



THE COMPASS

Current Series:



September 27, 2015



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH

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.



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, as well as ongoing women's and men's bible studies. For more information, visit our website or contact Joel Witzel at 719.481.3600 or Joel@theascentchurch.com.



Giving @ 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 (visit your App Store to download)

Community Life

Bible Studies

Men on the Ascent - Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 6:15am. Study the Gospel of Mark and apply what you learn in daily life while connecting with others.

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

Contact Joel Witzel at Joel@theascentchurch.com.



Single Mom Baskets -



MOPS is collecting donations for Single Mom Baskets. If you would like to participate, we welcome items like candles, chocolate, lotion, gift cards, ornaments, tea, coffee, mugs, etc. We also need baskets, basket filler, cellophane and ribbon. These baskets will be distributed throughout the community around Thanksgiving. We will accept donations through Nov. 5th. If you would like to nominate a single mom, please contact Joel at joel@TheAscentChurch.com. Donations can be dropped off in The Ascent Church office, 1750 Deer Creek Rd in Monument.

Child Dedications on October 18, 2015

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 them on their journey of parenthood.

Woodmoor Campus all worship services
Northgate at 9:30am.

Register at www.TheAscentChurch.com
Parent Meetings: October 7, 6-7pm at the Woodmoor Campus or October 11, 10:45 at the Northgate Campus.



A Gratitude heART Journal study has open spots!

Starts Sept. 29th, Tuesdays at 9:30am, led by Roxanne Lingle.

Registration of \$50 includes the *1000 Gifts* study book and all art materials. *1000 Gifts* by Ann Voskamp will be our backdrop for this mixed media, art journaling, Bible study. Complete beginners to advanced creatives are all welcome, and we will encourage each other every step of the way. Register on www.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

As of 8/31/2015: (end of 2014/15 fiscal year)

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

Year To Date Actual Expenses: \$1,731,814.67

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

Last Week's Offering: \$29,407.92

Weekly Budget: \$36,995.54

Get Connected

Ascent Student Ministry (ASM)

(Middle & High School)

Ascent Student Ministries is still under construction, but we will meet this month for **September Nights with ASM**.

- Middle School meet from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- High School meet from 7:00pm - 8:15pm.

Dinner will be provided Sept. 29. For information or questions, please contact Micah, Rob & Taylor at ASM@TheAscentChurch.com.



Children's Ministry (Birth - 6th grade)

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

For more info go to www.TheAscentChurch.com
Questions? Info@TheAscentChurch.com.



Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

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

Men on the Ascent: *Gospel of Mark* study held each Tuesday at 6:15am. Woodmoor Campus in Rm 213.
Northgate Campus: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza.

Women on The Ascent: Bible Studies offered include: *Breath, A Woman's Heart, Moms & Beyond, ART Journaling (starts Sept. 29) and more!*

To register, contact Joel@TheAscentChurch.com.



Base Camps

Experience life with a neighborhood group.

Questions? Info@TheAscentChurch.com.



Worship Ministry & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info contact Carson@TheAscentChurch.com.

Sunday Morning Team

This is a great way to serve at The Ascent! Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. 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 9/28/2015 through 10/03/2015

**Genesis Chapter 3, Jeremiah 29:1-14, Luke 10:25-37,
Genesis 1:27-28, Romans 1:24-28 and John 8:1-1.**

Monday, September 28, 2015

This week we will review several of the passages we explored over the past three weeks. This week's reflections will serve as preparation to hear from four Christian college students on Sunday who will share their thoughts and observations regarding these same topics.

Read: Genesis Chapter 3 (focus on verses 17-24).

Reflect: Read Genesis 2:16-17. Write down, in your own words, what God's instructions were to Adam and Eve, and what were the consequences of violating those instructions.

Now, reflect upon Genesis Chapter 3 and notice the process that transpires as Adam and Eve ponder God's instructions and choose to violate them. Write down where you see this same behavior occurring today.

Identify specific ways life and culture are producing "thorns and thistles" for us today?

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Read: Jeremiah 29:1-14.

Reflect: How did God expect the Jewish people to live and behave while dwelling in a pagan culture during exile? Write down your observations.

Write down your thoughts regarding how we might apply the instructions given to the Jews to our environment today, along with the way we live and respond to the “pagan” people around us.

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Reflect: Examine each character in the story. Google search “Samaritans” and their relationship with Jews.

What is significant about the attitude the Jews had toward the Samaritan?

What cultural obstacles did the Samaritan overcome to help the person in need on the side of the road?

The Samaritan was identified as a good neighbor because he saw the wounded man as a neighbor. Would you consider yourself a good neighbor? Why? Who are the people in your life you see as your neighbors?

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

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Reflect: List types of people and issues we see today which could be metaphorically represented in the man on the side of the road?

What are ways you can exhibit the traits and attitude of the Samaritan to people you encounter?

What prejudices, attitudes or traditions will you have to overcome in order to help someone you consider different than yourself?

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

Friday, October 2, 2015

Read: Genesis 1:27-28 and Romans 1:24-28.

Reflect: What does the Bible say about God's design for sexuality and gender? Write down your thoughts based upon the Scriptures.

Do you believe being homosexual is sinful, even if no homosexual acts take place? Why? Why not?

Do you believe homosesexual activity is sinful? Why? Why not?

Now, read Romans 1:29-32. Below, write the word "Homosexuality" then list a sin (or sins) from the list you just read with which you battle in your own life. What do we need remember about building a hierarchy of sins?

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

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Read: John 8:1-11 (pay attention to vs 11).

Reflect: This woman was caught in a “sexual” sin listed right along with homosexuality in the law of their time. What was Jesus’ response to this woman and her sin?

How does Jesus approach us and our sin? Are there similarities to His approach to the woman? List some adjectives or observations regarding Jesus’ approach to sinners and their sin.

What is important about the “order” in which Jesus responded to her in verse 11? (Hint: break apart sentence and list in order of interaction.)

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

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare: Before dinner, give each child a sheet of white paper and some markers/crayons. Ask the teens to help the children create a picture using the word “LOVE”.

Intergenerational: All the children will display their “LOVE” pictures. Ask the teens and adults to comment on the pictures. Ask everyone in the group to close their eyes and think about someone they love. Ask the group if someone chose their mom or dad. Ask who chose a special friend or their pet.

God wants us to love our mom, dad, friends, pets, etc. ALSO, GOD WANTS US TO LOVE OTHER PEOPLE; EVEN PEOPLE THAT WE MAY NOT LIKE VERY MUCH!! God wants us to love our neighbor. Read and summarize Luke 10:25-37. In this Bible story God teaches us to love like Jesus loves and to express our love with action, not just words. Ask the children/teens to listen for the names of three people--Priest, Levite, and Samaritan. Who loved like Jesus loves?

Conclude your time together with the following True/False exercise:

I will continue watching my favorite show, even though someone needs my help.

I will help my unfriendly neighbor clear off their driveway after a snowstorm.

(Ask each family or person to come up with more true/false statements concerning loving our neighbors and loving those that we may not like very much) Spend time praying for others.

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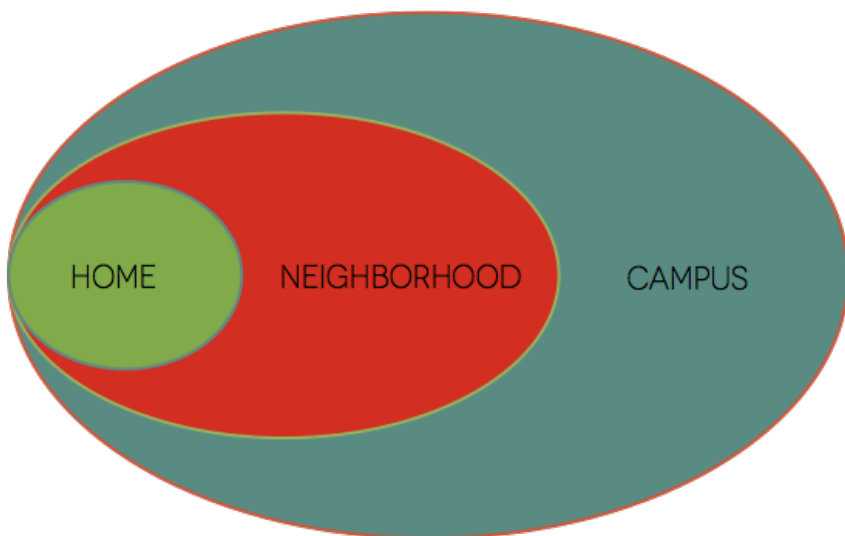
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Mission and Vision

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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