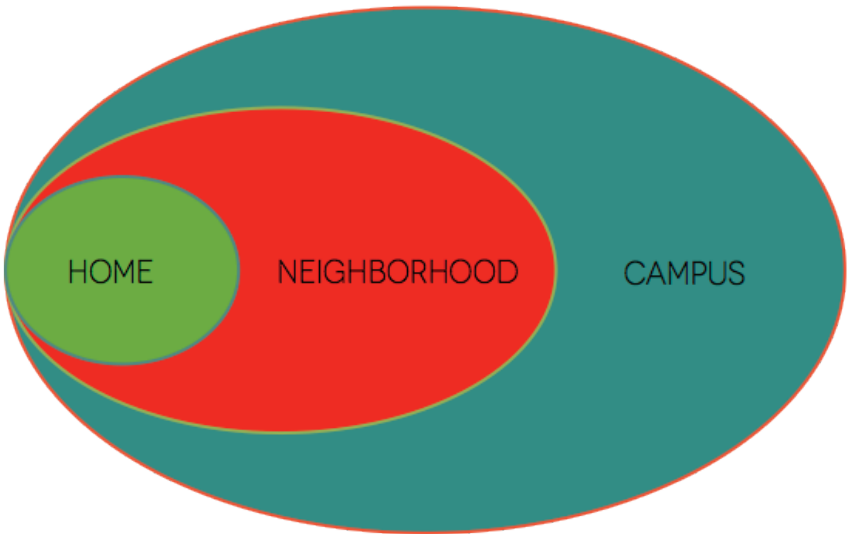
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Mission and Vision

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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