

# THE COMPASS

Current Series:



November 8, 2015



**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 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: **Held TODAY**, 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, learn our trail map for each person, ministry values, doctrine, and connecting with a Base Camp. Held quarterly at 10:45am 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).



## Worship Team & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info, contact [carson@theascentchurch.com](mailto:carson@theascentchurch.com).



## Sunday Morning Team

Serve as an usher or host with the welcome team. Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. Contact [joel@theascentchurch.com](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com)

# Community Life

## The Ascent Church Christmas Tea



Saturday  
December 5, 2015  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



November 22  
Northgate  
Campus

Dessert Potluck

Join us in the lobby  
after the Northgate  
service.

Bring your favorite  
dessert to share!  
Questions, contact Kitty  
at 303-886-5004.



We have the opportunity to bring "Good News. Great Joy." to many children around the world. Please stop by the Operation Christmas Child table to pick up a box to fill, and return by Nov. 22.

## Time for Prayer

This Sunday, meet for a time of prayer for The Ascent Church.

- Woodmoor Campus: 8:15am in Rm. 212
- Northgate Campus: 11:00am in Conf. Rm



Middle School  
Madness

Nov. 20 (Friday)  
8:00pm-12:00am

Join the middle school "madness" for a night of fun, games & adventure! And it's FREE!

Questions? [ASM@theascentchurch.com](mailto:ASM@theascentchurch.com)

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Sign up at  
[theascentchurch.com/](http://theascentchurch.com/)  
students or scan QR  
code. Parents, fill out a  
medical release form  
on our website.



# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

## Night of Worship & Prayer

November 22  
Woodmoor Campus at  
6:00—7:30pm

# 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: \$38,287.82**

As of 10/31/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$217,564
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$264,657
YTD Budget:	\$295,964

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$28,427
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$34,000



## 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 (download from your App Store)

# Connection Opportunities *This Week*

## Ascent Student Ministry (ASM)

(Middle & High School)

ASM meets Tuesday nights at the Woodmoor Campus.

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



**ASM meets today!** Join us to learn more about God's promises. Future dates: Nov. 15, and Nov. 22.

- Northgate Campus: 9:30am, rooms 3433 and 3435
- Woodmoor Campus: 11:00am, rooms 213 and 216

**NEW! ASM Middle School Madness** on Nov. 20 from 8:00pm—12:00am. Incredible time of fun and games! Email Micah, Rob & Taylor [asm@theascentchurch.com](mailto:asm@theascentchurch.com) for online registration link.

## Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

**Each Sunday:**

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

For more info, go to [www.theascentchurch.com](http://www.theascentchurch.com).



## Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

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

**NEW! Catalyst Equipping Class:** Catalyst is for those seeking to get connected with others and be equipped for Biblical community. Catalyst meets Sunday mornings, 11:00am following the 9:30am service at the Woodmoor Campus in room 212 starting Nov. 8.

**Parents of Teens Equipping Class:** The Parents of Teens Class meets Sunday mornings, 11:00am at the Woodmoor Campus in room 210. Join other parents for support and to help one another with raising our teens.

**Men on the Ascent Bible Study:** *Gospel of Mark* study Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

**Women on The Ascent:** Bible Studies offered on Tuesday mornings at the Woodmoor Campus.

Neighborhood studies are also available.

For more information, contact [joel@theascentchurch.com](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).





## Sermon Notes

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Today's Passage: Acts 2:42-47.



## **Shared Engagement and Preparation**

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass begins devotions on Monday and leads up to the Sunday which will focus 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, not biblical information itself. 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 devotion. Rather, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on and seek growth; 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 11/9/15–11/14/15:** Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:13.

# Monday, November 9, 2015

**Read:** Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 2:13.

**Reflect:**

1. What concerns you about—

a) being “crucified with Christ”?

b) no longer living, but having Christ living in you?

2. How are these possible?

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

1. Have you been crucified with Christ?

2. What evidence can others discern about your faith by witnessing how you live?

3. Speak to a friend, a Base Camp member, or a family member about your thoughts and reflections today.



## Tuesday, November 10, 2015

**Read:** Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 2:13.

**Reflect:**

1. Review your answers to yesterday's questions. What new insights do you have today on these topics?

2. What does it mean to have Christ living in you?

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

1. Does Christ live in you? How do you know?

2. If Christ does live in you, how does your life with Christ living in you differ from the way you used to live?

3. If Christ does live in you, how does your life with Christ living in you appear to the outside, non-Christian world?

# Wednesday, November 11, 2015

**Read:** Galatians 2:20; 3:19; and Philippians 2:13.

**Reflect:**

1. Place yourself in Jesus' time. Were the Jewish people living at this time sinners? Give some examples.

2. Prior to following Jesus, what role did the law fill in the life of the Jewish people?

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

1. From the verses above and from what you know about God's law, how did new followers of Jesus need to change their view of the law?

2. What did new followers of Jesus have to do to receive the grace of God and salvation if it could not be obtained by adherence to God's law?

3. What application does your answer to the previous question have in your life?

## Thursday, November 12, 2015

**Read:** Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 2:13.

**Reflect:**

Take some time to consider what it means to “live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

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

1. Reflect on the meaning of faith.

2. What does it mean to surrender to God’s will as you live your life?

# Friday, November 13, 2015

**Read:** Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 2:13.

**Reflect:**

1. What makes you worthy of the sacrificial gift Jesus has given you?

2. What makes you trust God to live in you and to work in you and through you?

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

1. How do you answer someone who tells you your life looks put together or neat and tidy?

2. Should it be your goal to show your neighbors your best? Is there something better you can exhibit as you live out your life “for his good pleasure”?

## Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Read:** Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 2:13, and review all responses from this week.

**Reflect:**

1. If Jesus lives in and through you, does that relieve the pressure of knowing how to live “rightly” in all situations? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How has the definition of your self worth and the worth of others changed this week?

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## Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week three of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service. Each week will have an intergenerational element (such as the meal); then there will be a focus for the meeting that follows the pattern and is attentive to God's Word and the age mix.

### **Prepare:**

Take some time as a Base Camp to pray with each other. Focus on what God is doing in the lives of those around you.

### **Mixed:**

It's helpful to look at the context of the Scripture passage for understanding and discussion. Galatians was written to speak against the Judaizers. The Judaizers were pushing the belief system that Christians had to focus on the law. Essentially, they were saying that the law was the end goal. Galatians 2:20 was written in order to pronounce that law is not the goal—instead the aim is to be in Christ.

In Philippians 2:13 we find encouragement as we move toward Christ—we discover that God has already been working in us toward that end. Salvation is not something we achieve alone—we find it through our relationships with God.

1. Take a moment to think about your salvation story. Describe this event.
2. How would your experience have been different if the goal had been the law?
3. How does life look different when being a Christian means focusing on Christ rather than focusing on your behavior?
4. What would the outcome be in society if people tried to attain salvation by themselves? How does the fact that God is already working in people change that picture?
5. How will these two verses affect relationships in your family, school, workplace, neighborhood and church?

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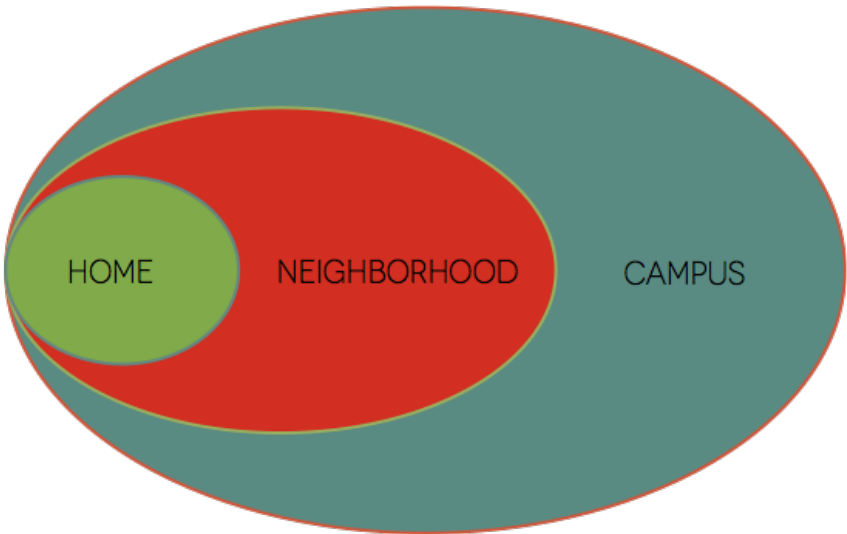
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# Mission and Vision

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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