

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



October 16, 2016



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: every 1st Sunday, 10:15 am in Rm 212.
- Northgate Campus: **TODAY**, 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.



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



Woodmoor Campus: 1st Sunday, 10:15am
Northgate Campus: 3rd Sunday, 11:30am
Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!
No pre-registration required.

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: \$18,619.89

As of 9/30/2016:

YTD Giving: \$73,458

YTD Actual Expenses: \$123,411

YTD Budget: \$122,505

Fiscal Year 2016-17

Avg. Weekly Giving: \$20,247

Avg. Weekly Budget: \$30,626



Giving at The Ascent

- (1) Offering Boxes: Cash/check (in our worship service)
- (2) Online: From our website
- (3) Kiosk: Back of Worship Center
- (4) Mobile/Text: The Ascent Church App (download from your App Store)

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday
Dates: Oct. 18, 25
for MS and HS.

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

ASM upcoming events:
www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: Oct. 16, 23, 30.
• Northgate: 10am, 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

Child Dedication: October 16 at all services. Register online:
www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

All Church Fall Family Potluck and Movie Night: October 28, 5:30 - 9pm, Woodmoor Campus.

Missions

Thank you for supporting our missions and missionaries last weekend! Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions for more information.



Equipping Ministry

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:
1 & 2 Corinthians, 6:00am coffee;
6:15am start.

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

Women on the Ascent Studies:
Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor
Campus, childcare available.

Neighborhood and evening Bible Studies also available.

Wednesday evening study, **1 & 2 Corinthians**, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available. On Wednesdays when Women on the Ascent have their monthly meeting, we will participate in that event in lieu of our study.

Info: www.theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: 2 Kings 7:3-9;
Ephesians 1:3; Ephesians 2:1-3;
2 Corinthians 5:20.

MADE FOR MISSION

1. _____ What I _____.

2 Kings 7:3-4, Ephesians 2:1-3 — Misery!

2. _____ What I _____.

2 Kings 7:5-7, Ephesians 1:3 — Abundance!

3. _____ What I _____.

2 Kings 7:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:20 — Share!



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 10/17/16 – 10/22/16:

Genesis 2:8-9; 15-1; 3:1-7; Isaiah 43:5-7; John 1:18; 12:12, 23-32; 17:1-3; Ephesians 1:11-14; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:11; Hebrews 12:1-2; Revelation 7:11-12.

Monday, October 17, 2016

Read: Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17; 3:1-7 through several times. As you read, reflect on the question *Why did God create man?*

Reflect:

What does it mean to enjoy God and His presence?

What was the fatal flaw that resulted in Adam and Eve's sin?

How does this lie manifest today?

How can you avoid giving in to that flaw in your life?

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Read: Isaiah 43:5-7; John 1:18; 12:23-32; 17:1-3 in several different versions, if possible. Ask God to show you what it means to glorify Him.

Reflect:

Reflect on the Isaiah passage. What does it mean that God created us for His glory?

According to the passages in John, what would you say was Jesus's purpose in coming to earth and living among His children?

Take time to meditate on what it means for you to glorify God through your life here on earth.

Spend some quiet time in prayer. Ask God to show you what He wants to change in your life in order for you to glorify Him. As you listen for Him to speak, jot down the thoughts that come to your mind.

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

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Read: Ephesians 1:11-14; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 1 Peter 2:9-12.
As you read, allow the truth of God's Word to penetrate your heart and mind.

Reflect:

What are a few of the words or ideas you see repeated in today's passages?

Ask some of the people you encounter today what they think it means to glorify God. Jot down their responses.

Look up the definition of *glorify*. Does the definition provide any insight into these passages?

Ask God to allow you to bring glory to Him in your words, thoughts, and deeds.

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

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:11; Hebrews 12:1-2; Revelation 7:11-12. Reflect on how you might glorify God in everything you do.

Reflect:

Spend time meditating on 1 Corinthians 10:31. If you haven't already, commit the verse to memory.

As you go through your day, ask yourself if you're glorifying God. Write down any reflections you have on this.

How might the world be different if all who have been saved by the blood of Christ live a life that truly glorifies God?

What prevents you from glorifying God with your life?

Ask God to show you areas of your life where you're not glorifying Him. Allow Him to speak to your heart.

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

Friday, October 21, 2016

Read: Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17; 3:1-7; Isaiah 43:5-7; John 1:18; 12:23-32; 17:1-3; Ephesians 1:11-14; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:11; Hebrews 12:1-2; Revelation 7:11-12.

Reflect:

As you review the passages from this week, reflect on what you've learned about your purpose here on earth. Certain Christian traditions teach key truths of the gospel through catechisms. In the Westminster Shorter Catechism, the first question is "What is the chief end of man?" The answer is "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."

Summarize what you've learned from this week's studies.

Spend some time in prayer. Thank God for creating you to enjoy Him forever, and commit to Him you want to glorify Him more and more each day.

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

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Reflect:

Look over your notes from this week. Ask God to show you how to apply what you've learned.

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

Find someone with whom you can share the insights and actions you want to put into practice. Ask this person to be an encourager for you next week.

Prepare your heart for worship tomorrow. Make it a priority to attend church. This could be your recharging station, increasing your desire to glorify God through your thoughts, actions, and attitudes throughout the week.

Write a short prayer to God. Express your desires to Him, and ask for His power to live out these desires for His glory.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare:

Church is integral for you as you meet fellow Christians in worship and adoration of your God. C.S Lewis said, “The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ.”

Invitation/Service:

Consider serving at the church. If you already serve, you’re helping create an avenue for friends and neighbors to have an encounter with God. As you give of your time, strength, and talent, may your deeds honor the purposes of your Heavenly Father.

In all you do, may you dwell in His joy and reflect His image to the world that so desperately needs Him.

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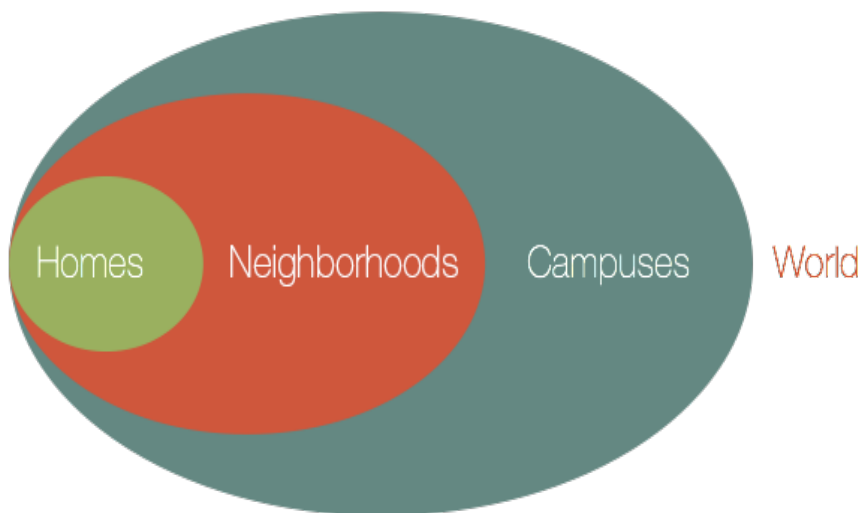
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Mission and Vision

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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