

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



October 23, 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: every 3rd Sunday, 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 email info@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 at: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.

Community Life

CHRISTMAS TEA

"All is Calm"

DECEMBER 3, 2016

2:00 - 4:00 PM

TO HOST A TABLE, REGISTER ONLINE:
www.theascentchurch.com



FALL FAMILY POTLUCK, MOVIE & GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:30 ✨ 9:00PM ✨ WOODMOOR CAMPUS



National Collection Week
November 14-21

PACK A SHOEBOX >



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.



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: The Ascent Church App

Financial Update

Financial information can be obtained by contacting the church office.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: Oct. 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. 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

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

Missions

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available at each service on Oct. 30. Pack a shoebox to make a difference in the life of a child!

More information and ideas for what to include in the shoebox, available at: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



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.

Info: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: James 1:17;
Psalm 63:1; Job 19:25-27; Psalm 27:4;
1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2-3.

MADE FOR GLORY

1. The Glory of God is My _____

_____ (Whether I _____ It Or Not).

James 1:17, Psalm 63:1, Job 19:25-27, Psalm 27:4

2. Heaven = _____ _____ _____ Up

_____ and Personal.

Romans 1:20, 1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 John 3:2-3



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 10/24/16 – 10/29/16:

Genesis 2:5-24; 3:8; Romans 3:23-24; 8:12-26;
Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:52;
Hebrews 12:18-29; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-22:5; (Isaiah 65:17-25).

Monday, October 24, 2016

This week's journey into the Scriptures will take you from Genesis to Revelation. The theme is "Made for Eternal Life." The eternal life the Bible speaks of is not just an everlasting life to be experienced in heaven, but rather it's a life of particular quality that begins here on earth, through our encounter and relationship with Jesus. It endures and unfolds into eternity. Today you begin to reflect upon the origin of eternal life and the problem humanity has with receiving and experiencing it.

Read: Genesis 2:5-24; 3:8.

Reflect:

Genesis 1 emphasizes the goodness and perfection of creation. Reflect upon Genesis 2:7-8, 15-17. What does God's warning in 2:15-17 mean?

Read Genesis 3:4-24. What are the consequences for Adam and Eve (and for all humanity) because they received the knowledge of good and evil (the result of eating the forbidden fruit)?

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 25, 2016

Read: Romans 3:23-24; 8:9-26.

Reflect:

In your own words, explain the meaning of Romans 3:23-24.

In your opinion, what is the main lesson from Romans 8:9-11?

In your opinion, what is the main lesson from Romans 8:12-18?

In your opinion, what is the main lesson from Romans 8:22-26?

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

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Read: Colossians 3:1-17.

Reflect: These verses display some lifestyle characteristics of eternal life and some lifestyle characteristics not part of eternal life.

Read Colossians 3:1-4. What are you—someone who has been “raised with Christ”—being asked to do?

Now read Colossians 3:8-17. These verses display some of the “things above”, characteristic of an eternal lifestyle. In your opinion, what are four of the most important of these characteristics?

Read Colossians 3:5-11. These verses display some of the “things of earth” not characteristic of an eternal lifestyle. In your opinion, what are four of the most important of these earthly characteristics to avoid?

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

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57.

Reflect: As the resurrected Jesus was preparing to physically leave earth He made these promises:

*“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”
(Matthew 28:20).*

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:3).

Jesus is with you in His Spirit (see Romans 8:9-11) as you live on earth. He also promised to come again to earth to unfold the Kingdom of God in its fullness. He gives you victory over earthly death by resurrecting you, just as He had victory over death in His resurrection.

Review 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. List two or three important spiritual insights.

Review 1 Corinthians 15:50-57. List two or three important spiritual insights.

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

Friday, October 28, 2016

Read: Hebrews 12:18-29; 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Reflect:

Hebrews 12:18-21 reflects on how the Hebrew people received the Law and heard God's voice. Christians are told that they have not come to a mountain, trumpet, or voice that should evoke fear. Rather, as revealed in Hebrews 12:22-24, we've come to Mount Zion—to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Review Hebrews 12:22-24. What else have you come to in your participation in eternal life?

How will you respond to the declaration in Hebrews 12:28-29?

Look over 1 Peter 1:3-9. List the major spiritual declarations and insights you see that relate to eternal life.

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

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Read: Revelation 21:1-27.

Reflect:

What major spiritual insights do you see in Revelation 21:1-8?

Revelation 21:9-21 uses symbolic images to describe the magnificence, beauty, and perfection of the heavenly Kingdom in which all believers and followers of Christ will dwell for all eternity. Journal some of the thoughts and feelings you experienced as you read these verses.

Revelation 21:22-27 offers some of the most awe-inspiring declarations in all Scripture. From these verses, what do you perceive will be the nature and environment of eternal life in the heavenly Kingdom?

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, 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.

Preparation:

Search the web, or find photographs of places your group might consider “paradise”: a beach, mountaintop, garden, etc.

Intergenerational Element:

Before you begin, have everyone gather outside the house. Ask the following question: *When you think of eternal life or paradise, how much of what you visualize would fit in (houses, streets, people, scenery)?* Read Revelation 21:1-7 as a prayer over your group or neighborhood/community. During the meal, consider sharing stories of experiences you’ve had that have a heavenly or paradise nature.

Adult Study:

Read Genesis 2:5-24; Genesis 3:8; Revelation 21:1-22:5.

- *What parallels or similarities are present in the descriptions of God’s creation and the new heavens and earth?*
- *What do these teach you about the kind of life you were created to live? What would naturally be part of your daily life if you were still in the garden or the new creation?*
- *What are human relationships like in eternal life? For you who are saved, what will be your relationship with God in eternal life?*

Read Romans 3:23-24.

- *What is the mark you miss when you sin?*
- *What happens in relationships when you fall short of “the glory of God”?*
- *How does redemption solve the problem?*

Read Isaiah 65:17-25.

- *What ways can you live now that reflect your eternal life with God?*

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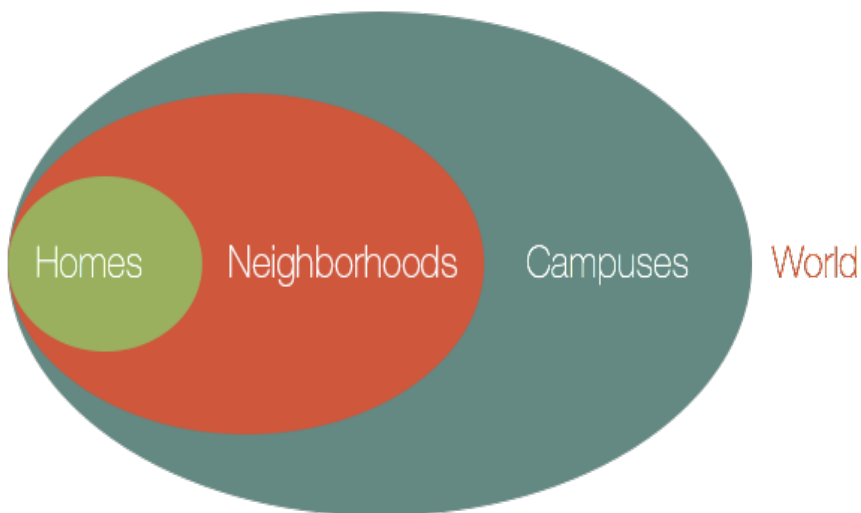
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Mission and Vision

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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