

THE COMPASS

Next 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 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: **date change to August 14th**, 10:15 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 11:30 am in lobby.



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

WOMEN ON THE ASCENT

Give Back Night

Benefiting:
Sole Hope

Tri Lakes Cares School Supplies

When: August 11, 2016,
6-7:30 pm

Location: Wesley Owens
(food and drinks available for purchase)



MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY RETREAT

FRIDAY AUGUST 12-SATURDAY 13

4PM-4PM

\$50

SIGN UP ONLINE

THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/STUDENTS

24 HOURS OF MYSTERIOUS FUN AND SUSPENSE

PARENTS KNOW ALL THE DETAILS, STUDENTS ONLY KNOW
WHAT TO BRING



COMPASSION SUNDAY

AUGUST 21 AT ALL
SERVICES, BOTH
CAMPUSES


Releasing children from poverty
Compassion
in Jesus' name

WE ARE THE

Starry Eyed

Tri-Lakes
MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers



Scan QR for our website and you will have the info you need for open house

Join Tri-lakes MOPS!!

Are you feeling starry eyed and sleep deprived? Are you a mother of a child between 0-5 years? Tri-lakes MOPS would like to invite you to their Open House August 18th from 9am-11am at the Woodmoor Campus.

 TriLakes MOPS

Trilakesmops.blogspot.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.

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering: \$26,588.10

As of 6/30/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,321,468
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,355,383
YTD Budget:	\$1,775,786

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$27,551
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$31,314



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: August 9, 16, 23, and 30.

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

ASM MS Mystery Retreat: August 12-13, 4pm-4pm, 24 hours of mysterious fun; the trick is the middle school students don't know what they are! We will provide parents with a detailed schedule of our weekend but students only get a packing list to know what to bring. The cost for this retreat is \$50.00. Register at: www.theascentchurch.com/students.

More information about ASM upcoming events can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com.

Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:00 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 10:00am

More information about our Children's Programs can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

Compassion Sunday: August 21, more information to follow.

To volunteer with the Missions Team, visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: ASM will return on September 11.

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

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:

Meetings will resume in the fall.

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

Women on the Ascent: "Give Back Night", August 11, 6-7:30pm, Wesley Owens Coffee. Benefiting Sole Hope and TriLakes Cares School Supplies.

I Am The Door

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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 8/8/16 – 8/13/16: Genesis 1:1-2, Exodus 3:1-6;13-15 and Deuteronomy 6:4.

Monday, August 8, 2016

Read: Genesis 1:28; Exodus 36:2; Isaiah 1:18 (ESV if possible);
1 Corinthians 6:3,13:11.

Reflect:

According to these verses (and your own observations), what makes humanity unique, one-of-a-kind among God's creation?

Read Genesis 1:26-27.

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

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

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Read: 1 Kings 18:20-35, Isaiah 45:22; Mark 12:29.

Reflect:

Why do you think the Bible goes to such length to pronounce God as the one and only God?

God has had challengers. Look again at 1 Kings 18:20-35. Does the fact there are those (men and angels alike) who would challenge God, imply that there are more gods than one?

Read: Isaiah 43:10-13.

Spend a few moments meditating on these verses. Pray through these verses as a worshipful offering to the one true God.

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

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Read: Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2.

Reflect:

What do you mean when you say there is one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Is this a contradiction in terms? Does it violate laws of logic? How can this be possible? How can God be three and one?

How can you profess this truth about the Trinity if you can't understand it?

Read: Isaiah 40:28, 55:8-9; Job 36:26.

The Bible openly claims that God is beyond your complete understanding. What would be the implications of worshipping a God you could fully understand? What does it say about the nature of God and your being created in His image that you cannot fully understand His nature?

Meditate on the following account from the apostle Paul: 1 Corinthians 13:9-12.

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

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Read: Exodus 3:1-6,13-15; Psalm 145:3; Isaiah 44:6; 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 1:8.

Reflect:

Why do you suppose God introduces Himself to Moses and the people as “I AM who I AM?” What does this name imply?

What does it mean for a day to be like a thousand years to God?

Think about a particularly difficult time in your life—specifically one that has come and gone. In a situation like this, how were you encouraged knowing that your God is the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, who was and is and is to come?

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

Friday, August 12, 2016

Read: Genesis 3:6-7,15; Job 19:25-27; Isaiah 53:4-6; John 10:10; Romans 1:3-4, 5:8, 6:4.

Reflect:

These verses tell the story of the Gospel, the Good News about what Jesus has done for His people. What does this Gospel message mean to you?

Think about yesterday's verses about God's power and might, along with these verses about how God gave up His one and only Son out of love for you. What does it mean to you that God is so powerful and at the same time so loving?

Consider meditating on Romans 5:8: "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Read: Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1, 9:6; James 3:9.

Reflect:

What does it mean to be an “image-bearer” of God?

In what ways do you think you reflect the glory of God in your life?

In what particular, concrete areas might you reflect God's goodness and love?

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

Building Our Base Camp Family

Prepare: Gather together (all ages) with note cards and pencils.

Intergenerational:

When I think about being created in the image of God, I know God loves me more than I could ever imagine. For God to give me a piece of the amazing qualities He alone possesses is overwhelming to say the least. God is flawless! He is the creator of my universe! He is my Father, and redeemer; is just, merciful, and righteous. His love is forever unavailing and has the power to heal and comfort like no other. God wants me to be as much like Him as humanly possible. How can I come close to living in His image? He doesn't call me to be Him, He calls me to stay close to Him and live my life in His reflection. I will stumble and fall at this task again and again, but I am called to keep trying. I am created with the ability to love deeply, forgive abundantly and have unlimited compassion. I am to seek God in all that I say and do, take judgement out of my vocabulary, love my neighbor as myself, care for and delight in God's creation of all things on this earth. I have been entrusted with this.

Take some time to reflect on how you might be struggling to live in His image. What characteristics of God have you wrestled with as you interact with people and the world He created? Then pray:

“Father, you put amazing thought into creating me in your perfect image. I am so blessed that You entrusted me with these beautiful qualities. Please help me be a light in the world that shines brightly. Through my words and actions may people see the beauty of You, Lord.”

Take some time to formulate one or two things you can do to shine His light in the world. Post in your room, on the refrigerator, or maybe the bathroom mirror as a good reminder. If you are heading off to school in the next couple weeks, I hope this might help prepare you for interactions with fellow students and teachers.

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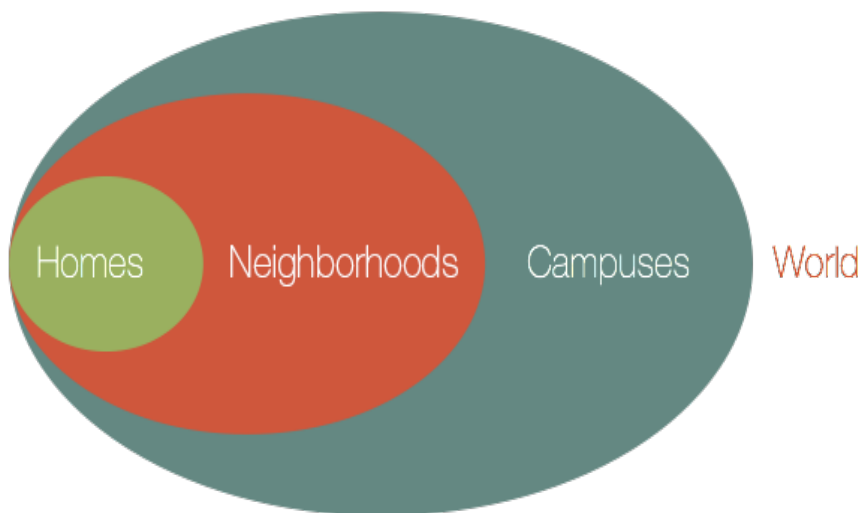
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Mission and Vision

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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