

# THE COMPASS



This Sunday



 THE  
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April 30, 2017



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# This Sunday's Message

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## "Resurrecting Faith"

### Sermon Notes:

#### **Apologetics:**

*The word "apologetics" is derived from the Greek word "apologia" which means to make a defense. It has come to mean defense of the faith.—Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry*

*The branch of theology concerned with the defense or proof of Christianity.—Random House Dictionary*

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Daniel 9:25-26 (NIV)

Seven sevens (49 years) + sixty-two sevens (434 years) = 483  
Jewish years = 476 years

Year of order to rebuild Jerusalem was 444 B.C. Year of Christ's death was 33 A.D. Exactly 476 years just as the Bible predicted!

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Matthew 26:55-56 (NIV)

Mark 14:66-72 (NIV)

Matthew 28:8-10 (NIV)

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1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@theascentchurch.com).

# Community Life



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 30

**NORTHGATE CAMPUS - 11:30 AM**  
**WOODMOOR CAMPUS - 12:30 PM**



## WOTA Give Back

**MAY 3, 2017 AT 6:30-8PM**

**WOODMOOR CAMPUS EVENT CENTER**

*Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. More information:*  
[www.theascentchurch.com/women](http://www.theascentchurch.com/women)



## RUN TO THE ASCENT 5K for Schools

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

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

**More information:**  
[www.theascentchurch.com/5K](http://www.theascentchurch.com/5K)



# Connection Opportunities *This Week*



## Ascent Student Ministry

**ASM Tuesday Dates:**  
May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

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

### **ASM Upcoming Events:**

[www.theascentchurch.com/students](http://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 30, May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

- 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

**6th Grade Promotion:** May 21, all 6th grade families are invited for a special gathering for their 6th graders.

- Woodmoor Campus: 10:30am
- Northgate Campus: 11:30am

**Kids' Camp:** June 7-9, 2017, La Foret Event Center, Black Forest. Registration is now open at:  
[www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids).



## 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:**

**WOTA Give Back:** May 3, 6:30-8pm, Woodmoor Campus, Event Center. More information:  
[www.theascentchurch.com/women](http://www.theascentchurch.com/women).

### **Missions**

Information about our Ethiopia and Kenya mission trips can be found online:  
[www.theascentchurch.com/missions](http://www.theascentchurch.com/missions).

6th Grade Promotion on May 21



REFLECTION,  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
*and*  
BLESSING



All families of 6th graders are invited for a special gathering.  
Woodmoor Campus at 10:30am / Northgate Campus at 11:30am.



**Giving  
at The  
Ascent**

- Offering boxes in worship
- Online: [theascentchurch.com](http://theascentchurch.com)
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

# ASM SENIOR BANQUET

5.13.17 | Student Center | 6pm  
\$10/ticket | Class of 2017 Free

Ascent Student Ministries



**Summer 2017**

[www.theascentchurch.com/students](http://www.theascentchurch.com/students)

May 7-Register online

Parent/Child  
DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6



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.

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## Resurrecting Faith

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-18 and Romans 4:20 – 5:2 to gain a context for this week's sermon.**

In your own words, explain why the resurrection is critical to your faith and salvation?

How would you defend the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus when someone tells you it's just a fairy tale or Christ never really died?



Why did Paul make a point of identifying many of the people who saw Jesus after He had risen from the dead? List all the people from the gospel stories (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20, 21):

Summarize Paul's argument from 1 Corinthians 15:12-18 regarding the importance of the resurrection.

What's the significance of Abraham being credited as righteous because of his faith in the promises of God?

How does Christ's death atone for the sins of humankind?

in Romans 4:25 Paul introduces the term justification. What does this word mean?

It is God's grace that allows you to believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. How would you define the term grace?

Take some time to memorize Romans 5:1-2. To help you memorize these verses, write them below:

What will you put into action as a result of this week's sermon and challenge? Find someone to help keep you accountable.

### **Next Week's Passages:**

John 1:29  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Romans 10:9

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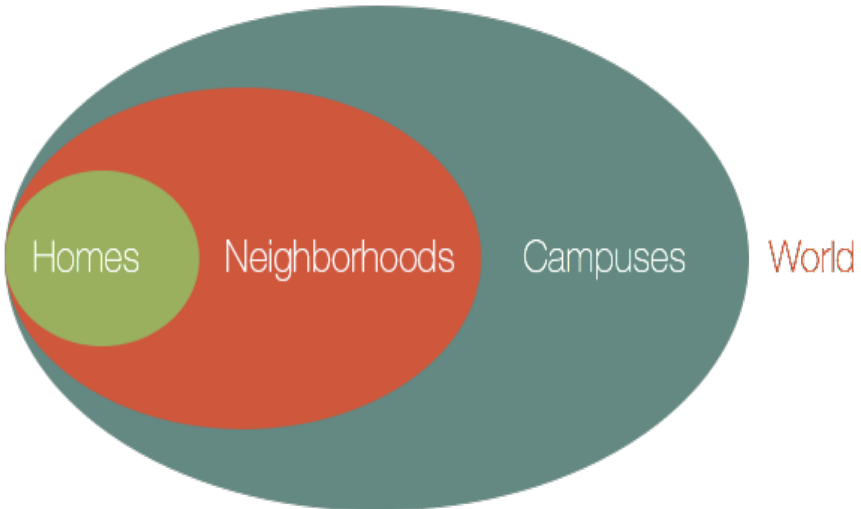
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# Mission and Vision

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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