



THE
COMPASS

Current Series:



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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 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: every 3rd Sunday, 10:45 am in lobby.

No pre-registration required.



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.



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.



Serving

Use your talents and interests to serve with others in your church, accomplishing common ministry goals. There are always teams you can join! Contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



Worship Team & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info, contact carson@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life



Request for Nominations for a Constitution and Bylaws Advisory Team

Do you or someone you know have a gift for reforming and editing documents? Visit the church website for more information about the team and the nomination form.



Ski Trip Feb. 20 Monarch Ski Resort

Ascent Student Ministries invites all middle & high school students for a ski trip on Feb. 20. Cost of \$50 includes lift ticket, dinner and transportation. Questions, email: asm@theascentchurch.com
Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/students to sign up.



Woodmoor Campus: every 1st Sunday
Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday
Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!
No pre-registration required.

The Ascent Church **PRAYER** for the Pastor Search Team

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

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

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: \$21,159.22

As of 1/31/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$733,684
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$629,168
YTD Budget:	\$850,897

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$32,819
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. 16, 23, Woodmoor Campus.

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

ASM DEEP Dates: Feb. 14, 21, 28 upstairs at both campuses. Northgate: 9:00am, Woodmoor: 11:00am.

ASM Ski Trip: Feb. 20, ski trip to Monarch for all students, cost \$50 includes lift ticket, dinner and transport. Questions, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

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

Dominican Republic Missions Trip: July 2-9. For more information, email Paul Christoffersen at DR@theascentchurch.com.

Please pray for the Ethiopia Mission Trip Team currently serving in Africa.

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 73.



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 2/15/16–2/20/16: Psalm 67.

Monday, February 15, 2016

Read: Psalm 67 silently and then aloud.

Reflect:

Many Bible scholars believe Psalm 67 is the third Psalm in a series of four (Psalms 65, 66, 67, 68) and were intended to be sung, read, and/or studied together. With this in mind, you will be directed to select passages from Psalms 65, 66, and 68, along with verses from Psalm 67.

Read Psalm 67:1 and record three petitions declared in this prayer.

Read Psalm 65:1-4. How do these verses point to God's answer to petitions in Psalm 67:1?

Read Psalm 68:7-10, 28-31. How are these verses directed to God's answer to petitions in Psalm 67:1?

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Read: Psalm 67, then verse 2 aloud.

Reflect:

Verse 2 is a continuation of verse 1. Rewrite the petition offered in verse 2. What is the Psalmist requesting?

Read Psalm 65:5-13. How do these verses connect with 67:2?

Read Psalm 66:5-12. How do these verses relate to 67:2?

Read Psalm 68:19-20. How do these verses connect with 67:2?

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Read: Psalm 67, then read verses 3 and 5 aloud.

Reflect:

Read Psalm 65:1-5. List reasons to praise God, as revealed in these verses.

Read Psalm 66:1-7. Record reasons to praise God as revealed in these verses.

Read Psalm 68:3-6. Formulate reasons to praise God as revealed in these verses.

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

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Read: Psalm 67, then read 67:4 aloud.

Reflect:

Read Psalm 65:1-2, 8, and 12-13. In what ways do these verses arouse praises of gladness and joy for God?

Read Psalm 66. How does this Psalm arouse praises of gladness and joy called for in Psalm 67:4?

Read Psalm 68:32-35. How do these verses arouse praises of gladness and joy for God?

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

Friday, February 19, 2016

Read: Psalm 67, then 67:6-7 aloud.

Reflect:

Read Psalm 65:5-8. If “FEAR” means **F**aith **E**xpressed with **A**we and **R**eference, what do you think “fearing the wonders of God” means in these verses?

Read Psalm 66:16-20. What does “fearing God,” as defined above, lead a believer to do (according to these verses)?

Read Psalm 68:1-4, 19-20, and 32-35. How do the calls for praise in these verses affirm the concept of “fearing” God (using the definition for FEAR as **F**aith **E**xpressed with **A**we and **R**eference)?

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

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Read: Psalm 67 in at least two or three translations if possible.

Reflect:

Look over your notes from this week's reflections on Psalm 67.
Record key spiritual insights you gained.

Formulate a list of struggles or frustrations you encountered during this week's study.

**ASK GOD TO HELP YOU ACT UPON WHAT YOU GAINED
FROM HIS WORD THIS WEEK.**

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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: As a Group read Psalm 65-68 aloud. Make sure to have readers of all different ages. While reading, remember to not rush but to follow the flow of the ways the Psalms were written. Pay attention to punctuation and the tone the author is using.

Mixed: We learned earlier this week that these four Psalms are related. How do you see them connecting to one another?

Psalm 67:2 is an important verse in these four Psalms, as it can be seen as a culmination verse of these writings.

- How are God's ways made known throughout the earth?
- What hints do we see throughout Psalms 65,66,67 and 68?
- What does Psalm 67:2 look like for a child? A teenager? How about young adult, middle aged or senior adult?
- How does your Base Camp live out this verse?

Close: Pray for one another and for your Base Camp neighborhood. Think of action steps your Base Camp can take to make God's ways known throughout the earth.

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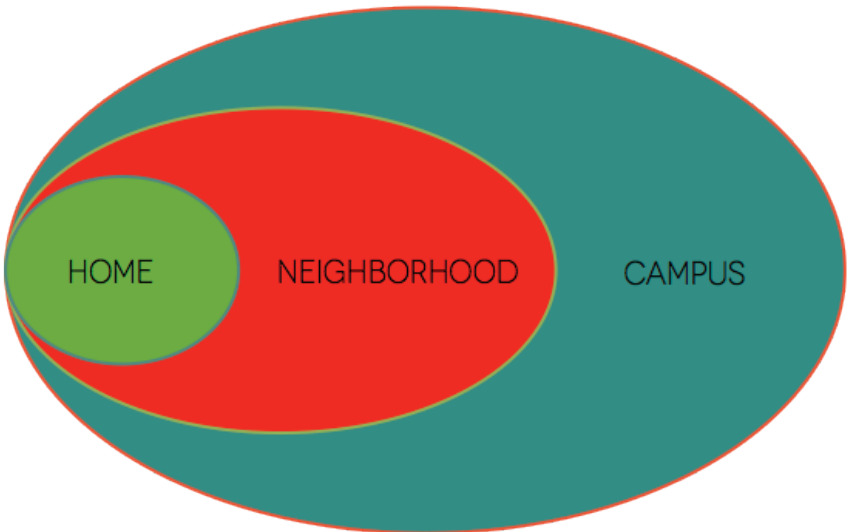
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Mission and Vision

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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