



October 29, 2017

*Climbing
Together*



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH

Welcome!



What an incredible worship celebration we experienced last week as we re-launched our Northgate Campus at Discovery Canyon! There was so much enthusiasm in the DCC worship center as we had the opportunity to worship together - both campuses in one service - witnessing together the life transformation we celebrated in seeing eight people baptized. Wow! Here at The Ascent, we pray you are able to find a place to connect and a place to serve as we follow where God is leading us as a community of faith. I believe He's leading us, both individually and corporately, to take bold steps of faith that will continue to result in Kingdom-influence throughout our neighborhoods, our community and our world. Ascent Church, it's time... It's time to climb!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Rusty Hayes".

Pastor Rusty Hayes

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE ASCENT: EXPLORE 1

We'd love to get to know you and introduce you to some of our ministries and leaders. We do this in Explore I, which is a short introduction to The Ascent Church. Explore I occurs each month:

1st Sunday/month

10:15am - Woodmoor Campus, Room 212

ASCENT KIDS

We build a foundation of faith and give parents the tools to be the primary spiritual leaders in their homes, moving kids from childhood beliefs to lifetime faith.

ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES (ASM)

Students, join us in the student section of worship on Sunday mornings. ASM also gathers Tuesday evenings at the Woodmoor campus to explore together, laugh together, and grow closer to God.

DISCIPLESHIP: BASE CAMPS

Base Camps are missional communities living out the mission of God together, pursuing redemption and renewal, in their neighborhoods and communities by demonstrating the gospel in tangible ways. Contact your campus pastor to get connected with the Base Camp right for you.

Woodmoor Campus Pastor Scott Campbell, scott@theascentchurch.com

Northgate Campus Pastor Brian Petak, brian@theascentchurch.com

For more information, please see our website TheAscentChurch.com

Nov 5 - Register online

Parent/Child
DEDICATION
Proverbs 22:6



COMING UP AT THE ASCENT:

Hurricane Harvey Relief Trip - November 5-11

Join a team from The Ascent as we partner with First Baptist Church in Beaumont, TX to provide relief and support to those most affected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, Nov. 5-11. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, November 1st at 6pm in the Woodmoor Campus Conference Room. Contact Pastor Scott (scott@theascentchurch.com) or sign up online at theascentchurch.com/relieftrip.

Operation Christmas Child

If you'd like to bring the hope of the Gospel to a child this Christmas, pick up your shoe box at the Operation Christmas Child table before or after the service this morning. Boxes will be collected November 5, 12 & 19 at both campuses, and can also be dropped off during the week. Contact Terry Vincent (terryvincent72@hotmail.com) with questions.

1750 Deer Creek Road - Monument, CO 80132
719-481-3600 - TheAscentChurch.com
Info@theascentchurch.com



CONNECTION CARD

October 29, 2017

- Update my information
- First Time Guest
- First Time Guest

Northgate

M / F Birthday

M / F Birthday

Woodmoor

Name

Spouse

Address

Primary Email

Please sign me up for the E-News

Children's Names & Ages

Zip

State

Primary Phone ()

Place this card in the offering basket or in the offering box on your way out.

Flip to share more

THIS WEEK AT THE ASCENT

Sunday, October 29

10:45am Connections Class - Woodmoor Campus, Room 214
4:00pm Fall Festival - Woodmoor Campus

Tuesday, October 31

6:00am Northgate Men's Bible Study - Shots Coffee
6:00am Woodmoor Men's Bible Study - Woodmoor, Room 212
9:00am Women's Bible Study on Esther - Woodmoor, Room 214
9:00am Moms & Beyond - Woodmoor Campus, Room 213
5:30pm ASM Tuesday Nights Middle School - Woodmoor, Room 216
7:00pm ASM Tuesday Nights High School - Woodmoor, Room 216

Wednesday, November 1

6:00pm Hurricane Relief Work Trip Meeting - Woodmoor, Conference Room

Thursday, November 2

6:00pm Women's Bible Study, Life in Christ - Woodmoor, Room 213
6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Woodmoor, Room 212
6:00pm ASM Girls' Student Base Camp - Woodmoor, Student Office
6:00pm ASM Boys' Student Base Camp - Woodmoor, Event Center

MEN ON THE ASCENT

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings 6am at Shots Coffee or Room 213 at the Woodmoor Campus for a study on the book of Luke and Acts. Tuesday mornings not work for you? Join us Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, Room 214. Contact Mike McKinney (mkemckinney@yahoo.com).

WOMEN ON THE ASCENT

Life: In Christ

Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, Room 213. Led by Maria Peterson (mariapeterson00@gmail.com). Sign up required for childcare.

Moms and Beyond

Tuesday mornings 9-11:30am. Woodmoor Campus, Room 213. Studying "What Love Is" led by Kimberly Hartwell (jaykimberlyh@gmail.com).

ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES

ASM Tuesday Nights

5:30-6:45pm for middle schoolers and 7-8:45pm for high schoolers. Come and bring a friend! Contact Taylor Shade (taylor@theascentchurch.com).

For more information on all of our ministries: TheAscentChurch.com/ministries

Tell us about your experience today, or let us know how we can pray for you.

Please keep my prayer request confidential with staff only.

I am accepting Christ as my Savior today.

I would like to be contacted about baptism.

Would you like a pastor to contact you about this? Yes No

Best time to contact you: _____

I am interested in these next steps: Explore 1

Joining a Base Camp

Volunteering (circle one: hospitality, children, students, tech, worship, office)



The Risk of Climbing

Pastor Rusty Hayes

October 29, 2017

The Risk: I could _____ my _____.
Matthew 19:29-30

The rate of return for giving to God: _____

Greed: A _____ for _____ things to the _____ of others.

Eternal Reward: A _____ - _____ given _____ for a God-honoring
_____ flowing from the God-honoring _____.

Two types of rewards:
Luke 6:32-35

Temporal Reward: _____ reward operating in the kingdom of the _____.

Eternal Reward: _____ reward operating in the Kingdom of _____.

I'm to _____ God's money to do _____.

The Judgment Seat of Christ (BEMA)
Romans 14:10, 12
2 Corinthians 5:10
Revelation 22:12
Acts 20:35

Joy Formula: The _____ I _____, the _____ I _____ life.



Heaven's Interest Rate Base Camp Discussion Questions / Devotional

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

The years from 2006 to 2008 were lean for us. At the time, we were pastoring a church in Atlanta when the housing crisis hit. The market crashed so precipitously that we lost all of our equity and even had to pay extra when we sold our home before we moved to Illinois. The loss was stunning, but not as bad as many of our friends. Some faced foreclosure in upside down loans and others were unable to sell at all due a tremendous drop in prices. We were thankful that, at least, we were able to sell our home before the market totally crashed.

There are no guarantees when it comes to investing in this world. Regardless of the market, the company's financials, or the stock's rating, tragedy can strike and our investments can fly away. Maybe that's why we have an eagle printed on our money. We live in a volatile age. This is not to say that we shouldn't make reasoned investments with our resources. It is wise to invest with the intention of increasing the provision God has provided. But there is only one investment that is immune to any downturn . . . our investment in the works of God. We actually store treasures in Heaven when we give to the Lord. And these treasures multiply. Notice Christ's words above where he gives a specific rate in reference to our heavenly investments. He says we will "receive a hundred times as much" on our return. This is equivalent to a ten thousand percent rate of return!

The return is promised to happen both now ("this present age") and in Heaven ("the age to come"). It also is directly related to the nature of the gift given. For example, if you give your home and fields to God, you will receive a hundred homes and fields in return. If you give your relationships (as in leaving family to serve God in another land, or being rejected by your family for serving God), you will receive a hundred similar types of relationships in return. The principle is clear: for every investment to God, a ten thousand percent return guaranteed!

This teaching was originally given in the context of a conversation Jesus had with a very wealthy man who had made money his idol. This rich man claimed He wanted to follow God, but when push came to shove, God took second place to his money. When we give to the Lord, we are stating "In God I trust."

Discussion Questions: Why is this so difficult for us to believe and practice this? What have you done to increase your standard of giving? What has been the blessing? What are you going to do, practically, to be more faithful in this area?

Discuss Mark 10:17-31 and its implications for this life and the next.

Reading: Mark 10:17-31