

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



October 9, 2016



**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.



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.



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.

Community Life



Fall Retreat

OCTOBER 21-23

\$60

HIGH SCHOOLERS SIGN UP

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THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/STUDENTS



October 16
Parent/Child
DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6

Register at: www.theascentchurch.com.

★ ALL CHURCH ★

FALL FAMILY POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT



OCTOBER 28 5:30-9:00PM WOODMOOR CAMPUS

Men on the Ascent Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

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: \$29,409.47

As of 9/30/2016:

YTD Giving: \$73,458
YTD Actual Expenses: \$81,918
YTD Budget: \$122,505

Fiscal Year 2016-17

Avg. Weekly Giving: \$20,573
Avg. Weekly Budget: \$30,626



Giving at The Ascent

- (1) Offering Boxes: Cash/check (in our worship service)
- (2) Online: From our website
- (3) Kiosk: Back of Worship Center
- (4) Mobile/Text: The Ascent Church App (download from your App Store)

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
Oct. 11, 18, 25 for MS
and HS.

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

ASM upcoming events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: Oct. 16, 23, 30.

- Northgate: 10am, 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

Child Dedication: October 16 at all services. Register online:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

All Church Fall Family Potluck and Movie Night:

October 28,
5:30 - 9pm, Woodmoor Campus.

Missions

GO (Global Outreach) Celebration Service today. Thank you for supporting and celebrating our missionaries and missions! Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions for more information.



Equipping Ministry

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:
1 & 2 Corinthians, 6:00am coffee;
6:15am start.

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

Women on the Ascent Studies:

Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor
Campus, childcare available.

Neighborhood and evening Bible Studies also available.

Wednesday evening study, **1 & 2 Corinthians**, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available. On Wednesdays when Women on the Ascent have their monthly meeting, we will participate in that event in lieu of our study.

Info: www.theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes



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 10/10/16 – 10/15/16:

Genesis 1:28, Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Matthew 28:16-20,
John 16:5-15, 20:22, 1 Corinthians 3:5-9a, 1 Corinthians 15:28,
2 Corinthians 5:6-15, 1 Peter 2:9, Acts 2:42-47

Monday, October 10, 2016

Read: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15; Matthew 22:36-40

Reflect:

At The Ascent Church we often talk about “missions,” “missionaries,” and “mission trips.” These words don’t often appear in Scripture. What do you think is meant by the word “missions?”

What is the great commandment (summarize it)? (Matthew 22:36-40)

In summary, what is the great commission? (Matthew 28:16-20)

The Ascent Church’s expressed mission is to help people connect: intimately with God, intentionally with God’s people, and influentially within your community.

What do you consider your role in your church’s mission? As the congregation comes together to fulfill Jesus’ great commission and great commandment through “missions,” how do you think God has prepared you, or is preparing you, to help? Take a moment with God and ask Him to display your missional gifts.

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Read: Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:11-12

Reflect:

Who has a duty to share the gospel? Are some specifically called? Do all believers have an obligation to tell the good news of Jesus?

According to Ephesians 4:11-12, it might seem only those with the gift of evangelism are called to share the gospel. But according to the great commission (Matthew 28:16-20), all followers of Jesus are to share the gospel. Which do you think it is?

If we're all called to share the gospel, why does Paul list "evangelism" as a specific spiritual gift that is only given to some?

Many interpret the gift of evangelism as one of developing, cultivating, and training the rest of the church in missions. Take a moment to pray, asking God whether you have the gift of evangelism. How might you be better prepared to share the good news of Jesus?

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

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Read: Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Matthew 28:16-20

Reflect:

What does Deuteronomy 6:5-9 tell you about an approach to missions?

This is a command from God. It also seems that, while keeping the good news of God in the forefront of your mind and on your lips, teaching it to your children should be a natural reaction to such great news. Why might this be a natural thing for you to do?

Why should you be involved in missions according to Deuteronomy 6 and Matthew 28? In each set of verses, you are commanded to share the good news. Might there be some motivation in addition to obedience?

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

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Read: John 16:5-15; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Reflect:

You share the good news because God has commanded you. Why has God issued this command? What does John 16 teach us about the Holy Spirit's nature and devotion to the truth of Jesus?

What does 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 teach you about God's interest in sharing the good news of Jesus? When you obey the great commission and share the gospel, who is actually doing the work?

The above verses describe God's missional nature and refer to three persons of the Godhead (God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit). What do you understand about the relationship between God and missions? It is true that you share the good news of Jesus because of God's command? According to these verses, what is the reason God commanded this?

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

Friday, October 14, 2016

Read: Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 5:1-2; Matthew 5:48;
John 15:5-15

Reflect:

What does it mean to be made in God's image? What does it mean specifically for your duty and desire to share the good news of Jesus?

What does John 15:5-15 teach about God's desire to tell the world the truth of Jesus Christ?

How does sharing the gospel allow you to reflect God's glory?

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

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Read: Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 2:1-11

Reflect:

Acts 2:42-47 is often considered to present the model of a healthy church. Verse 47 says that God was adding to their number daily those who were being saved. What kinds of activities within the church marked this growth? What were members doing while God added to their number?

In Philippians 2:1-4 Paul tells the people of the church how they should behave toward one another. In verses 5-9 he presents the gospel. And in verses 10-11 he describes what will happen at the end of the age. How do these three sets of verses relate to each other? How should your knowledge of the gospel and knowledge that, at the end, “every knee shall bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” impact your behavior as a church member today?

Given all the verses throughout the Compass, what do you think a missional church looks like?

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

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week three of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service.

Prepare: Review the passages, Compass, and notes from the week. Gather your notes and prepare to share with each other what God has revealed to you.

Mixed: Spend some time in discussion about what stood out to you this week from the Compass, your quiet times, and the sermon. Make sure to give each age group time to share, keeping an open heart with ears to hear what God has to say to you through the different age groups present in the room.

Exercise: Break into groups of 3-5; make sure to have different age groups mixed together. Take some time to discuss these questions.

How do you feel The Ascent Church is missional?

How do you feel God is calling you to be missional?

What is holding you back from being more missional?

What are one or two steps you can take this week to be more missional?

Pray: Take prayer requests and end the time lifting each other in prayer.

Follow Up: Follow up throughout the week regarding these action steps.

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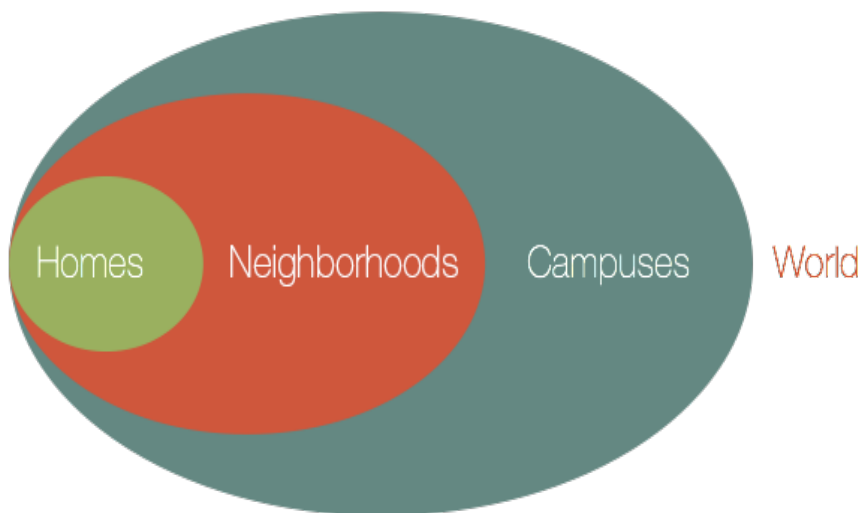
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Mission and Vision

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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