

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 2nd Sunday at 11:00 am, room 214 Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, at 10:45 am, in the lobby. *No pre-registration required.*



Explore II

Go deeper into the vision and mission of our church. Become an active part of our church community, and plug-in to neighborhood and campus ministries. **Held quarterly.**



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

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.



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.



Worship Team & Technical Arts

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



Sunday Morning Team

Serve as an usher or host with the welcome team. Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. Contact joel@theascentchurch.com

Community Life

Congregational Meeting

Important family business and update.

Sunday, October 18th

4:30—5:40pm before the Night of Worship & Prayer



**NIGHT OF
WORSHIP**

Night of Worship & Prayer

October 18

Woodmoor Campus at
6:00—7:30pm

Dress A Girl Around the World

You are invited to sew t-shirt dresses at Woodmoor on Oct. 24 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Our goal is to send 200 dresses with the Kenya team in Dec. Please bring your kits if you have one or bring your completed dresses by Nov. 7. Donations are needed of girls' & boys' t-shirts (no writing) and boys' pants. Questions? Contact Faye at 719-355-4488 or gebhardfamily@q.com.



Child Dedications

October 18

Open to those desiring to dedicate their child(ren) to the Lord, grow towards a Christ-centered home, and have The Ascent Church come along side on their journey of parenthood.

Register at www.theascentchurch.com.



Overflow Sunday Baptisms

Celebrate the proclamation of faith in Jesus through baptism. Overflow Sunday Baptisms will be Oct. 25 at each campus. If you or a family member would like to be baptized, email: info@theascentchurch.com.

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.

The Ascent Church Financial Update



Giving @ The Ascent

As of 8/31/2015:

Year To Date Giving: \$1,717,957.67

Year To Date Actual Expenses:

\$1,708,222.42

Year To Date Budget: \$1,957,963.28

Last Week's Offering: \$29,809.79

Weekly Budget: \$37,653.14

(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 (visit your App Store to
download)

Connection Opportunities *This Week*

Ascent Student Ministry (ASM)

(Middle & High School)

Ascent Student Ministries meets on Tuesday nights at the Woodmoor Campus. Our current series is “Known” learning about the character and mission of Jesus through His conversations with those around Him.

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

We will be digging deeper into the Bible on Sunday mornings beginning on Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.

- Northgate Campus: 9:30am
- Woodmoor Campus: 11:00am

Looking forward to seeing you! Contact Micah, Rob & Taylor at asm@theascentchurch.com.



Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

Save the date for **The Ascent Church Fall Festival**—Wednesday, October 28, from 6:00pm—8:00pm. Candy donations accepted at both campuses and volunteers are needed! Questions? Email fran@theascentchurch.com or melinda@theascentchurch.com.



Each Sunday:

Tiny Town is available for birth - PreK:

Adventure Quest is available for K - 4th grade:

Elevate is available for 5th & 6th grade:

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:30 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 9:30am

For more info, go to www.theascentchurch.com

Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

Equipping Classes: Sunday 9:30am at Woodmoor, *Book of Revelation* study. All are welcome!

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: The Parents of Teens Class meets Sunday mornings, 11:00am at the Woodmoor Campus in Room 210. This is a time for parents to learn and help one another in raising teens.

Men on the Ascent Bible Study: *Gospel of Mark* study Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

Women on The Ascent: Bible Studies offered on Tuesday mornings at the Woodmoor Campus.

Neighborhood studies are also available.

For more information, contact joel@theascentchurch.com.



The Compass Guide

If you're new to The Compass, welcome! Here is a short overview to keep in mind before you get started.

Advance Preparation

At the Ascent Church, we help you prepare in advance to worship together. Throughout the week we study the passage(s) that is (are) the focus for the upcoming Sunday. This allows the whole church to engage God's Word before we join together for worship and to hear God's Word preached.

Deeper versus Broader

We use one Bible passage in different environments to allow the passage to impact us in a variety of ways. It's not simply for study. It's for discussion in community and application. Remember, depth and maturity are not measured by new information or ideas. Depth is life change. One passage in different environments allows for a greater opportunity to have the Word of God go deep. The first question on the daily pages is one that may be helpful for group discussion, discussions with newer Christians, or for discussion with children or other family members.

Use versus Do

One trap related to a tool like *The Compass* is that people start to "do" it and then measure their success (and their guilt!) based on whether or not they "did" it. The Compass is simply a resource. If you use this to grow in your faith as an individual and in community, God will honor that. If you miss a few days, move on. *Use* the resource. Don't *do* it.

Transformation versus Education

Our goal with *The Compass* is to let the Word of God transform you. It's not so you can know more. It's so you can BE more like Jesus. So use the resource. Saturate yourself. Become more like Jesus every day as an individual and as a community! Let's grow together!

Passages for 10/12/2015 through 10/17/2015

Psalm 78:5-7, Ephesians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 5:1-7.

Monday, October 12, 2015

Read: Psalm 78:5-7.

Reflect:

1. Who were/are the “teachers” who impacted your spiritual life? How do/did you regard them?

2. Who were/are the “students” around you? How do/did you regard them?

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

1. What do you think is the most important spiritual thing to teach or model to others?

2. How could you make a greater spiritual impact on others?

3. What is your personal safeguard against forgetting the works of God in your life?

4. How can not forgetting help you to keep the commands of God?

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Read: Psalm 78:5-7 along with Deuteronomy 8.

Reflect:

1. Reflect on your life. When have you forgotten the works of God?

2. What were the results during this time?

3. What testimony is established in you?

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

1. Refer to the Deuteronomy passage. What things did God command the Israelites to remember?

2. What weight does a personal story of what God has done for a person have on you? Why?

3. Specifically, what can you do to avoid the pitfall of forgetting God's goodness to you?

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Read: Ephesians 3:20-21.

Reflect:

How are we limited in what we do, ask, or think?

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

1. Ephesians gives us a key piece of information to be included in relating our story to others. What is it?

2. What are different ways you can give God the appropriate glory and thanks as you share your story with others?

3. What religious traditions or activities do you need to re-dedicate to God in order to focus on the true reason for the activity? What will you do this week toward that end? Who will you share this with?

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Read: 1 Peter 5:1-7.

Reflect:

What is the heart of this verse for you? Summarize it below.

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

Complete the following. How do you identify yourself as . . .

a) a witness of the sufferings of Christ?

b) a partaker in the glory?

c) shepherd of a flock?

d) subject to the elders?

Friday, October 16, 2015

Read: 1 Peter 5:1-7.

Reflect:

1. What do you think is the heart attitude the shepherd and the flock need to embrace?

2. What happens if this attitude is replaced with selfishness, competitiveness, or arrogance?

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

1. What are the pitfalls for you to avoid as a member of the flock?
As a shepherd of others?

2. How does verse 7 connect to the idea of shepherds and flocks?

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Read: Psalm 78:5-7, Ephesians 3:20-21, and 1 Peter 5:1-7.

Reflect:

As you reread the Scripture passages, pick out the top three takeaways for you personally and list them below:

a)

b)

c)

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

As you prepare for attending worship tomorrow, think about the following:

a) How will you model that worship for family, friends, and others around you? Specifically, how does this give glory to God?

b) What conversations can you have to encourage others before or after the service, at home, and throughout the week through what God has been doing or has done in your life?

c) What other ways you can share your own story of God's hand in your life this week?

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Preparation: Read the article “Your Child is Your Neighbor” at <http://bit.ly/1YVCdzJ> to get a bit of context for your Base Camp conversation. Read below to understand the sequence. The goal is to experience a bit of Ephesians 3:21. Pray for this gathering—intergenerational ministry is great, but it can be hard!

Intergenerational Time (children, teens, and adults):

Opening Questions: seven minute each.

- Children: What is your favorite Bible Story? Act like the main character. Now switch roles, and pretend you are thanking them for teaching you something important.
- Teens: From whom did you first hear or understand that Jesus is real—that he can be part of your life? What was that like? Who is one of your Christian heroes?
- Adults: Was the person/people who helped you come to faith your same generation? Older? Younger? What was the key for you coming to faith?
- All: What do you like about being various ages in our group? How does it look like these stories?

Dismiss children (and teens, if desired) to appropriate activity for the remaining group time. Read Psalm 8:5-7.

- What does it mean that God “established a testimony in Jacob”? What is that testimony?
- How does it and “a law” combine with “the next generation might know them”?
- By what measure does this passage note success?
- What do you need within your Base Camp to gain success?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-7

- How does this passage provide help?

If there is time, share the insights of the “Your Child is Your Neighbor” article.

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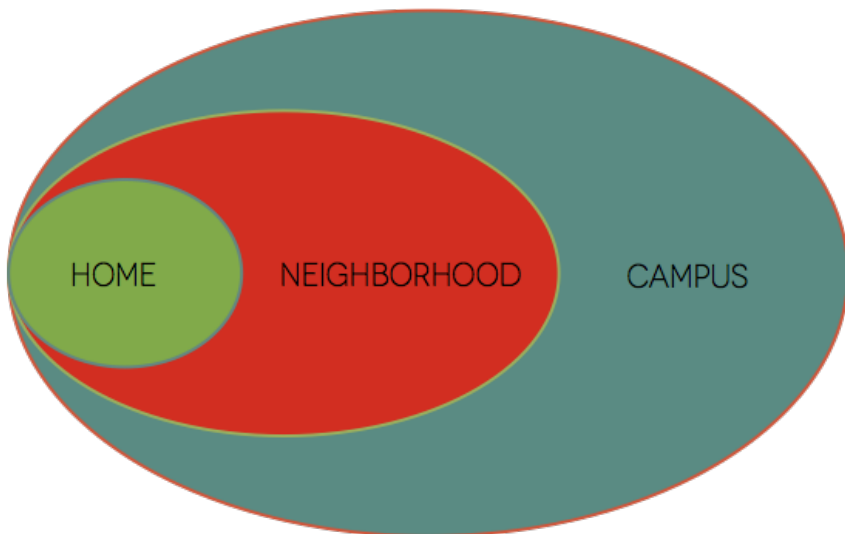
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Mission and Vision

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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