

THE COMPASS



This Sunday



*Time
to Climb*

January 29, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH



This Sunday's Message

Ascending Together
Nehemiah 9 - 10

Climbing Together Means I Am:

I. A _____ for others to the Lord.

Nehemiah 10:30, 36

II. _____ with others on the climb.

Nehemiah 10:29

III. _____ in _____.

Nehemiah 10:31

IV. _____ in the climb.

Nehemiah 10:32-38

V. _____.

Nehemiah 9:38

Sermon Notes:

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. The next Explore II Membership Class will be on February 16, 6-8pm, please register online for childcare.



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



EXPLORE II

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY WITH THE ASCENT

FEBRUARY 16. 6-8PM
WOODMOOR CAMPUS



mission



July 1 – 8, 2017

Contact Paul & Becky Christoffersen at dr@theascentchurch.com

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WOTA Gather

FEBRUARY 1 AT 6:30-8PM

THIRD SPACE COFFEE

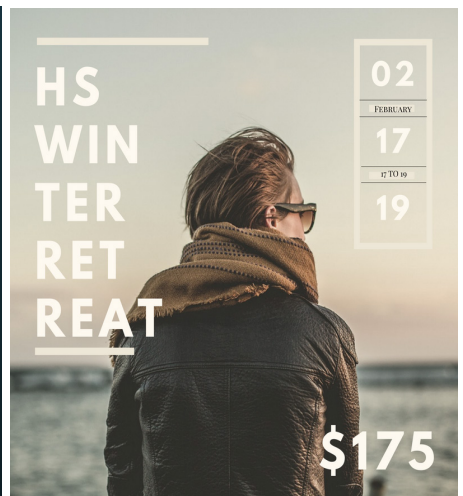
Eat dinner and get to know Judi Hayes at Rowland and Kitty's new coffee place!

UPCOMING WOTA EVENTS

March 1: Women on the Ascent Give Back, TBD

April 7-9: Women's Retreat, register at www.theascentchurch.com/women.

Be refreshed and renewed in the mountains at Spring Canyon.



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Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
January 31, February

7, 14, 21, and 28 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: January 29,
February 5, 12, and 26.

- 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

Catch the Vision: Parent and
Volunteer Meeting.

- Woodmoor: January 29, 10:15am -
11:00am, Event Center.

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

Registration is now open at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

For more information on upcoming
mission trips to Guatemala and the
Dominican Republic, visit:

www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



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: Room 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: February 1, Third
Space Coffee (Rowland and Kitty
Smith's place), eat dinner and get to
know Judi Hayes!

WOTA Give Back: March 1, TBD.

WOTA Retreat: April 7-9, Spring
Canyon. Be refreshed and renewed in
the mountains at Spring Canyon.

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Please note, if you didn't catch Rusty's final point in last Sunday's sermon on January 22, it is:
"Be Intentional."
Time to Climb!

2016 Giving Statements

2016 Giving Statements will be emailed this year to the email address on file with The Ascent Church.

To check your email address or request a printed giving statement, please contact Tara at: tara@theascentchurch.com.



Giving at The Ascent

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



GUATEMALA 2017

ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES

ASM Mission Trip

ASM will return to Guatemala in July 2017. Please email: taylor@theascentchurch.com.



Introduction to The Compass Devotions (on the following pages)

The Compass provides individuals, families, and Base Camps a Bible-centered tool to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, one another, their neighbors, and God's world. Daily study of God's word, prayer, and growth in the practices of the Christian faith provides God the opportunity to shape us as His people. The Compass begins on Monday, with each day's reflection anchored in the passage for the upcoming Sunday, providing the whole church shared preparation for worship and group life. Thank you to our team of writers and editors. For more information, contact Pastor Scott at scott@theascentchurch.com.

The Compass Passage for January 30 – February 4, 2017:

Monday, January 30, 2017

Read Romans 5:5.

Reflect:

Memorize Romans 5:5. Now write a paraphrase of Romans 5:5 in first person, changing it from a Scriptural declaration to a personal declaration from you to the Lord Jesus. Begin this way: “*Lord Jesus, Your hope does not disappoint me, because You (God)*

have _____

Whom You have given me.”

Read Romans 5:1-8

Reflect:

Why do you rejoice in hope? Journal the reasons you see in these eight verses:

End your reflection time today with a prayer of gratitude for the HOPE God gives you.

Tuesday, January 31, 2016

Read Romans 5:5. Recite it from memory aloud five times.

Read Romans 8:18-25.

Reflect:

Review 8:18-21. Record what you believe is the message of hope in these four verses.

Review 8:22-23. Address what you believe is the message of hope in these two verses.

Review 8:24-26. What lessons do you see in these three verses? Comment upon them.

End your reflection time with a prayer of gratitude for the HOPE God gives you.

Wednesday, February 1, 2016

Read Romans 5:5. Recite it from memory five times aloud.

Read Psalm 42:1-11.

Reflect:

Reflect upon 42:1-2. When have you “panted” for God the way a thirsty deer pants for water?

The writer uses the metaphor of a deer panting for water to emphasize the deep spiritual desire one can have to know and receive the presence of God. Create a different metaphor you might use to illustrate the same deep spiritual desire and need.

Read 42:3-4. Why do you think the Psalmist wept at night after dealing all day with the question from people, “Where is your God?”

What does the Psalmist remember as he pours out his soul to the LORD?

Can you identify with the Psalmist? If so when, where, and why?

Read 42:5-11. What is the main point of these verses?

End your reflection time today with a prayer of gratitude for the HOPE God blesses you with.

Thursday, February 2, 2016

Read Romans 5:5. Recite it from memory five times.

Read Psalm 71:1-8 and 71:14-18.

Reflect:

Read 71:1-8 and address the many reasons the Psalmist gives for why the LORD is his hope (71:5).

Read 71:14-18 and journal the many reasons the Psalmist gives for why he “will always have hope (71:14).” Also, record the many ways he demonstrates and expresses his hope to God.

End your reflection time with a prayer of gratitude for the HOPE God gives you.

Friday, February 3, 2016

Read Romans 5:5. Recite it from memory five times.

Read 1 Timothy 4:9-10, 5:5, and 6:17-21.

Reflect:

Reproduce the statement of hope declared in 4:10.

In 5:5 what does the hope in God cause a “righteous” widow to do?

Read 6:17-21 again. List the instructions you see declared in these verses.

What does your hope in God cause you to do? Transcribe what first comes to your mind.

End your reflection time with a prayer of gratitude for the HOPE God gives you.

Saturday, February 4, 2016

Read Romans 5:5. Recite it from memory five times.

Now read 1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-21.

Reflect:

Read 1:3-9. What is the “new birth” (NIV), or “being born again” (ESV) into “a living hope” all about? What do you learn from these verses?

Read 1:13-21. Take this passage verse by verse and reproduce the lessons (commands) for the Christian lifestyle, motivated by the impact of Christian hope. For example: *Prepare your minds for action; Set your hope fully upon grace; etc.*

Review your reflections for the week. End your reflection time today with a prayer of gratitude for the HOPE God gives you.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare:

- Prepare to share your favorite kid-friendly story about HOPE from the Bible and/or story from your own life.
- Make large construction paper letters for the word HOPE (one letter for each piece of paper) and hide around the room.
- Have paper and markers for each family or participant to make an acrostic of the word HOPE.
- Have bandages ready for each participant to give as a symbol of hope during the blessing.
- Review or learn the Song, “My God is So Great”, with hand motions; be prepared to lead the kids and parents.

Intergenerational:

Choose any or all of these activities for your time together:

1. Invite children to search for the large letters and have them tape the letters on the wall to form the word HOPE.
2. Share the story you have prepared.
3. Discussion Questions:
 - Why do you need hope? (2 Corinthians 4:16–18).
 - How does Jesus give you hope?
 - How can you seek hope when things aren't easy? (Psalm 10:17; 94:19).
4. Invite participants to make an acrostic of the word HOPE, finding words for each of the letters that encourage people to have hope and trust in Jesus.
5. Explain the purpose of a blessing. Have each person find a partner and say a blessing over the other. As they say the blessing, invite them to place the bandaid on the back side of the other's hand.

(Person's name), may you be filled with the everlasting hope that only comes from God. May you trust that He will be with you all the days of your life.
6. Explain the hand motions to the song, “My God is So Great”, and sing the song together, adults included!

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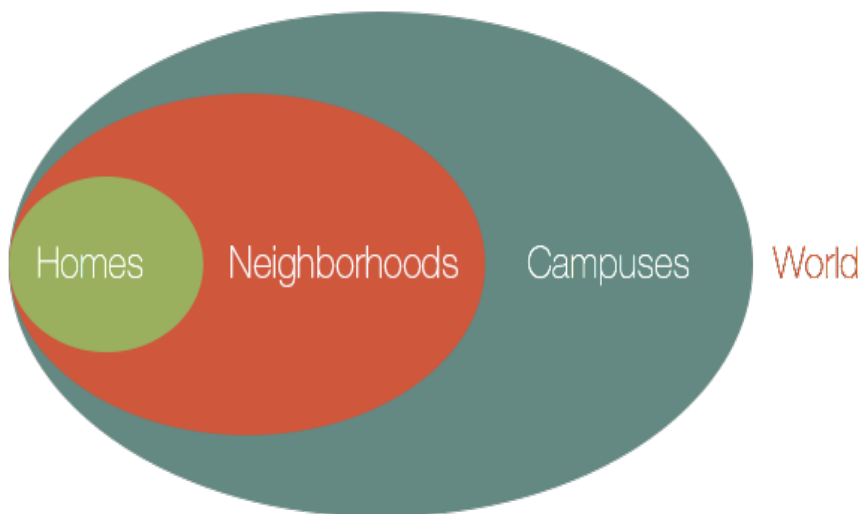
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Mission and Vision

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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