

THE COMPASS

Next Sunday



October 30, 2016



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 it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area 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 1st Sunday, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 11:30 am in lobby.



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. Held quarterly 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 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

CHRISTMAS TEA

"All is Calm"

DECEMBER 3, 2016

2:00 - 4:00 PM

TO HOST A TABLE, REGISTER ONLINE:

www.theascentchurch.com



National Collection Week
November 14-21



PACK A SHOEBOX >



Men on the Ascent Bible Study

Paul's letters to the Corinthian churches include some of the most beloved passages in scripture--foundational, essential truths for disciples of Christ.

Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

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.



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes during worship
- Online www.theascentchurch.com/give1
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting church office.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry



Equipping Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 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: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20.

- Northgate: 10am, 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: 10am

Missions

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available at each service on Oct. 30. Pack a shoebox to make a difference in the life of a child!

More information and ideas for what to include in the shoebox, available at: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.

Connections Class: Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213.

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.

- Woodmoor Campus: Room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza

Women on the Ascent Studies:

Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Neighborhood and evening Bible Studies also available.

Wednesday evening study, I & II Corinthians, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available.

Info: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.



This Sunday's Message

Made for Eternal Life

1. The _____ will bring me _____ to the
_____ .

Colossians 1:18-20, Romans 8:19-23

2. Therefore, my _____ home will include an
_____ .

Isaiah 65:17-25

Shared Engagement and Preparation

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass has Biblical reflections for each day, beginning on Monday and leading up to Sunday, which will help us all meditate 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. 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 reflection. Instead, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on, pick it up from the next day, and seek maturity — 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 October 24 – 29, 2016:

- Joshua 1
- Deuteronomy 6:6-9
- Romans 8:37-39
- 1 John 4:18
- Philippians 4:7

Monday, October 31, 2016

Read: Joshua 1.

Reflect:

We can see Israel's entry into Canaan as symbolic of the challenges in our own lives as well as God's presence in those challenges. Israel's story also reflects that of the entirety of God's kingdom: humanity facing insurmountable sin, and God providing salvation and comfort in the midst of loss and fear.

Several concepts run through this chapter that relate to how God addresses our fears. (Each begins with the letter *P*.) You will reflect on them this week.

See if you can identify where God speaks to plans, promises, purpose, prosperity, peace, and possession throughout these verses.

Look at God's plan for Israel (Joshua 1:3-4). How is this similar to His plan for all Christians? How can you apply it to your own life? Does His plan bring comfort or more fear?

Scripture tells us that God's plans are greater than man's plans and His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). This may seem frustrating, but why is it actually wonderful?

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

What wonderful—perhaps unexpected—plan has unfolded in your life? How has this influenced your fear? Who can you share this with this week?

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Read: Joshua 1:1-6.

Reflect:

Scripture is full of God's promises. This chapter talks about several; let's start by looking at Joshua 1:6. Although this was spoken to Joshua at a specific time, you claim this promise as well. Reflect on how you can claim it for your life.

What biblical promises do you cling to in times of challenge or fear? What verses that speak to God's promises and truth can you share with others? (Check out the website www.365promises.com.) Write a few here:

Do you claim any strong, absolute promises such as "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you" (Joshua 1:5)? What promises from God are similar in your life? Why?

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

How would you explain this promise to an unbeliever: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9)?

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Read: Joshua 1:6-7.

Reflect:

God wanted Joshua to be courageous—to put away fear—because God had a purpose for Joshua.

Is your purpose somehow similar to Joshua's? Explain.

How does fear impede your purpose?

What would help Joshua fulfill his purpose? How can you receive that same help? Take a look at Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

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

It's no wonder *The Purpose Driven Life* was such a popular book. People achieve purpose through God. Consider reading it if you haven't. Perhaps this book would make a great gift to someone you know.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Read: Joshua 1:6-8; Romans 8:37-39.

Reflect:

The Israelites were anticipating prosperity in Canaan, after 40 years of wandering and desert living. But—as you read in the rest of the Old Testament—there would still be challenges and fears that kept them from completely realizing that prosperity.

How are you like Israel? How is the modern church like Israel in realizing the prosperity God has to offer?

What spiritual prosperity do you anticipate?

How has God blessed you? What are your riches?

Do you neglect those riches because of doubt or fear?

Is there any danger that you will miss prosperity? Why?

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

Friday, November 4, 2016

Read: Joshua 1:8-9; 1 John 4:18.

Reflect:

Joshua 1:9 has been selected as a theme verse for The Ascent Church this year. God's promise here represents a peace from God.

Consider 1 John 4:18. Record how God drives out your fear and gives you the courage demanded in Joshua 1:9.

When you are courageous, do you still have fear?

What can you do about that fear? (Hint: Philippians 4.)

Jesus spoke extensively of peace, and we recently heard a message about the "peace that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

What is the peace God gives?

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

Who in your life needs to hear this encouragement from God: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened"? Consider passing this peace onto another.

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Read: Joshua 1, focusing on 10-18.

Reflect:

Joshua urges Israel to take possession of the land God promised. The possession of the land symbolized something. Although there was and is a real need for God's people to have land, this was not simply about material possessions.

What did possessing the land *symbolize* for the Israelites?

Can you think of something God wants you to possess? Is there a place or way of life God has called you to?

What keeps you from taking hold of God's promise and possessing the thing(s) He has for you?

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

Consider your fear. In church tomorrow, notice from Scripture how God has plans, promises, purpose, prosperity, peace, and possessions to confront your fear. Realize His goodness, and make sure you share that with others.

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

Gather colorful cardstock or scrapbook paper, magazines for cutting, glue sticks, and scissors for each group.

Group Discussion and Praise

1. What are some promises God gave His people in the beginning of the Bible? What other word for *promise* did God use with Abraham and Noah?
2. What are some other promises God gives us in His Word?
3. How have you and your family experienced some of God's promises?
4. Take turns sharing ways you have recently seen God's faithfulness. After each person shares, have the group clap as they thank and praise God for His faithfulness.
5. After several people have shared, open a Bible and read Joshua 1:5: "No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you" (NLT).
6. Pray a blessing over the kids. "(Child's Name), may you know for as long as you live that God is with you. Our God will not fail you or abandon you. May you be strong and courageous with Jesus as your helper for all the days of your life."

Family or Individual Project

Develop a family or personal mission statement. Find a verse which speaks to you about God's purpose for you. Find an action word or phrase related to the verse and cut and paste the letters to the cardstock or scrapbook paper. Words or phrases such as *Show Kindness*, *Share Jesus*, or *Take Courage* are some examples. Write the verse or mission statement under the action phrase. Be creative!

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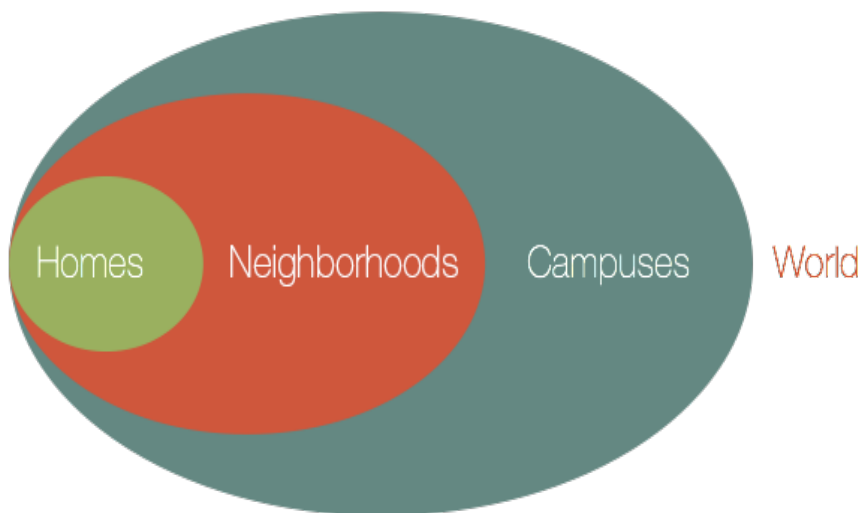
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Mission and Vision

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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