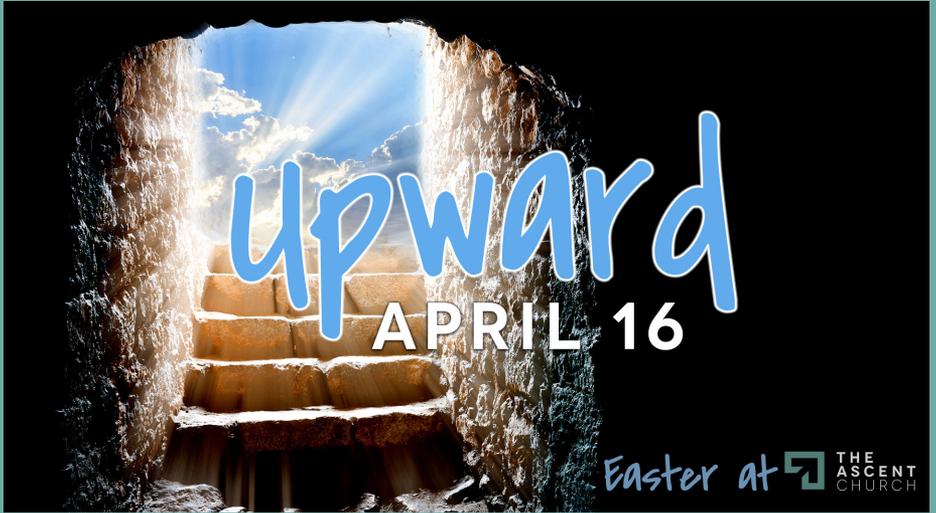


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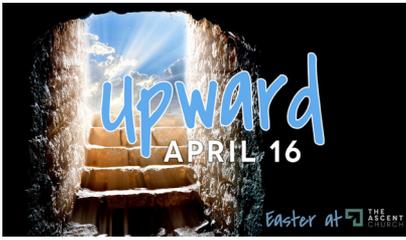
Easter Sunday



April 16, 2017



THE
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This Sunday's Message

“Resurrection Power”

Sermon Notes:

Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

In my _____.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NIV)

In my _____.

John 16:21-22 (NIV)

In my _____.

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 (NIV)

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Hebrews 12:2 (Msg)

Get Connected

If this is your first visit, welcome! We hope your visit is meaningful, and we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area. 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 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. Explore II classes are 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.



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.



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.

Community Life



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 30

NORTHGATE CAMPUS - 11:30 AM

WOODMOOR CAMPUS - 12:30 PM

RUN TO THE ASCENT 5K for Schools

A family fun color run!
June 17, 2017—9am

100% of the proceeds go to local
schools for suicide prevention

Register: www.theascentchurch.com/5K

Volunteer: <http://bit.ly/5Kvolunteering>



OVERFLOW

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE THROUGH BAPTISM

APRIL 30: ALL SERVICES



Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
April 18, 25.

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Internship: Do you feel called into ministry? Apply for an internship with ASM. Details online.

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: April 23, 30.

- Northgate: 10:15am, 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: 10:15am

Kids' Camp: June 7-9, 2017, La Foret Event Center, Black Forest.

Registration is now open at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

Interest meeting for the Ethiopia and Kenya mission trips following each service on April 23 at both the Northgate and Woodmoor Campuses. Information about

6 Africa trips will be provided.



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:
Sundays, 10:45am,

Woodmoor Campus Room 213.

The Connection Class will be studying the book of Hebrews. All are welcome!

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. Join us anytime.

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

Women on the Ascent Bible Studies:

- Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.
- WOTA Journey: I & II Corinthians, Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Women on the Ascent:

WOTA Gather: May 3, 6:30-8pm, Woodmoor Campus, Event Center. More information:

www.theascentchurch.com/women.

Ascent Student Ministries



Summer 2017

www.theascentchurch.com/students



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes in worship
- Online: theascentchurch.com
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

May 7-Register online



Parent/Child
DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6

Kids' Camp

JUNE 7-9, 2017

La Foret Conference and Retreat Center

Register:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

These study pages are for groups and individuals to deepen their reflection on the biblical passages from the sermon and work toward group and personal application of His word. They can be completed in one sitting or over the week. Together, we are learning and living the Bible.

Resurrection Power

Read Matthew 28:1-10. Matthew names two women who went to the tomb where Jesus was buried, and a reading of the same account in Mark, Luke, and John reveals that other women were also present. Imagine you were with these women and experienced the events of Matthew 28. What might you be feeling? Why would you be feeling this way? What would you be thinking as you hurried to tell the disciples about what you had experienced? What are you feeling and thinking now as you reflect upon this passage of Scripture?

Read Matthew 28:11-15. Why do you think the Jewish chief priests and elders immediately created a “fake news” story about the resurrection of Jesus and paid the Roman soldiers a large sum of money to perpetuate this story? How is the true story of Jesus’ resurrection proclaimed today? How is a false story about Jesus’ resurrection proclaimed today? How can we help people to know the truth about Jesus rather than the “fake news” accounts?

Read John 20:19-29. Put yourself in the midst of these disciples as they encountered the resurrected Jesus. What spiritual insights rise to the surface for you as you reflect upon this encounter?

Reread John 20:28-29. Thomas said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” He said this as one who saw and touched the resurrected Jesus. We are counted among those who “have not seen and yet have believed.” What does it mean for you to say to Jesus, “You are my Lord and my God?” How does this impact your life as a believer in today’s world?

Read Luke 24:13-35. Imagine yourself among these followers of Jesus as they encountered their resurrected Lord. They were kept from recognizing Jesus for a time. What were they thinking and feeling?

Look at Luke 24:30-32. They recognized Jesus when He broke bread and gave it to them, and they said, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” Do you ever experience this kind of “spiritual heartburn” as you read and study Scripture? If so, what do you think that experience is about? When did this last happen to you?

Jesus' last words before ascending into heaven were "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." It's common for us to be unaware of the presence of Jesus in our lives—even though He is always with us! It's like being unaware of the air we breathe. We become acutely aware of air and the importance of its omnipresence when we face a situation that taxes our breathing, such as running a long distance or climbing stairs. We become acutely aware of the omnipresence of Jesus when we focus intently upon Him and upon our faith. How might you put yourself in a situation where you can experience "spiritual heartburn" and then acknowledge the living presence of the resurrected Jesus in your life?

Read Revelation 1:12-18. John had a glimpse of the resurrected Jesus in heaven, and he recorded Jesus saying, "I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." What are the implications of this statement to you and to all of humanity?

Now read John 20:31. Why are all of these accounts about Jesus' resurrection written and maintained in history? How would you explain the meaning of this verse to someone?

What does having life in Jesus' name mean for you?

Next Week:

Your Future Resurrection

I Corinthians 15

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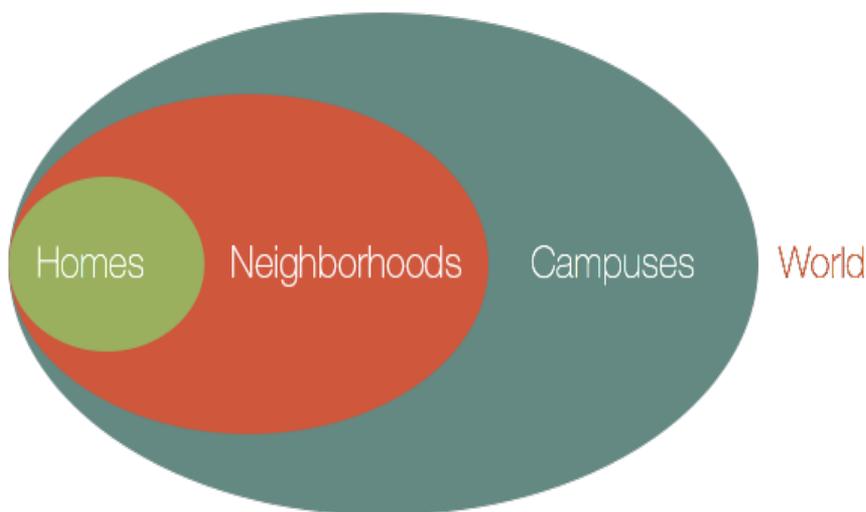
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Mission and Vision

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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