

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



January 8, 2017



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: TODAY 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: January 15, 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 at: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.



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 email info@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life

Congregational Meeting

An Ascent Church Congregational Meeting will be held on January 15.

- Northgate Campus: after 10:15am service
- Woodmoor Campus: after 11:00am service

Catch the Vision for Children's Ministry!

Parent and Volunteer Meeting

Be inspired and hear the vision for impacting children in Tiny Town, Adventure Quest and Elevate.

- Northgate: January 22, 11:30am - 12:15pm, Upper Level Lounge.
- Woodmoor: January 29, 10:15am - 11:00am, Event Center.



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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING
SAT, JAN 14
3-5PM
SIGN-UP ONLINE

New Bible Studies and Classes

Join the new Women's and Men's studies plus Sunday morning classes starting this January. Please see the Connection Opportunities Page or visit The Ascent Church website for more details.

www.theascentchurch.com

Women
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Women's Retreat

APRIL 7-9, 2017

SPRING CANYON RETREAT CENTER

www.theascentchurch.com/women



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.



GUATEMALA 2017

ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES

ASM Mission Trip

ASM will be returning to Guatemala in the summer of 2017. If you are interested in joining the mission team, please email: taylor@theascentchurch.com.



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes during worship
- Online www.theascentchurch.com/give1
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting Tara at tara@theascentchurch.com.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: January 10, 17, 24, 31 for MS and HS.

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

High School Bowling on January 14, 3-5pm. Register online.

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: January 8, 15, 29.

- Northgate: 10:15am, 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

Catch the Vision: Children's

Ministry, Parent and Volunteer Meeting. Extended Programming will be available for children nursery-6th grade during the meeting.

- Northgate: January 22, 11:30am - 12:15pm, Upper Level Lounge.
- Woodmoor: January 29, 10:15am - 11:00am, Event Center.



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:

Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213. The Connection Class will be studying the book of Hebrews. All are welcome!

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. Join us this January!

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

Women on the Ascent Bible Studies:

Register now for studies starting January 17, childcare available.

- Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.
 - *Daniel* by Beth Moore
 - *Intentional Women with Moms & Beyond*.
- WOTA Journey: Wednesday evening study, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available.

MOPS: Tri-Lakes MOPS – “Mothers of Preschoolers” meet the second and fourth Thursday each month at 9am at the Woodmoor Campus.

Women on the Ascent Retreat:

April 7-9, Spring Canyon Ranch in Buena Vista. Register by February 1, cost is \$190 for an amazing weekend!



This Sunday's Message

Trail Mapping

I. A _____ He longs to _____.

Luke 15:4-7

A. The rest of the sheep are expected to _____
_____ until the Shepherd is done.

B. Remember when He _____.

II. A _____ He longs to _____ and _____.

Luke 15:8-10

A. Lost coins are often _____.

B. Lost coins are often _____.

C. The Lord will get His _____
to reach them.

III. A _____ He longs to _____.

Luke 15:11-32

A. This child is _____, _____ and
_____.

B. The older son is _____, _____ and
_____.

C. But the Father _____,
and _____.

The take home: _____ for _____ in _____.

Invite 2 _____ to Ascent Church _____
_____ in 2017.



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 Passage for January 9 – January 14, 2017:

Acts 2:42-47

Monday, January 9, 2017

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Reflect: This week your reflections will begin with Acts 2:42-47. You will spend time reflecting on the importance of Christians participating in small groups, where biblical community can best develop and grow.

Read Acts 2:42 a second time. Notice that the early Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings.” The apostles revealed the teachings of Jesus, the teachings of the Scriptures (the Old Testament at that time), and the spiritual instructions they were receiving through inspiration from the Holy Spirit. How do you devote yourself to something similar?

Make a list of Bible teachers who have especially influenced your spiritual growth. Offer a prayer of thanks for them.

Read Acts 2:42 again. Notice the early Christians also devoted themselves “to the breaking of bread” (mostly likely a meal and the Lord’s Supper) and prayer. How do you participate in this ritual today?

Tuesday, January 10, 2016

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Reflect: The relationship the early Christians had with one another included being together regularly, having all things in common, meeting in the temple, meeting in homes (“breaking bread” probably means having a meal together), and praising God together. When and where do you participate in the same things today?

Read Acts 10:23-33; Acts 16:14-15,40; and Acts 16:25-34. Compare these passages to Acts 2:42-47. What spiritual revelations come to the forefront?

What is the most important revelation for you from these passages?

Wednesday, January 11, 2016

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Reflect: Think about the sense of unity these early Christians experienced. Now read Genesis 1:26-31 and reflect upon the unity between God and humanity that is revealed in these verses. What do you think the statement “Let us make man in our image” refers to? What does it mean to you?

Read Ruth 1:8-18. What does this passage reveal about the depth of a spiritual relationship? What does such a relationship entail? With whom do you have this kind of relationship?

Write a prayer of gratitude for the people with whom you have a deep spiritual bond.

Thursday, January 12, 2016

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Reflect: Today you'll reflect upon the unity God desires for His people. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. In what ways did the lessons in this passage impact the behavior of the Christians identified in Acts 2:42-47? What is most important to you from all of these passages?

Read John 17:11, 20-23. What is Jesus' primary desire for His people in this prayer? What were the people mentioned in Acts 2:42-47 doing to fulfill Jesus' desire?

Friday, January 13, 2016

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Reflect: Read Matthew 28:19-20. How was the early church fulfilling this commission from Jesus?

Where are you fulfilling this today?

Read Acts 6:1-7. Notice the concern for shared responsibilities of ministry in the early church as well as the results of their shared ministry. Where does this kind of shared ministry occur today?

Read Acts 2:47; 6:7. What do these two verses have in common? Write a prayer that our church would experience what this early church experienced.

Saturday, January 14, 2016

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Reflect: Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-17. What is the meaning and symbolism of one cup and one bread? What does this mean for you and for our church?

Read Ephesians 4:1-7. What do you believe is the most important lesson from this passage for you and for our church?

Read Romans 12:1-5. What do you believe is the most important lesson from this passage for you and for our church?

In light of your reflections this week, finish the following sentence:
I believe God wants me to . . .

. . . in order to grow and mature in my faith in relationship with the people in my church and in my Base Camp (small group).

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: As a group, spend time in prayer, preparing your hearts and minds for what God has in store during this time.

Mixed: This week, focus on hearing and sharing what God is doing in your group. Remember that God wants to speak through you and use those around you to speak to you. Take time to listen and help others share and process what God is doing.

Spend some time as a group discussing what God has pointed out to you this week through the Compass and through your quiet times.

What is holding you back from spending time in the apostles' teaching?

Why is deep community and fellowship important? What fruits have you seen from spiritual fellowship? How can you make these fruits grow?

What is holding your group back from deeper spiritual fellowship?

Spend time engaging in each others' lives through prayer. How can you support each other?

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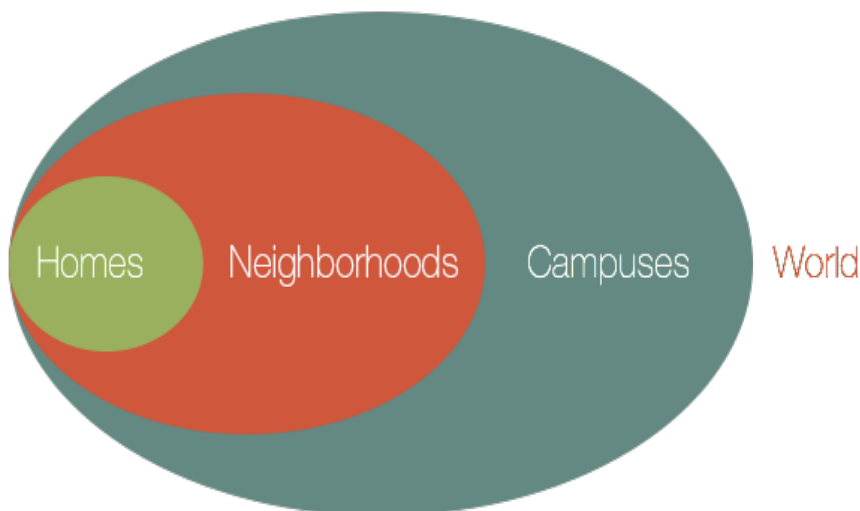
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Mission and Vision

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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