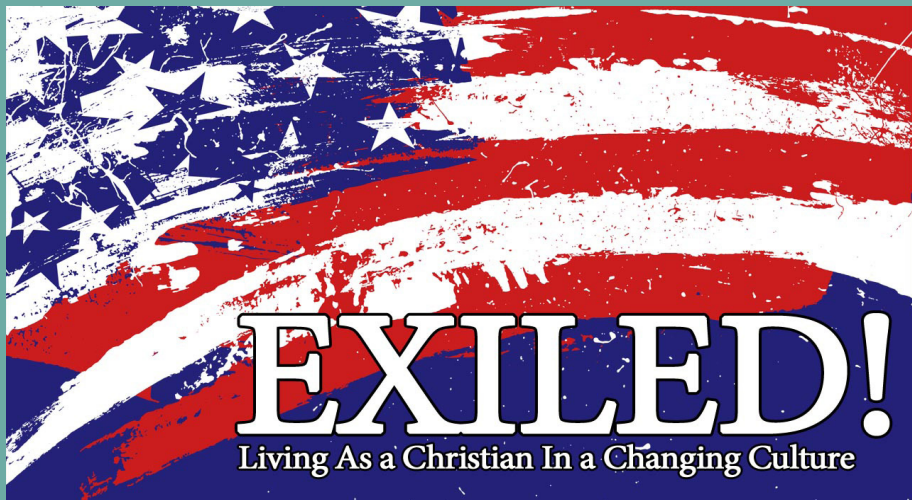




THE COMPASS

Current Series:



September 13, 2015



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH

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: 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, and plug-in to neighborhood and campus ministries. **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.



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 Rowland Smith at rowland@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping

Our Equipping Classes are designed to help further your walk with Christ. There are many short-term classes offered, as well as ongoing women's and men's bible studies. For more information, visit our website or contact Joel Witzel at 719.481.3600 or joel@theascentchurch.com.



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 (visit your App Store to download)

Community Life

SEPTMBER

NIGHTS

WITH

ASCENT

STUDENT

MINISTRIES

W/DINNER

Sept. 15, 22, and 29 - Middle School: 5:30-6:30pm / High School: 7-8:15pm



EXPLORE I

An Orientation of The Ascent

TODAY - Woodmoor Campus
11:00 a.m. in Room 214

Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!

No pre-registration required.

Ornaments for Africa!

Thank you for your interest in Global Outreach! Two of our key church partnerships have upcoming trips, Kenya (Dec 2015) and Ethiopia (February 2016). As part of our main project fundraising for these trips, the two teams have created "Africa ornaments" from African fabric which are available upon donation. It is our way of saying thank you for your support and a reminder to pray for our teams. Each number corresponds with the amount of money that will be donated (i.e. #12 - donate \$12, #178 - donate \$178). So, pick an ornament, please donate accordingly and put "Africa ornament # ___" in the memo area of your check. Our teams thank you for partnering with us as we go forth and share God's love!

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 around 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.

The Ascent Church Financial Update

As of 8/31/2015: (end of 2014/15 fiscal year)

Year To Date Giving: \$1,717,957.67

Year To Date Actual Expenses: \$1,733,066.53

Year To Date Budget: \$1,957,963.28

Last Week's Offering: \$27,348.45

Weekly Budget: \$36,995.54

Get Connected

Ascent Student Ministry (ASM)

(Middle & High School)

Ascent Student Ministries is still under construction, but we will meet this month for **September Nights with ASM**.

- Middle School meet from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- High School meet from 7:00pm - 8:15pm.

Dinner will be provided Sept. 15, 22, 29. For information or questions, please contact Micah, Rob & Taylor at ASM@TheAscentChurch.com.



Children's Ministry (Birth - 6th grade)

Kick Off Sunday! For Fall Program Kick Off Tiny Town will promote all Kindergarteners to Adventure Quest.

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

For more info go to www.TheAscentChurch.com
Questions? Info@TheAscentChurch.com.



Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

Equipping Classes: Sunday 9:30am at Woodmoor
Book of Revelation study begins Sept.13.

Men on the Ascent: *Gospel of Mark* study begins
Sept. 22 at 6:15am. Woodmoor Campus in Rm 213.

Northgate Campus: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza.

Women on The Ascent: Studies begin Sept.15.

Breath, Gideon, A Woman's Heart, Moms & Beyond, ART Journaling and more!

Registration and choices at www.TheAscentChurch.com.



Base Camps

Experience life with a neighborhood group.

Questions? Info@TheAscentChurch.com.



Worship Ministry & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info contact Carson@TheAscentChurch.com.

Sunday Morning Team

This is a great way to serve at The Ascent! Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. Contact Rowland@TheAscentChurch.com.



The Compass Guide

If you're new to The Compass, welcome! Here is a short overview to keep in mind before you get started.

Advance Preparation

At the Ascent Church, we help you prepare in advance to worship together. Throughout the week we study the passage(s) that is (are) the focus for the upcoming Sunday. This allows the whole church to engage God's Word before we join together for worship and to hear God's Word preached.

Deeper versus Broader

We use one Bible passage in different environments to allow the passage to impact us in a variety of ways. It's not simply for study. It's for discussion in community and application. Remember, depth and maturity are not measured by new information or ideas. Depth is life change. One passage in different environments allows for a greater opportunity to have the Word of God go deep. The first question on the daily pages is one that may be helpful for group discussion, discussions with newer Christians, or for discussion with children or other family members.

Use versus Do

One trap related to a tool like *The Compass* is that people start to "do" it and then measure their success (and their guilt!) based on whether or not they "did" it. The Compass is simply a resource. If you use this to grow in your faith as an individual and in community, God will honor that. If you miss a few days, move on. *Use* the resource. Don't *do* it.

Transformation versus Education

Our goal with *The Compass* is to let the Word of God transform you. It's not so you can know more. It's so you can BE more like Jesus. So use the resource. Saturate yourself. Become more like Jesus every day as an individual and as a community! Let's grow together!

Passages for 9/14/2015 through 9/20/2015

John 14:27, John 16:33 and Luke 10:25-37.

Monday, September 14, 2015

Read: John 14:27 and John 16:33.

Reflect:

1. How do these verses:
 - a. comfort you?

 - b. challenge you?

2. Mark where you are today and where you want to be on the scale below.



3. What moves you from the left to the right along this scale?
How and why?

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

Spend the bulk of your study time reflecting prayerfully on the topic of peace, asking for guidance so you might choose peace despite your circumstances.

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Read: John 14:27 and John 16:33 again.

Reflect:

1. What new thing(s) do you notice as you review these verses?

2. What promises do you find? What commands?

3. What tribulations are you currently facing?

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

1. How can you hold yourself accountable, consistently responding in a peaceful manner?

2. How might others be affected by this change in YOU?

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Read: 2 Kings 17:24-29, Deuteronomy 7:3-5, and Luke 10:25-29.

Reflect:

Keeping in mind that Samaritans were imported into Israel by the Assyrian King, list as many reasons you can recall or surmise for conflict between the Samaritans and Jews.

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

1. Keep in mind your view of law and grace. Which applies in the case of the Samaritan and Jewish conflict?

2. Is it possible to relate to a neighbor who purposefully tramples on God's laws? Explain.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Reflect:

How are we directed to treat the following with regard to sin:

Believers	Unbelievers

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

1. What does the chart above reveal to you?
2. Which people came to mind as you filled out the chart above?
3. What heart change(s) is God prompting you to make?

Friday, September 18, 2015

Read: Luke 10:27 and 17:11-19, Acts 1:8, and John 4:3-9.

Reflect:

1. How did Jesus treat the Samaritan woman at the well?

2. Review your list from Wednesday under Reflect. Why was Jesus' treatment of the Samaritans countercultural?

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

1. Connect the dots between Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, His example in Samaria with the woman at the well, and the command of Acts 1:8.

2. Search your heart and contemplate what you can do to reach out to others, especially those hated by the world or people you would rather forget/destroy.

3. What impact could God's work in you have upon the world?

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Read: John 14:27 and 16:33.

Reflect:

1. What can you take away from your reading and studying this week?

2. What challenges have you encountered this week? How have you resolved them?

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

1. In Jesus' time, the Jews had no dealings with Samaritans. From whom have you steered clear in the past?

2. Spend time in prayer today confessing and asking forgiveness. Make a commitment for heart change based on what you have learned and how God has directed you this week.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare

This week's intergenerational time is focused on adults and teenagers. Plan an appropriate activity for younger children. During the meal ask teen and adult participants to think about religious violence and prejudice in the news: ISIS, race issues, etc. They will be sharing in the intergenerational time.

Intergenerational Time

Begin with a reminder of this week's focus of Prejudice and Violence, especially religious violence. Open in prayer for your Base Camp conversation. Because this series on *Living as an Exile* can elicit powerful emotion and strongly held beliefs, restate your groups values of mutual respect, confidentiality, spiritual transformation, and Biblical faith and community.

Ask each person to share their initial response to violence and prejudice in the news. Have them share the reason for this response. Ask: Is there a difference between how you feel and how you think God would have you respond?

Read John 14:25-29 and John 16:32-33 and discuss:

- Were Jesus' circumstances peaceful?
- What brought Jesus comfort?
- How will Jesus give his disciples His peace?

Conclude by asking all participants why they need Jesus' peace through the Holy Spirit.

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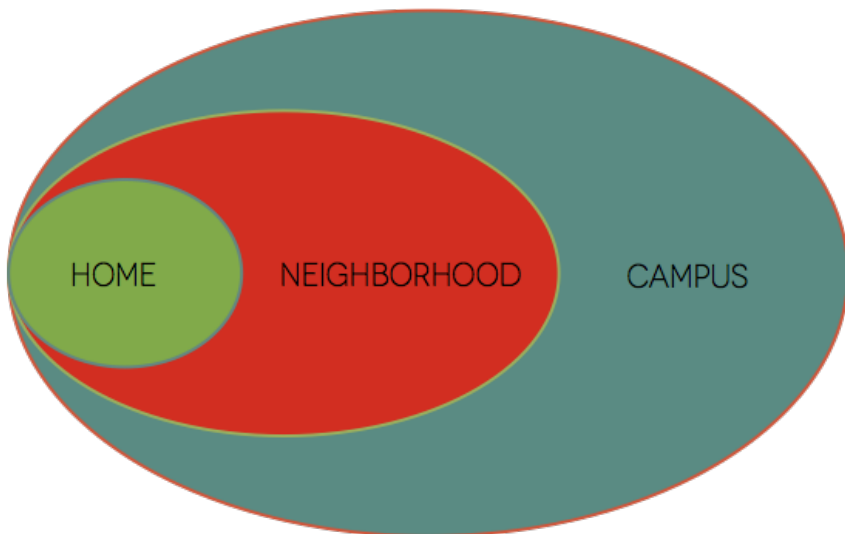
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Mission and Vision

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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