

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



January 15, 2017



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 it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area 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, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: TODAY, 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. Held quarterly 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 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

Congregational Meeting

An Ascent Church Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY.

- Northgate Campus:
after 10:15am service
- Woodmoor Campus:
after 11:00am service

Catch the Vision for Children's Ministry!

Parent and Volunteer Meeting

Be inspired and hear the vision for impacting children in Tiny Town, Adventure Quest and Elevate.

- Northgate: January 22, 11:30am - 12:15pm, Upper Level Lounge.
- Woodmoor: January 29, 10:15am - 11:00am, Event Center.



New Bible Studies

Starting January 2017

Join Women's and Men's studies and Sunday morning classes this January. Please see the Connection Opportunities Page or visit The Ascent Church website for more details.

Kids' Camp

June 7-9, 2017



La Foret
Retreat Center
Black Forest, CO





Elder Candidacy Bio – Dan Daetz

Following a clear call from the Lord, Dan and his wife of 25 years, Esmé, moved their family to Colorado Springs in 2014. Prior to calling our community “home,” Dan completed a 24-year career

as an officer and test pilot in the Air Force. He also served as an elder-in-training at Central Christian Church in Lancaster, California, where he led adult Bible study and discipleship groups for many years. His passion is investing in people through the love of Jesus. A guiding Bible passage is Hebrews 10:24-25, “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” He views caring for and equipping the Body at The Ascent Church as a precious stewardship. Both he and Esmé take the role of ambassador for Christ seriously (but with a smile), whether in their local neighborhood or in their service with the military discipleship ministry of The Navigators (where Dan serves as Deputy Director). Dan also brings his leadership experience and heart to develop people, into consulting work as a leadership trainer and coach. His most important coaching centers around their two children: Josh (18) and Anna (13). One of Dan’s greatest joys and privileges as a father was baptizing each of his children as followers of Jesus. He recognizes that this milestone is just a first step to maturing in the faith, a process that every believer should enter into with lifelong commitment and lifelong community. As Dan states, “We grow in supportive circles, not isolated islands or passive rows.”



GUATEMALA 2017
ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES

ASM Mission Trip

ASM will be returning to Guatemala in the summer of 2017. If you are interested in joining the mission team, please email:
taylor@theascentchurch.com.



- Offering boxes during worship
- Online www.theascentchurch.com/give1
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting Tara at tara@theascentchurch.com.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: January 17, 24, 31 for MS and HS.

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: January 15, 29.

- Northgate: 10:15am, upstairs.
- Woodmoor: 11am, upstairs.

Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9am, 11am
- Northgate Campus: 10am

Catch the Vision: Children's

Ministry, Parent and Volunteer Meeting. Extended Programming for children during the meeting.

- Northgate: January 22, 11:30am - 12:15pm, Upper Level Lounge.
- Woodmoor: January 29, 10:15am - 11:00am, Event Center.

Kids' Camp: June 7-9, 2017, La Foret Event Center, Black Forest.

Registration is now open at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:

Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213. The Connection Class will be studying the book of Hebrews. All are welcome!

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

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

1 & 2 Corinthians, 6:00am coffee; 6:15am start. Join us this January!

- Woodmoor Campus: Room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza

Women on the Ascent Bible Studies:

Register now for studies starting January 17, childcare available.

- Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.
 - *Daniel* by Beth Moore
 - *Intentional Women with Moms & Beyond.*
- WOTA Journey: Wednesday evening study, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available.

MOPS: Tri-Lakes MOPS – “Mothers of Preschoolers” meet the second and fourth Thursday each month at 9am at the Woodmoor Campus.

Women on the Ascent Retreat:

April 7-9, Spring Canyon Ranch in Buena Vista. Register by February 1, cost is \$190 for an amazing weekend!



This Sunday's Message

**Base-Camping
Acts 2:41-47**

A CHURCH THAT CLIMBS:

I. Regularly _____ the Lord.

Acts 2:43, 46-47a

II. Has a _____ from the Lord.

Acts 2:47

III. Has a _____ in the Lord.

Acts 2:42, 41, 47

IV. Actively _____ toward the Lord.

Acts 2:42

V. Unselfishly _____ for the Lord.

Acts 2:44-45

Hiking Steps for 2017:

Last Week: 2 for Heaven in 17.

This Week:

Attend _____, Attend a

_____, and _____

_____.



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 Passage for January 16 – January 22, 2017:

2 Samuel 23:8-23

Monday, January 16, 2017

Read: 2 Samuel 23:8-23.

Reflect:

What purpose did it serve to list the accomplishments and names of David's mighty men?

What do their accomplishments say about them? About God?

Why are their acts so great?

Who do you know who's been "mighty for God?"

What makes them "mighty?"

Pray this week for the readiness and willing heart to be "mighty for God." Meditate on what that might mean for YOUR life.

Tuesday, January 17, 2016

Read: 2 Samuel 23:8-23; Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 25:35-40.

Reflect:

David's mighty men were certainly ready and willing to serve. Why?

If you have a certain ministry or intentional act of service within the church, why do you serve?

What would you tell others to inspire or encourage them to serve?

Who or what in the Body of Christ has been a ministry TO you?

Is it possible for you to minister in that way to others? Why or why not?

Who could be most blessed by your service or ministry?

Wednesday, January 18, 2016

Read: 2 Samuel 23:8-17; Philippians 1:3-6; 4:18-19; Revelation 3:15-16.

Reflect:

What happens when God's people are ready and willing to serve?

What/who enables you to to serve or to be mighty for God? How do you obtain the power or ability to serve?

What can you do to increase your heart or ability to serve?

What happens when members of the Body do not serve?

How has God moved your heart toward service this week? What step might you take today to respond to His calling?

Thursday, January 19, 2016

Read: 2 Samuel 23:18-23; I Corinthians 12:14-17; Ephesians 4:11.

Reflect:

God's word repeatedly tells us about the variety of gifts we each have. It encourages us to use and not waste those gifts, (e.g. the parable of the talents in Matthew 25 and Luke 19.)

With that in mind, write a prayer of thanksgiving and list the opportunities you have had to serve or to use your gifts to minister to others.

With the above Scriptures in mind, journal here about your motivation to serve.

What can you do about any apparent "obstacles" to serving or ministering in God's kingdom?

Friday, January 20, 2016

Read: 2 Samuel 23:8-23; Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 25:35-40; James 1:22-25; Isaiah 6:8.

Reflect:

David's mighty men's service was, perhaps, motivated by national pride, loyalty to David, or defense of their families. How do the following influence your motivation for service?

Guilt:

Gratitude:

Compassion:

Obedience:

Pride:

Desire to please God:

What would you change about your motivation to serve?

Pray with thanksgiving for the power of God's Spirit that encourages and enables us to serve. Ask God to ready your heart and to help you hear Him anew.

Saturday, January 21, 2016

Read: 2 Samuel 23:13-17; Colossians 3:23.

Reflect:

How did David's mighty men serve him?

Who has similar needs in your community? What could you do for them some time soon?

Look at the list below of possible areas for service and ministry—in our community and in our church body. Circle the ones that interest you.

Teaching adults Teaching K-5th grade Teaching high schoolers

Caring for infants and toddlers Visiting shut-ins Preparing meals

Praise and worship arts Church set-up/clean-up Office help

Building/home maintenance Leading a bible study Prayer

Preparing communion Leading Base Camps Church leadership

Financial counseling Discipling/mentoring Greeting at church

Could any of these be an act of worship and an opportunity to grow, as well? Investigate an opportunity to serve in an area above tomorrow at church or during the week ahead.

Building Our Base Camp Family

Describe a time you've served others in the places you've worshipped. What were your motivations to get involved? The resulting experience?

Read 2 Samuel 23:8-23 together. What are your initial impressions?

Describe the actions/service of the first three "mighty men" we are introduced to in this passage; Josheb-basshebeth, Eleazar, and Shammah. Note: The "mighty men" of David included these three and numbered into the 30's. They've been described as "special elite forces" and "fearless warriors" who with affinity and commitment served David.

What are the backgrounds and/or characteristics of the "mighty men" shown by this story? (Note 1 Samuel 22:2 for reference). What does this show about their relationship with David, their commander? How does this apply to you and service to others?

Notice that after Eleazar and Shammah's actions in v. 11-12, we see the words, "the LORD worked a great victory." What can you learn here regarding how God works and the role each one of us needs to play?

Who are the "mighty men" God has placed in your life and the life of the church, who have served you and perhaps help you experience God? If you have not already, take time to appreciate them in the upcoming days.

Considering the many needs of service to others and our church, how might what we've learned in this text impact how you serve? Talk about the possibilities in your group and make a plan of action to learn more about areas of service.

Close in prayer for those who currently serve, as well as those who will serve in the future.

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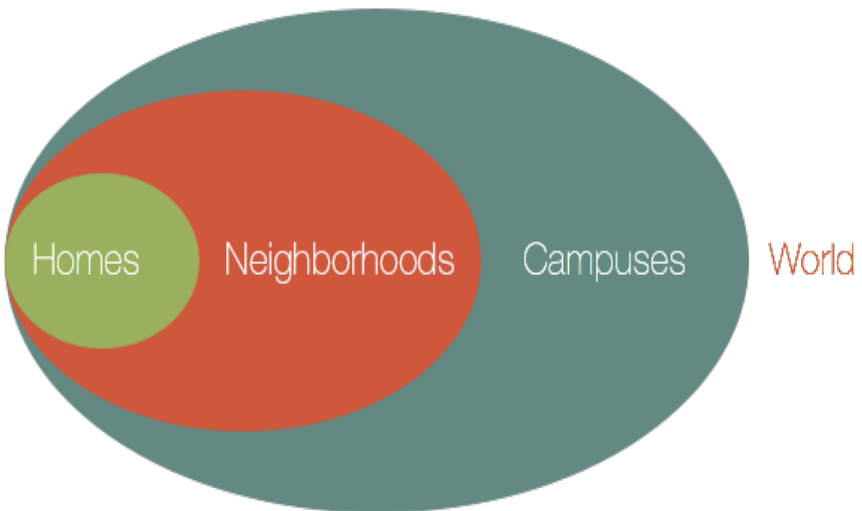
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Mission and Vision

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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