

# 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: **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](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.

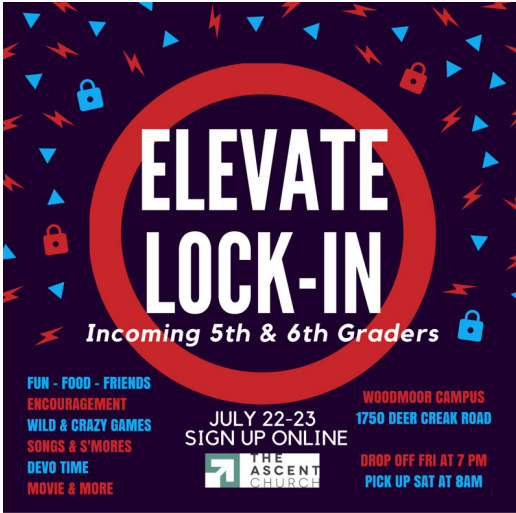
If you have any questions about hosting or serving roles, please contact Joel Witzel at [joel@theascentchurch.com](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).



## 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



**ELEVATE  
LOCK-IN**

*Incoming 5th & 6th Graders*

FUN - FOOD - FRIENDS  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
WILD & CRAZY GAMES  
SONGS & S'MORES  
DEVO TIME  
MOVIE & MORE

JULY 22-23  
SIGN UP ONLINE

WOODMOOR CAMPUS  
1750 DEER CREEK ROAD

DROP OFF FRI AT 7 PM  
PICK UP SAT AT 8 AM

THE ASCENT CHURCH

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

## Sky Sox Faith Night



July 31, 2:05pm

Sky Sox vs. OKC Dodgers

## CONNECTIONS

EQUIPPING CLASS

SUNDAYS @ 10:45AM

WOODMOOR CAMPUS

PARENTS  
OF  
TEENS

EQUIPPING CLASS

## 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)



# 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: \$21,431.45**

As of 6/30/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,217,103
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,252,055
YTD Budget:	\$1,590,808

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$27,922
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

ASM HeavenFest: Middle and high school students travel to HeavenFest, July 30, 10am - 1am. Drive up to Bandimere Speedway to watch 50 great Christian artists. Cost of \$50 includes lunch, HeavenFest ticket and ride to Morrison.

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: [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).



## 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.

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

## Missions

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

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# Message Notes

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Sermon Passages: Daniel 6.



## **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 7/18/16 – 7/23/16: Parting of the Red Sea, Exodus 14.**

# Monday, July 18, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 14.

**Reflect:**

The Israelites were obedient to God and left Egypt only to find themselves facing another dilemma: the Egyptians regretted allowing them to leave and began to chase them.

When have you obeyed God and found yourself in a difficult situation?

What was God's purpose for the Israelites?

Is He using you in the same way He used Israel? How so?

Are there steps of faith you're avoiding because they may cost you something? What steps? What cost?

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

What would you tell an unbeliever about why you *obey* God?

Why you *trust* God?

Why would you obey when it may involve some risk or sacrifice?



## Tuesday, July 19, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 14:13-14, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 46:10.

**Reflect:**

Why did the Israelites need to be reminded to “stand firm” and “be silent”?

When do you need a similar reminder? Why?

What have been the consequences of your fear and doubt?

What have been the consequences of your faith, trust, and obedience?

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

Journal about a time you were reluctant to allow God to be in control. How did your situation resolve? Consider sharing that story with someone if it might build them up or inspire them with the good news of God’s redemption.

## Wednesday, July 20, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 14:4, 18, 31; Joshua 2:10; Psalm 50:15.

**Reflect:**

God has no egotistical need to be glorified, so why is it important for you and for others to “know that [he is] the Lord?” (vv. 4, 18).

How has your life’s adversity honored God?

How do you honor and glorify God?

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

Glorifying God and declaring him as Lord is important for our faith, but giving him glory may also be used in the lives of others. Commit to glorifying God in word and deed with a person you know you’ll encounter this week. Write your plan here.

## Thursday, July 21, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 14:29-31; 15:1-2, 13-15.

**Reflect:**

The story of the crossing of the Red Sea is not simply an account of a miraculous solution for escaping the Egyptians.

What other Biblical ideas or imagery are represented by the crossing of the Red Sea?

Page through the other stories in Exodus (the plagues and Passover; the departure from Egypt; the provision of quail, manna, and good water; the defeat of the Amalekites; the establishment of the Tabernacle; and the giving of the Ten Commandments). What themes run through the entire book?

How does the story of Israel in Exodus mimic your story as a child of God?

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

Find an opportunity to mention to someone your study this week of this (or another) “famous” Bible story. Can you tie the redemption of the world through Christ to this story of the redemption and deliverance of Israel?

## Friday, July 22, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 14:8, 14, 23-29; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 8:31-33.

**Reflect:**

What is chasing you down (as Pharaoh chased the Israelites)?

How can you respond when you feel “pursued” by the world, the flesh, or Satan? (hint: Read Psalms 50:15 and 46:10)

Adversity, personal sin, grief, and other setbacks and challenges may confront you every day. What can you tell yourself or others when facing these?

From where or from whom do you draw your comfort in the midst of trials? Why?

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

Write four Bible verses that give comfort. Who else needs to hear those this week?

## Saturday, July 23, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 14; 1 Corinthians 10:1.

**Reflect:**

The crossing of the Red Sea (along with other stories in Exodus) is a prominent Bible story. It's celebrated in many other areas of the Bible, in secular films, at summer camps, and during Sunday school series. Journal here about what this story has meant for your spiritual formation:

What are the most important messages you read from this passage of Scripture?

How would you restate the *meaning* of the Exodus 14 passage?

Its *significance*?

Its *application*?

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

What will you share with others tomorrow?

## Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week four 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:**

The Exodus story is a powerful account of how God saved the people of Israel. There are parallels between our story and the Israelites' story: The people of Israel were saved from the Egyptians' enslavement, and those of us who have accepted Christ have been saved from sin and live in freedom. Scripture invites us to celebrate this freedom we've been given.

### **Invitation/Service:**

A while back, the Woodmoor campus had a day dedicated to cleaning up the church. It was a great time to get to know new folks and have fun with friends. It was also great to have the opportunity to make sure our building was in a state that would bless our community and visitors. I'd like to invite you, your family, or your Base Camp to ask one of our campus pastors if there's something you can help with for a day or an ongoing basis at our church. There are plenty of outside and inside projects that would be a blessing to our church and to our community.

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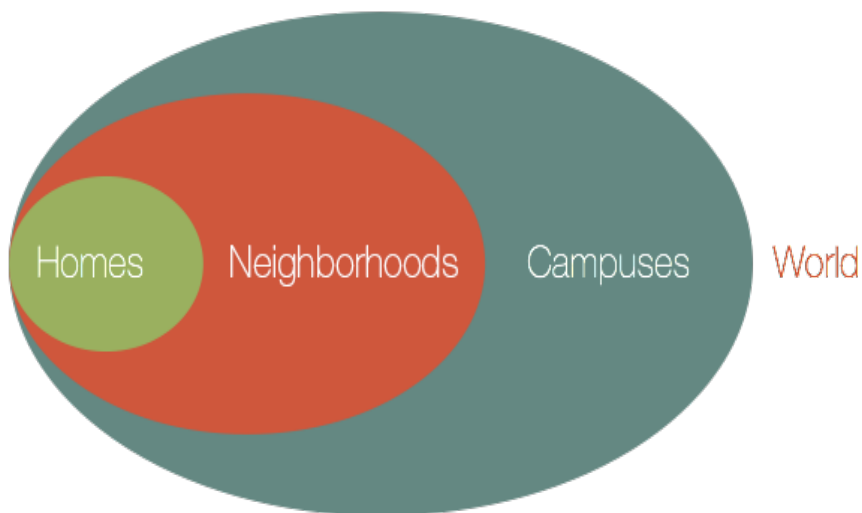
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# Mission and Vision

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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