



THE
COMPASS

This Sunday



November 6, 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: TODAY, 10:15 am in Room 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



High School Girls
Mall Day
11.19.16
12pm-5pm
MEET AT WOODMOOR CAMPUS
WE WILL CARPOOL TO 167th
STREET MALL IN DENVER



SNOWBOUND Jan 20-22
\$150 before Nov. 10
\$175 after
Sign up @ TheAscentChurch.com/students



**CHRISTMAS
TEA**
"All is Calm"
DECEMBER 3, 2016
2:00 - 4:00 PM
TO HOST A TABLE, REGISTER ONLINE:
www.theascentchurch.com



Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION Christmas Child

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.

Time To CLIMB



We are incredibly pleased to share the news that attendance is up 30% in the past 6 weeks and offerings recently increased over 70%!

Thank you for your support and faithful prayers! We are grateful for God's rich blessings on The Ascent Church.

Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes during worship
- Online www.theascentchurch.com/give1
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting church office.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry



Equipping Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: November 8, 15, 29 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: November 6, 13, 20.

- 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

Catch the Vision!

Be inspired and learn about the vision for Children's Ministry. November 10, 6:00-7:15 PM, Woodmoor Campus.

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

Missions

Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to make a difference in the life of a child! Please return November 13 or 20. More information and ideas for what to include in the shoebox available at: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.

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:

I & II 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.

Wednesday evening study, I & II Corinthians, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available.

Info: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.

Christmas Tea:

The Christmas Tea will be December 3 from 2-4pm. Join this tradition and host a table! Sign up at:

www.theascentchurch.com/women.

We are also looking for bakers who enjoy making Christmas cookies. If you will bake, please call or text Jennifer: (618) 301-8827 or Karen: (210) 412-2041.



This Sunday's Message

Overcoming Fear

I fear because:

My _____ my _____ .

Joshua 1:1-9

The Overcomer asks:

Is _____ or not? (Am _____
_____ or not?)

I picture _____ in _____

and _____ in _____ and _____.

The Overcomer asks:

How can I _____ my _____ ?

Joshua 1:10-18

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 November 7 – 12, 2016:

- Joshua 2
- Jeremiah 29:4-14
- Romans 8:32
- John 16:32-33
- James 1:2-4
- 1 Peter 1:6-7
- Genesis 50:15-21
- Romans 8:26-28
- Jonah 4
- Psalm 37:4

Monday, November 7, 2016

Read: Joshua 2.

Reflect:

In what way did God provide for Joshua's two spies in spite of their difficulties and struggles?

Take another look at verses 8-11. What can you learn about the relationship between God's provision for you in the past and your trust that He will provide in the future?

What struggles are you facing in your life? How can you apply the lessons of Joshua 2, to trust the power of God in spite of these struggles?

Consider asking God to deliver you from your struggles as He delivered the Israelites from theirs.

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

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Read: Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:32; John 16:32-33.

Reflect:

What does God promise in Jeremiah 29? What does Paul suggest God will give you in Romans 8?

How do these promises compare to the promise Jesus makes in John 16?

Jesus promises you will have tribulation (ESV), trouble (NIV), or difficulties (MSG). How can you reconcile this promise with the fact you worship an all-powerful God who wants what is best for you?

Pray that God will show you His will in your life, and He will make it possible for you to take heart, because Jesus has overcome the world.

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Read: Joshua 2; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7.

Reflect:

Your struggles in this life might often test your faith. What do James and Peter mean when they talk about your faith, or the genuineness of your faith, being tested?

How do you think Joshua's spies may have had their faith tested while in Jericho?

What does James promise as a result of your faith being tested?

Pray God will use the struggles in your life—those you've worked through, those you may be going through now, and those you may face in the future—to make you "mature and complete, not lacking anything" (NIV).

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

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Read: Jeremiah 29:4-11; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 8:26-28.

Reflect:

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God promises good for His people. If you're going through a difficult time right now, how do these verses affect your perspective?

How does it make you feel to know the Almighty Creator of the universe has promised to prosper you, and all things work together for your good?

How can you reconcile these verses with Jesus' claim that "in the world [we] will have trouble" (John 16:33, NIV)?

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

Friday, November 11, 2016

Read: Jonah 4; Psalm 37:4; Jeremiah 29: 4-14.

Reflect:

The Jonah verses take place after he shared the Good News of God in Nineveh and the people repented. Why do you think Jonah was so angry? Why does Jonah accuse God of being merciful? In what ways do Jonah's desires fail to match God's desires?

Do you ever get the sense that your definition of good and God's definition of good aren't always the same? Try to think of an event, experience, or lesson during your life in which you *thought* you knew best, but God *actually* knew best.

Take another look at Jeremiah 29. It is true God promised to prosper His people, but He also said they were going to be in exile for generations. What might this teach you about the differences between your definition of what is good and God's definition?

What do you think God is promising in Psalm 37:4? What might happen to your desires if you were to truly delight yourself in the Lord?

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Saturday, November 12, 2016

Read: Joshua 2.

Reflect:

Given the previous days' questions, how can you interpret God's promises that He will prosper you (Jeremiah 29:11), all things work together for your good (Romans 8:28), and Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33)?

When you look at the entire history of God's people in the Old Testament, there is a clear pattern of God fulfilling His promises. The ancient Israelites didn't have the whole story. They had to live it day to day just as you do. How can you trust in and rely on the promises of God in spite of your current circumstances?

Pray God will reveal all the promises He's fulfilled in your life, and those fulfilled promises and answered prayers will allow you to see He has been working all things together for your good and allow you to take heart, for He has overcome the world.

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

Prepare

Encourage your Base Camp to read Joshua 2 and/or complete the week's Compass before arriving to Base Camp.

Intergenerational Element

As you share a meal, ask everyone to tell about a time when they were courageous. Pay attention to the stories of students and children.

Adult Study

Open with a minute of silent reflection on this question: How comfortable are you with your own failure(s)?

Read Joshua 2, then discuss:

- What was Rahab's profession? What was her tribal affiliation or nationality? What would the Israelite spies think of Rahab? Would they expect her to know YHWH, their God? Would she be a failure?
- Commentators clearly think it was not for sexual reasons, so why might the Israelite spies choose to lodge in Rehab's home? Would they expect Rahab to hide them?

Read Joshua 2:8-13, and discuss:

- How did Rahab come to know YHWH?
- What did this cause her to ask the spies? Why?

Read Joshua 2:17-21, and discuss:

- What did the spies promise? How might this have shaped Rahab's faith?

Read 2:22-24:

- What impact did Rahab's words have on Israel?

Discuss:

- What can we learn from Rahab?
- What verses encourage you as you overcome failure?
- What does it take to see others as faithful Rahabs rather than failed Rahabs?

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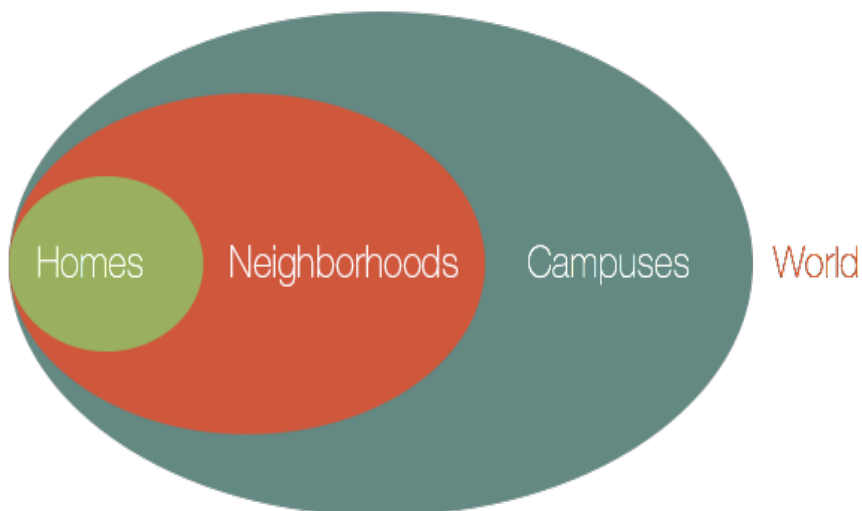
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Mission and Vision

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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