



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 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.



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.



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.

Community Life

WOMEN ON THE ASCENT

June 16, 6-7:30pm
Woodmoor Campus,
Room 213

WAITING...

"MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD"

PSALM 130:6

WE ARE ALL WAITING FOR SOMETHING.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Join us for an ice cream sundae bar!



ASM High School Battlefield Colorado June 17, 6-9pm



High schoolers, join us for an extreme outdoor laser tag game at Battlefield Colorado.

Register online at

www.theascentchurch.com/students



Children's Ministry
June 29, 9am-12pm

A DAY AT THE PARK

Black Forest Park

Kids ages 4yrs-4th grade



theascentchurch.com/kids



MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS MALL DAY PARK MEADOWS MALL

Spend a day hanging out with friends at Park Meadows Mall on June 15 from 10:30am - 4:00pm.

Register online:

www.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: \$24,727.96

As of 5/31/2016:

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| YTD Giving: | \$1,116,425 |
| YTD Actual Expenses: | \$1,122,607 |
| YTD Budget: | \$1,442,826 |

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

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| Avg. Weekly Giving: | \$28,529 |
| 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: June 14, 21, 28, Woodmoor Campus.

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

ASM Battlefield CO: June 17, 6-9pm, high school extreme outdoor laser tag. Register online www.theascentchurch.com.

ASM Girl's Mall Day: June 15, 10:30am-4pm, middle school girls at Park Meadows Mall. Register online 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

Parents at Woodmoor Campus: during our Connecting Time, we'd love to have your children join us.

- Birth - PreK: children stay in Tiny Town for the fellowship time.
- K - 4th grade: children checked out of Adventure Quest at the back of the Worship Center after worship
- 5 - 6th grade: children are brought to the Worship Center as worship ends.

Children's Day at the Park:

June 29, 9am-12pm, Black Forest Regional Park, 4yrs-4th grade.

24' slide, sports, crafts and more!
Register at: www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Preschool Day:

July 18th
9am-12pm, Woodmoor Campus.
Fun with the Kritter Karavan!



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: June 12, 19, 26, upstairs at both campuses.

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

Connections Class:

Sundays, 11am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 213.

Parents of Teens Class: Sundays, 11am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 210.

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

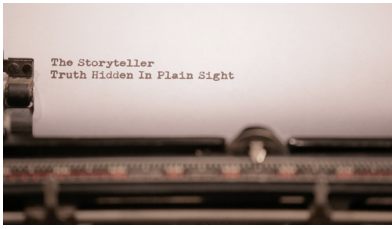
Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

Women on The Ascent: June 16, 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, Room 213. Join us for an ice cream sundae bar and a speaker!

Missions

Join the GO Leadership Team, Missionary Support Team, and Ministry Partner Coordinators.
Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Matthew 13:3-23.



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 6/13/16 – 6/18/16: Luke 18:9-14.

Monday, June 13, 2016

Read: Luke 18:9-14 in several different Bible versions. Meditate on what Jesus is communicating in this particular parable.

Reflect:

Identify the different people in this parable—write down all the information that's given about them.

Audience:

Pharisee:

Tax Collector:

The other people in the Pharisee's prayer:

Which of the people in the parable do you think you are? Why?

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Read: Luke 18:9-14. Look for the keywords and concepts that Jesus highlights.

Reflect:

Write down what you understand about each of the following words and concepts:

Righteousness:

Obedience to the law:

God's mercy:

Justification:

Humility:

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

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Read: Luke 18:9-14. Allow God's truth to penetrate your heart and soul.

Reflect:

This passage highlights the difference between salvation by works and salvation through the mercy and grace of God. Spend some time reflecting upon the difference between the two.

How easy is it for you to become self-righteous or judgmental? Ask God to search your heart and eliminate any self-righteous or judgmental thoughts you might have.

Where do you struggle most with a judgmental spirit? Ask God to help you change into a child of humility and mercy for others.

Rewrite this parable as a story that takes place in our current culture. Allow God to speak to your heart as you write.

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

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Read: Luke 18:9-14. Let the truth of this parable influence your heart and mind.

Reflect:

What's the main idea of this parable?

This parable was originally directed toward the Pharisees and Sadducees. Who would be the target of this parable in your culture today? Why?

Think about the reputation of Christians within your country and community. Which character in this parable would your neighbors consider a "typical Christian"? Why?

What do you need to do to change this perception as you live out your faith in your neighborhood?

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

Friday, June 17, 2016

Read: Luke 18:9-14. Meditate on what Jesus was trying to communicate to his disciples and to the crowd.

Reflect:

Now that you've studied this parable, do you feel as if God is calling you to do anything differently in your life?

How has spending a week in this parable changed your view of what God is saying to the church?

How much time do you spend acknowledging where you fall short and asking for God's mercy? How much time do you spend asking God to change someone else's heart? Why do you think this is so?

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

Spend quiet time with God, listening to His voice. What does he want you to put into practice?

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Reflect:

Reflect on your study of the parable. Ask God to point out one area of your life where He wants you to lean into Him. Ask God how He wants you to represent Him to a neighbor or anyone you come in contact with this week.

Compose a short prayer to God, asking Him to forgive you and heal your brokenness. Ask that He would give you His mercy as you seek to live your life for Him.

Write down what God has taught you through this parable.

Take some time today to prepare yourself for worshiping with God's people tomorrow. Ask God to give you an open and soft heart as you listen to His word proclaimed. Be prepared to respond during response time tomorrow.

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), and 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:

Read through the passage as a group.

Intergenerational:

Share what stood out to you as you read the passage and worked through the Compass this week.

Make sure Base Camp members from each age group are encouraged to share. Listen to each other, and think about what God may be trying to teach you. God intends for you to encourage and build up each other.

Mixed:

What transforming thoughts and/or actions have been revealed to you this week?

Give each member a chance to share. Again, encourage anyone who has difficulty sharing.

What concrete steps can you take this week to solidify and act on these thoughts?

What ways can you as a Base Camp encourage each other and hold each other accountable?

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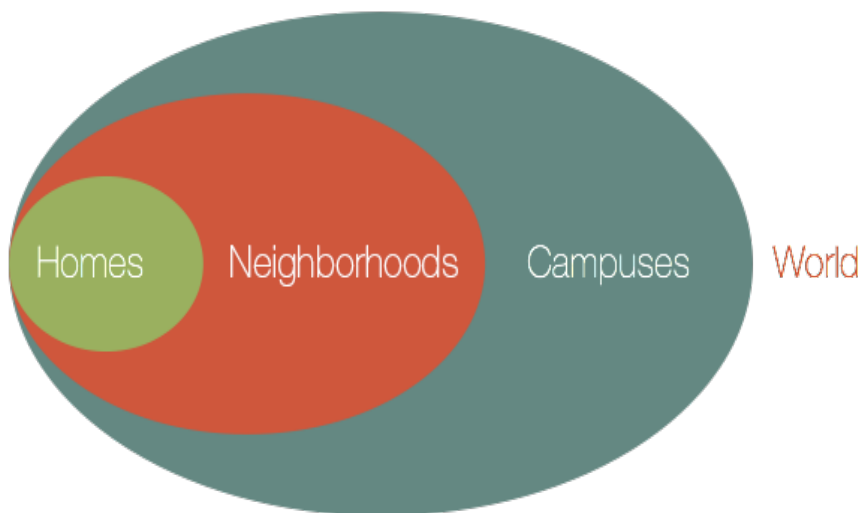
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Mission and Vision

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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