

# THE COMPASS

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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 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 Rm 214.
- 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. 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](http://theascentchurch.com/basecamps).



## 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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).



## 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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).

# Community Life

## HEAVENFEST

TRANSFORMING LIVES. POPULATING HEAVEN.

July 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Bandimere Speedway, Morrison CO

50 BANDS ON 5 STAGES

Sat. July 30, 10am-1am

\$50

(includes lunch, ticket and ride)

HS & MS

Sign up online

[Theascentchurch.com/students](http://Theascentchurch.com/students)

**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR AN  
IMPORTANT  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING ON JULY 24.  
THE BUDGET AND  
BYLAWS WILL  
BE PRESENTED.**



## WOMEN ON THE ASCENT *Family Potluck*

When: July 14th, 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Peregrine Pines Family  
Camp, U.S. Air Force Academy

Directions: Go thru the north gate entrance (by  
5:30). Take your first left onto Stadium Way.

Follow signs to the Fancamp (on your left  
before you get to the stadium).

Bring: your family (children too) and a dish to share.  
Volleyball, tetherball, playground, socializing!

## ELEVATE LOCK-IN

Incoming 5th & 6th Graders

JULY 22-23  
DETAILS COMING SOON



## Preschool Day

July 18, 9am-12pm,  
Woodmoor Campus

A morning just for preschoolers (2-5 years  
old). Crafts, snacks, worship and a visit  
from the Kritter Karavan. Helpers needed.  
Register: [www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids).



# 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: \$17,971.54**

As of 6/30/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,217,103
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,215,750
YTD Budget:	\$1,590,808

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$28,069
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$31,314



## 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

(Middle school and high school)

**ASM Tuesday Dates:** ASM is off for July and will return August 2.

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

More information about upcoming events can be found at: [www.theascentchurch.com](http://www.theascentchurch.com).

## Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

**Tiny Town:** Birth - PreK

**Adventure Quest:** K - 4th grade

**Elevate:** 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:00 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 10:00am

**Preschool Day:** July 18, 9am-12pm, Woodmoor Campus. Join us for a morning just for preschoolers (potty trained, ages 2-5 years old). Animal theme with crafts, snack, worship, and a visit from the Kritter Karavan! Leaders and helpers needed. Space is limited, please register early: [www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids).

**Elevate Lock-In:** July 22-23, Woodmoor Campus, incoming 5th and 6th graders. More details coming soon! Register at: [www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids).

## Missions

To volunteer with the Missions Team, visit: [www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach](http://www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach).



## Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

**ASM DEEP Dates:** ASM is off for July and will return on August 7.

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: [asm@theascentchurch.com](mailto:asm@theascentchurch.com).



## Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

### **Connections Class:**

Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213.

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

## Women's and Men's Ministries

### **Men on the Ascent Bible Study:**

Meetings will resume in the fall, date will be announced.

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

### **Women on The Ascent:**

Family picnic, July 14, 5:30-7:30pm, Peregrine Pines Family Camp, USAFA. Bring your family, dish to share, and join the fun! Sign up: [www.theascentchurch.com/women](http://www.theascentchurch.com/women).



# Message Notes

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Sermon Passages: Genesis 6-9:17



## **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 7/11/16 – 7/16/16: Daniel 6.**

# Monday, July 11, 2016

**Read:** Daniel 6.

**Reflect:**

Why do you think God wanted this story to be included in the Bible? What lesson do you think you should take away from it?

In what way was Daniel faithful to God?

In what way was God faithful to Daniel?

What challenges are you facing in your life that might make it difficult for you to be faithful to God? What encouragement can you take from this story?

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



## Tuesday, July 12, 2016

**Read:** Hebrews 11:32-33 and Luke 17:5-10.

**Reflect:**

Why does the author of Hebrews include Daniel (who “shut the mouths of lions”), in this list of heroes of the faith?

In Luke 17, why do you suppose Jesus answers a question about increasing your faith with a story about doing your duty?

It seems that Daniel was *faithful* in doing his duty (Daniel 6:10), and Hebrews 11 commends him for his *faith*. What do you think is the relationship between faith and faithfulness?

What would faithfulness like Daniel’s look like in your circumstances?

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

## Wednesday, July 13, 2016

**Read:** Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:19, and Jeremiah 29:11.

**Reflect:**

Before the satraps plotted against Daniel, he prospered in part, because of his obedience to God (Daniel 6:3). Do you think he obeyed God *because* he wanted to prosper in the world?

What *should* motivate you to obedience toward God?

Does God's faithfulness to you depend upon your obedience?

In 5th century AD, Saint Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." How can you practice obeying God for who He is; because He has "made us for himself," rather than for the benefits that might come from obedience?

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

## Thursday, July 14, 2016

**Read:** Daniel 6 and James 1:1-4.

**Reflect:**

According to James, why does God allow your faith to be tested?

How did Daniel react when his faith was tested (when King Darius passed the law banning prayer to God)?

Daniel went from a circumstance in which obedience to God caused him to prosper, to a circumstance in which obedience to God threatened his life. He obeyed in both cases. How can you be obedient to God despite your circumstances?

In what ways is your faith being tested? How can you take encouragement from Daniel and James? Be specific.

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

## Friday, July 15, 2016

**Read:** Romans 13:1-5, Daniel 3:8-15, 3:24-28 and Matthew 22:15-21.

**Reflect:**

In Romans, Paul was advised to submit to the authorities. Should Daniel have submitted to Darius' new law?

How does Matthew 22:15-21 help explain the tension between the requirement to obey your rulers and the requirement to obey God?

What do the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and the story of Daniel and the lions have in common?

Both King Darius and King Nebuchadnezzar worshipped God once they had seen His power. What opportunities do you have to publicly obey God, or to demonstrate God's greatness through your obedience?

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

## Saturday, July 16, 2016

**Read:** Luke 22:39-44 and Luke 9:21-23.

**Reflect:**

In Daniel 6, Daniel was faithful to God and God was faithful to Daniel. How was Jesus faithful to His Father in Luke 22?

How was God faithful to you by sending His Son to the cross?

What opportunities do you have to “pick up your cross daily?”

In what way does daily, faithful obedience to God provide an opportunity to become more like Jesus?

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

## Building Our Base Camp Family

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

This week, as you meet together as a group, give members of all ages the opportunity to speak and interact. Remember God has brought this group together and He wants to teach, no matter what your age may be.

As a group share about the story of Daniel and what stood out to you. (This is a great time to share how God has challenged you throughout the week in your quiet time and in the Compass)

What is the point of this story? Why do you think God included it in His Word to mankind?

In what way is your faith being tested today?

How, as a group, can we walk together in faith?

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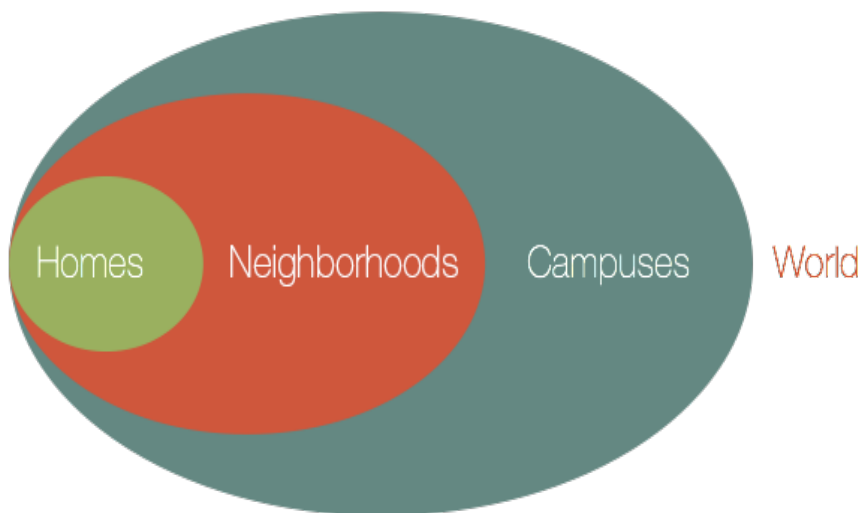
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# Mission and Vision

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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