

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



January 22, 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: 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.



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



mission



July 1 – 8, 2017

Contact Paul & Becky
Christoffersen at
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

HS Winter Retreat

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February 17-19
Horn Creek Ranch
Monarch Mountain
Sign Up Online
\$175

Women
on the
Ascent



WOTA Gather

FEBRUARY 1 AT 6:30-8PM

THIRD SPACE COFFEE

Eat dinner and get to know Judi Hayes at Rowland and Kitty's new coffee place!

UPCOMING WOTA EVENTS

March 1: Women on the Ascent Give Back, TBD

April 7-9: Women's Retreat, register at www.theascentchurch.com/women.

Be refreshed and renewed in the mountains at Spring Canyon.

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.”

Members of The Ascent Church can vote via the email ballot sent last weekend. Ballots must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on January 30, 2017. Please contact Tara if you did not receive your ballot at: tara@theascentchurch.com

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.



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes in 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 24, 31 for

Middle and High School.

- 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 29. No ASM this weekend for MS Retreat.

- 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

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- 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.

Missions

For more information on upcoming mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



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:

I & II 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:

It is not too late to join the January session of studies!

- Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.
 - *Daniel* by Beth Moore
 - *Intentional Women* with Moms & Beyond.
- WOTA Journey: I & II Corinthians, Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Women on the Ascent:

WOTA Gather: February 1, Third Space Coffee (Rowland and Kitty Smith's place), eat dinner and get to know Judi Hayes!

WOTA Give Back: March 1, TBD.

WOTA Retreat: April 7-9, Spring Canyon. Be refreshed and renewed in the mountains at Spring Canyon. Registration open:

www.theascentchurch.com/women.



This Sunday's Message

Spotting

Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10

Key Climbing Principle

We all _____.

Matthew 20:28

Spotting (Serving) Means

I. Being _____.

Proverbs 3:28

1st Barrier: _____.

Philipians 2:4

2nd Barrier: _____.

Ecclesiastes 11:4

3rd Barrier: _____.

Luke 16:13

II. Being _____.

John 11:41-42

1st Barrier: _____.

Romans 14:4

2nd Barrier: _____.

Matthew 6:1

III. Being _____.

1 Corinthians 4:2, 15:58

IV. Being _____.

Job 10:8

God's SHAPE for you:

S _____ H _____ A _____ P _____ E _____

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 23 – January 28, 2017:

Nehemiah 9:38–10:39

Monday, January 23, 2017

Read Nehemiah 9:38–10:39 several times, using different versions. If you have time, read the earlier chapters of Nehemiah to gain the context for this passage.

Reflect

What was your initial reaction when you read about the commitments asked of the people?

Note the three groups of leaders mentioned in this passage. What are the differences between these various groups?

This was written at a time when the Israelites were operating in a theocracy, and this was a civil society commitment. What similarities and differences do you see between this and what happens in today's churches?

Why do you think it's important for groups of people to make serious and substantial commitments for the good of their communities?

Tuesday, January 24, 2016

Read Nehemiah 9:38–10:39 again. Before you read this passage, ask God to guide your thoughts to what He wants to show you.

Reflect

What questions arose in your mind as you reread the passage today? How might you go about getting answers to those questions?

Within our church, which groups of people might be equated with the following:

Our leaders

Our Levites

Our priests

In verse 29 it says the people bound themselves with “a curse and an oath.” What do you think the curse and oath were?

If you were to categorize the various commitments the people were asked to make, what general categories would you place them in?

Wednesday, January 25, 2016

Read Nehemiah 10:30–39 today. Spend time thinking about the commitments asked of the people.

Reflect

If you had been one of these Israelites, which of the commitments would have been the most challenging for you?

What might be equivalent commitments you're asked to make today?

What do you think was meant by the summary statement in verse 39: "We will not neglect the house of our God"?

In our society today, what are ways we neglect the house of our God?

Thursday, January 26, 2016

Read Nehemiah 9:38–10:39. Ask God to reveal what He expects as your commitment to your local body of believers this year.

Reflect

Making commitments or “oaths” is a vital part of your life in Christ. Reflect on the following passages, and journal what you hear from God.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Matthew 5:33-37

Proverbs 20:25

Psalms 76:11

Psalms 116:13-19

Friday, January 27, 2016

Read Nehemiah 9:38–10:39. Consider all the names listed in the beginning verses of this passage.

Reflect

Why do you think the names of the Israelite leaders were recorded so they could be read by future generations?

What effect might these commitments have on the community?

Spend time in prayer and fasting today. Reflect on commitments you would be willing to make in support of your church so that you might aid in its impact on community. Ask God what He wants you to commit to. Record this below.

Saturday, January 28, 2016

Reflect

Take some time to reflect on what you've learned after hearing from God this week. Is there something you feel God is asking you to do?

As you prepare for worship tomorrow, ask God to speak to you regarding the commitments that Pastor Rusty is asking the congregation to make as individuals and as a church body.

Share with a friend any commitments you're willing to make. Ask this friend to hold you accountable for fulfilling these commitments.

Spend time praying for the Ascent Church. Ask God to help the church fulfill its mission in the northern El Paso county region, and ask Him to show you what your individual part should be in this mission.

Building Our Base Camp Family

Prepare

After Sunday's worship service, send an email to your Base Camp reminding them of the commitments Pastor Rusty asked for in his sermon.

Intergenerational Element

Gather as a large group. Ask younger members what is the most significant promise they have made and what helps them keep that promise. Reflect on the promises made at baptism (promises to turn to Jesus, renounce evil, confess sin, and follow Jesus for the rest of their lives.) Discuss which promises are easy and which prove to be more difficult. Conclude with a small renewal of these promises in prayer.

Adult Study

Read Nehemiah 9:38–10:39 and discuss the questions below. End with a shared commitment to the promises Rusty requested in worship.

In verses 28–29, what is the language of their commitments?

Why is there both a commitment and a curse as a part of these vows?

What kinds of commitments did all make?

- Verse 30
- Verse 31a
- Verse 31b
- Verses 32-33
- Verses 34
- Verses 35
- Verses 36-37

What were the priests and Levites to do (verses 38–39)?

What is the summary phrase related to the sanctuary and temple?

How does this inform your support for the ministry of the church and the places you gather?

How do the commitments listed in chapter 10 connect to those Rusty asked of the church? What differences should these shared commitments make to your Base Camp purposes?

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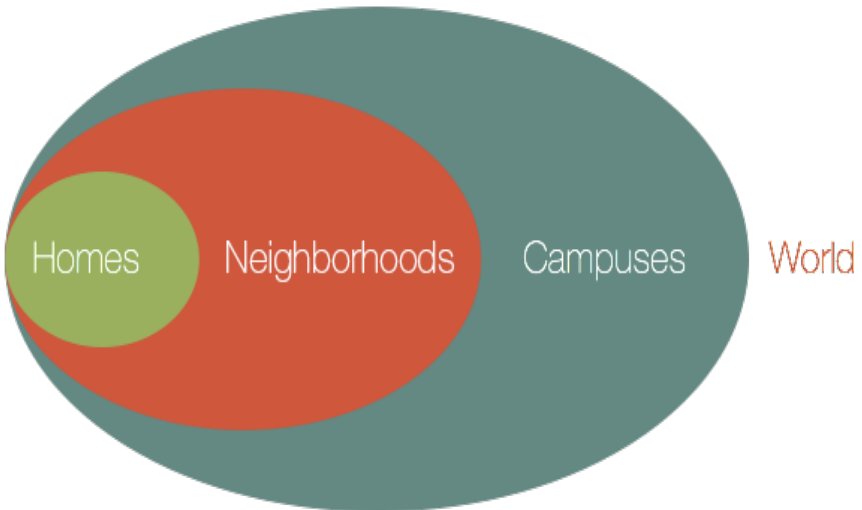
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Mission and Vision

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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