

THE COMPASS

Current Series:



November 15, 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: every 2nd Sunday at 11:00 am, Room 214. Northgate Campus: **Held TODAY**, the 3rd Sunday, at 10:45 am in the lobby. *No pre-registration required.*



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.



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.



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.



Worship Team & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info, contact 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

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.



**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
Location: 1750 Deer Creek Rd. Monument,
80132

Sign up at
theascentchurch.com/
students or scan QR
code. Parents, fill out a
medical release form
on our website.



Time for Prayer

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

- Woodmoor Campus: 11:15am in Rm. 214
- Northgate Campus: 11:00am in Conf. Rm

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**Transition Update Meeting:
4:00-5:00pm**

**Night of Worship: 5:00-6:00pm
Sunday, November 22**

Light snacks at 3:30. RSVP by Nov. 19
for childcare: www.theascentchurch.com.

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: \$34,679.47

As of 10/31/2015:

YTD Giving:	\$217,564
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$260,709
YTD Budget:	\$295,964

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$29,053
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. 22, Dec. 13 and 20.

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

ASM Senior Class of 2016 Bowling on Nov. 15 from 2:45pm—4:45pm at Bass Pro (Uncle Buck's Fishbowl).

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 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.

Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

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

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.

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.





Sermon Notes

Today's Passage: 2 Corinthians 12.



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 11/16/15–11/21/15: Jeremiah 17:7-8, Psalm 23:1-2, Numbers 6:24-26.

Monday, November 16, 2015

Read: Jeremiah 17:7-8, Psalm 23:1-2, Numbers 6:24-26.

Reflect:

What does it mean to be blessed?

Begin to make a list today of the blessings you have both individually and as a family.

Take 5 minutes to sit quietly in God's presence and reflect on the fact you are blessed as one of His children.

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

How does realizing you are blessed impact your attitude? Are people you encounter each day able to see you are blessed by God?

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Read: Matthew 5:3-12 through several times in at least two versions. Allow the truth of God's Word to penetrate your heart and mind.

Reflect:

How does a Christian's view of blessing look compared to the world's view of blessing?

How does an eternal perspective change your view of your current circumstances?

How does understanding your position with God change how you live each day?

Take time to add to your list of blessings, then pray through the list generated, thanking God for each of these blessings.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Read: Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 23:1-2 and Psalm 100.

Reflect:

As Thanksgiving approaches, we as a nation have the opportunity to focus on the blessings God has provided, acknowledge these as gifts from Him.

How does your life reflect an attitude of gratefulness and thanksgiving?

Take time to think about your interactions with people this week. Would they characterize you as a person of gratefulness and thanksgiving? Why or why not?

What are practical ways you can live daily with an attitude of gratefulness and thanksgiving?

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

Take time to update your gratefulness list and spend time in prayer, asking God to give you the power to live a life of gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Read: All of the Bible passages we have covered this week.

Reflect:

Look up the definition for the word “blessed”. What aspects of the definition surprise you? Why?

What is the significance of recognizing you are a blessed person because of Jesus’ work on the cross?

Why is it important to express your thanks to God when you recognize you are a blessed person?

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

Continue to add to the list of things you are grateful for and begin to create an attitude of thanksgiving to God for everything you possess.

Friday, November 20, 2015

Read: Jeremiah 17:7-8, Psalm 23:1-2, Numbers 6:24-26.

Reflect:

The Bible is filled with prayers of thanksgiving. Take time to reflect on some you might be familiar with. Write out a special prayer of thanksgiving to God. Let the Spirit guide as you reflect on the special blessings you have received from Him.

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

Take time to express thanks to someone who has blessed you this past year. Write a note, give them a call, or send an email.

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Reflect: On your studies this week. What is the most significant thing God has revealed as you spent time with Him?

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

What one thing do you hope to change in your life as a result of your study?

Share this with a family member, friend or your Base Camp this week. Ask them to hold you accountable for this Godly habit.

Prepare your heart for worship with God's people tomorrow. Make a commitment to participate with fellow believers as you worship, respond and fellowship together. Make Sunday a priority to connect with others and encourage one another.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare:

As you gather for prayer before your meal, discuss the following:

1) Name blessings in your life that are not material things or possessions, e.g. your health, freedom, or peace.

2) Name people you know who are not receiving certain blessings; suggest ways you could bless them—socially, materially, spiritually, or emotionally.

Intergenerational Element:

Have older people pair up with younger individuals. Discuss things for which they are grateful. Sharing a blessing from childhood may be the most appropriate or significant idea. Regroup and share what your partner expressed.

Invitation/Service Focus:

You often take your blessings for granted. Remembering special blessings and realizing the blessings of “ordinary” things can be useful.

Invite everyone in the group to brainstorm an activity that might bestow blessings on others. You can commit to daily practices of blessing others—or plan a single event that aims to bless others: a mission’s trip fundraiser, letter-writing to sponsored children, or befriending someone. Focus on blessing as a habit, not a one-time event. Consider ways to share Christ’s love through blessing others. Pray that you lead others to “Shout for joy to the LORD.”

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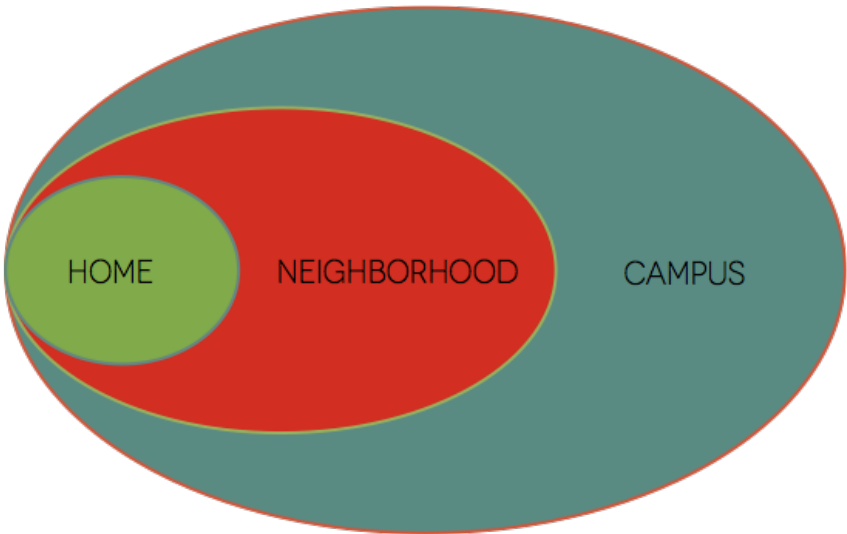
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Mission and Vision

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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