

# THE COMPASS

Current Series:



October 18, 2015



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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).



## Worship Team & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info, contact [carson@theascentchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com)

# Community Life

## Congregational Meeting

Important family business and update.

*Tonight! October 18th*

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

**NIGHT OF  
WORSHIP**

## Night of Worship & Prayer

*Tonight! October 18*

Woodmoor Campus at  
6:00—7:30pm

## Fall Family Party

Wed, October 28th

6:00-8:00 pm

at the

Woodmoor Campus

CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR TRI LAKES CARES



## Daylight Saving

*Don't forget, on  
November 1, we will  
change our clocks  
back an hour.*



## 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](mailto:info@theascentchurch.com).

## Dress A Girl Around the World

You are invited to sew t-shirt dresses at Woodmoor on Oct. 24 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Please bring your kits if you have one or bring your completed dresses Nov. 7. Donations are needed of girls & boys t-shirts (no writing) and boys pants. Questions? Contact Faye at 719-355-4488 or [gebhartfamily@q.com](mailto:gebhartfamily@q.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 9/30/2015:

Year To Date Giving: \$104,453.99

Year To Date Actual Expenses:  
\$136,331.60

Year To Date Budget: \$147,982.16

Last Week's Offering: \$20,169.81

Weekly Budget: \$36,995.54

- (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.

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

We will be digging deeper into the Bible on Sunday mornings beginning **today**. Future dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22.

- Northgate Campus: 9:30am, rooms 3433 and 3435
- Woodmoor Campus: 11:00am, rooms 213 and 216

Looking forward to seeing you! Contact Micah, Rob & Taylor at [asm@theascentchurch.com](mailto:asm@theascentchurch.com).



## Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

**The Ascent Church Fall Festival** will be October 28, 6:00pm—8:00pm. Cupcake walk, games, sports room, face painting and more! Candy and cupcake donations accepted at both campuses and volunteers are needed! Questions? Email [fran@theascentchurch.com](mailto:fran@theascentchurch.com) or [melinda@theascentchurch.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 10/19/2015 through 10/24/2015

### Acts 2:36-41.

**36** “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” **37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

# Monday, October 19, 2015

**Read:** Acts 2:36-41.

**Reflect:**

When Peter told the crowds the great good news about the Lord Jesus Christ, they were “cut to the heart.” Why was this a message that “cut to the heart?”

When or how are you “cut to the heart?”

What effect does God’s Word have in your life?

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

Journal about how you are “cut to the heart” or “disturbed by God.” How did this come about? What did it look like for you to be so disturbed--Joy? Conviction? Peace? Hunger?

Tell another person this week about how God reaches and transforms you through His Word.



## Tuesday, October 20, 2015

**Read:** Acts 2:37b, 38 & 41; Mark 5:18-20.

**Reflect:**

When the crowds were “cut to the heart” by Peter’s message, they immediately wanted to know what to do, and responded. Including what’s in these verses and other Bible passages, write some possible responses to the gospel.

Why do repentance, baptism, the Holy Spirit and forgiveness appear together in verse 38? What is their relationship?

How does the Holy Spirit come to you and work through and in you? What was the Holy Spirit’s role at your own baptism?

How is the demon-possessed man’s testimony after healing like your baptism? How is it different?

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

Do you have the sense of urgency in response to the gospel like those in Acts? Like the demon-possessed man? Why or why not?

What can you share or declare about your salvation this week?

## Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**Read:** Acts 2:36 & Romans 10:9-10.

**Reflect:**

Acts 2:36 has the “simple” message to the crowds that Jesus was Lord and Christ, and Romans 9 has the “simple” message of confessing Jesus as Lord and believing He was raised from the dead. Are these really “simple” truths?

Write what it means for you that He is Lord:

Write what it means for you that He is the Christ, the Messiah, raised from the dead: (i.e. Why does being raised from the dead matter? Why did He die?)

Why are repentance and baptism natural responses to Peter’s message?

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

Meditate on “how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.” (Mark 5:19)

Consider repentance and baptism as your own responses to your Lord and Savior.

## Thursday, October 22, 2015

**Read:** Romans 7:21-8:2 & Romans 6:1-7.

**Reflect:**

The passage in Acts from this week talks about repentance from sin and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit at baptism. How do Paul's words in Romans connect with repentance and the Holy Spirit?

How do you rely on the Holy Spirit?

How have you died to sin?

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

Praise God for delivering you from sin.

Ask God for the counsel of His Holy Spirit to fill you with the joy of your salvation and a contrite heart.

## Friday, October 23, 2015

**Read:** Acts 2:36-41, focusing on v. 41.

**Reflect:**

Why did Peter's message have such a profound effect on people in that day?

How can you preach God's message of repentance and baptism?

What impact has your baptism had on you? On others?

What testimony or truth can you give to others about baptism, repentance or the Holy Spirit? Can you have an effect like Peter? Why or why not?

Consider the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20. What does this mean for you as a 21st Century believer?

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

Consider sharing the news of our upcoming baptism service with someone in your Base Camp or neighborhood.

## Saturday, October 24, 2015

**Read:** Acts 8:34-38 & Act 2:36-41 & Romans 10:14-15.

**Reflect:**

Both the eunuch from Acts 8 and the crowds from Acts 2 recognized a great truth revealed to them, and responded enthusiastically in baptism and confession of Christ as Lord. Tomorrow is our baptism service. Think about how those people who will be baptized heard the great truth of the gospel. Write your thoughts here.

Who is your “eunuch on the desert road?” How is God calling you to that “desert road?”

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

Pray God will prepare you for the service tomorrow and would touch your heart and mind, and the hearts and minds of others, as you witness the baptisms.

Share your thoughts about the baptisms with your Base Camp.

## Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week four of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps, focused on the “overflow” of our lives as believers.

**Read:** Read Acts 2: 14-41 and Romans 6:1-7

What are your initial thoughts upon reading Peter’s sermon and response from Acts 2? What stands out to you?

### **Reflect:**

When Peter told the crowds the great good news about the Lord Jesus Christ, they were “cut to the heart” or “stunned.” Why was this a message that “cut to the heart?” How are you “cut to the heart?”

To repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus means to turn from sin and follow Jesus with all of your life. How is this challenging to you?

How do Paul’s words in Romans 6 connect with repentance and the Holy Spirit? How have you died to sin?

### **Respond:**

Why could Peter’s message have such an impact on people in that day? What facts about Jesus are key for non-believers to understand (vv.29-33)?

What impact has your baptism had on you? On others?

When was the last time you took an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus, repentance, and perhaps your own story and baptism?

Can you have an effect like Peter?

Consider the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20. What does this mean for you as a 21st century believer?

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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.

