



THE
COMPASS

Easter Next Sunday!



March 20, 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 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.



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.



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

EASTER AT  THE ASCENT CHURCH

Good Friday

Woodmoor Campus
March 25 - 6:30p

Baptism Sunday, April 10
Register: www.theascentchurch.com

OVERFLOW

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE THROUGH BAPTISM



Monument
Limbaugh Park - 10:30a

Palmer Lake
Palmer Lake Town Hall - 10:00a

Woodmoor/King's Deer
The Marsh - 11:00a

Northgate & Flying Horse
The Classical Academy East - 10:00a

Glen Eagle & Struther's Corridor
Antelope Trails Elementary - 11:00a

HUNT

THE ASCENT CHURCH

March 26



EASTER AT  THE ASCENT CHURCH

INSIDE/Out

Woodmoor Campus - 8:15a/9:30a/11:00a
Northgate Campus - 9:30a

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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: \$18,684.00

As of 2/29/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$820,061
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$747,027
YTD Budget:	\$961,884

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$31,541
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$31,620



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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, Woodmoor Campus.

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

For more information visit: www.theascentchurch.com/students.

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

Good Friday Services: March 25, 6:30pm, Woodmoor Campus. Children are welcome to attend! Childcare is available for birth through age 5.

Easter Sunday: March 27, 9:30 & 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus and 9:30am, Northgate Campus. Tiny Town is available for birth-Pre-K. K-4th grade will begin in the main service and will be excused to a special Easter Celebration! Elevate students are invited to attend the full Worship Service with their families.



Equipping Ministry

Classes are offered at various times on Sunday mornings.

Connections Class: Sundays, 9:15-10:30am, Woodmoor Campus rm. 213.

Catalyst Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus rm. 212.

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor rm. 210.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: March 20, April 10, 17, 24 upstairs at both campuses.

- Northgate: 9:00am
- Woodmoor: 11:00am

Any questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

Please pray for our Missions Teams who are preparing for their trips this summer 2016.

- Guatemala Missions Trip on July 16-23.
- Dominican Republic Missions Trip on July 2-9.

Women's and Men's Ministries

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 neighborhood and campus Bible Studies.

Questions, please email: joel@theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes

Sermon Passage: Psalm 118.



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 3/21/16–3/26/16: Luke 11:37-44, Luke 24:1-8, 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Monday, March 21, 2016

Read: Luke 11:37-44.

Reflect:

1. Think of your household. How do you make sure your dishes, glasses and utensils are clean? Do you have rules about doing the dishes?

2. What needs to be done to make sure your relationship with God is pure and clean?

3. What rules does your answer to #2 require following?

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

1. How has Jesus ensured you can personally stay in relationship with Him?

2. Why and how has this cleansing on the inside been done for YOU? Be specific.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Read: Luke 24:1-8 and Luke 11:44.

Reflect:

1. Read the verses several times. What new thing(s) do you notice in your reading?

2. What comes to mind as you reflect on “unmarked graves that others tread upon without recognizing it”?

3. Culturally, what did it mean in the past and mean today to be buried in an unmarked grave?

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

1. Reflect on things of this world that can lead to death.

2. Even the women at the tomb, who knew Jesus well, searched among the dead for Him. How much time do you spend searching futilely for life among things that lead to death?

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Read: 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Reflect:

1. Make a list of what baptism personally means to you.

2. In today's passage, how did God symbolically use the waters of the flood?

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

1. If baptism is a surrender of your heart's control to Jesus, what can you look forward to experiencing in the future?

2. What do you have access to in your past? What is not accessible after becoming a follower of Jesus? How does this relate to today's Scripture?

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Read: Luke 11:37-44, 24:1-8, and 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Reflect:

1. What do you know about the disharmony that exists between cleanliness of your “outside” and that of your heart?

2. How would your life be different if you stayed surrendered to God and experienced His perfect harmony of cleanliness inside and out? How would those around you be impacted?

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

Take a walk alone. Consider the ways in which you are still striving to control your life, rather than surrendering it to Jesus. Pray you might relinquish that control to God.

Friday, March 25, 2016

Read: Luke 24:1-8.

Reflect:

1. When the women left the scene of Jesus' crucifixion and death, what emotions do you imagine they were experiencing?

2. How might the emotions of the women changed in the intervening days prior to going to the tomb?

3. Why didn't the women question the stone being rolled from the tomb's opening when they reached the place Jesus' body had been laid to rest?

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

As you prepare to attend a Good Friday church service today, what aspect of remembering Jesus' sacrifice are you most somber about?

Saturday, March 26, 2016

Read: Luke 11:37-44, 24:1-8, and 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Reflect on the following:

1. The two angels at the empty tomb reminded the women, “remember how he told you...‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

2. Without allowing Jesus to work in your life, is it impossible to be holy and clean inside and out through human effort alone?

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

1. God sent two angels to the tomb of Jesus to greet and challenge the women who arrived with spices. Who or what has God sent into your life to bring attention to Jesus?

2. How can you reflect to others both the light and life that Jesus has given you?

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week four 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:

Continue to reflect on your reading of Luke 11:37-44, 24:1-8, and Peter 3:18-22, along with what was shared during the sermon, and the reasons you celebrate Easter.

Invitation/Service:

Many of you took part arranging and celebrating The Ascent Church's Easter Egg Hunt in various neighborhoods. Many people from our community will be visiting (possibly for the first time), our church for worship. Respond as someone who has been sacrificed for, and who is now, saved.

Pray for ways to engage in follow up after meeting neighbors at the egg hunt. Take the initiative to make sure all feel welcome in the walls of your church campuses and Base Camp. As a family, how about making Easter baskets for some of your neighbors? A potential option might be using a mason jar as a basket.

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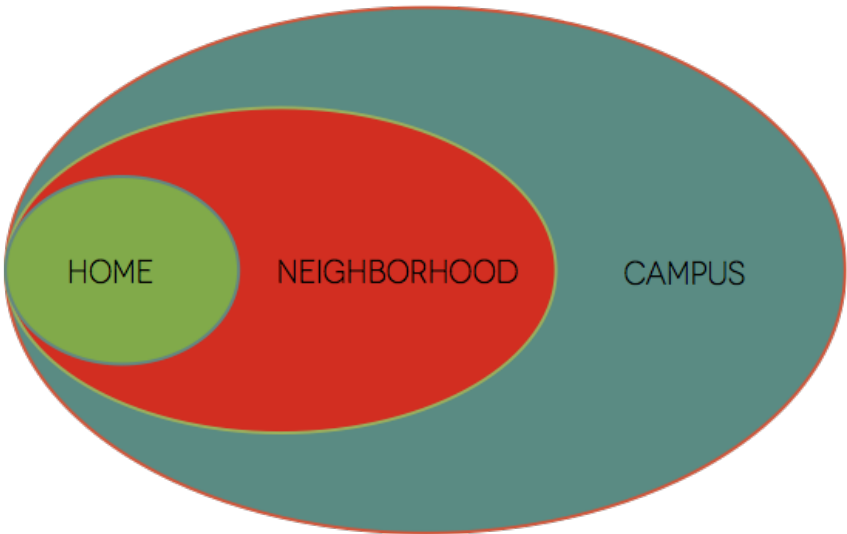
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Mission and Vision

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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