

THE COMPASS

New Series



April 3, 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 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: **TODAY**, 11:00 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 10:45 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 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 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.



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.



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 contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life

Baptism Sunday, April 10

Register: www.theascentchurch.com

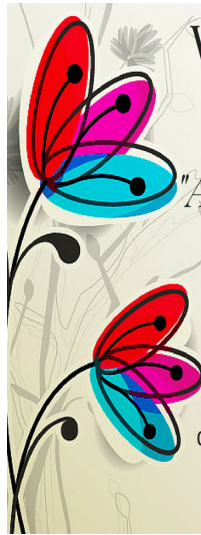
OVERFLOW

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE THROUGH BAPTISM



The Ascent Church Elder Board is accepting nominations for new Elders.

Nominations need to be men who meet the Biblical qualifications described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Visit the church website for the nomination form which closes April 3.



WOMEN ON THE ASCENT "A TIME TO CONNECT"

April 14, 6-7:30pm

Woodmoor Campus,
Room 213

Grab a friend, bring an appetizer or dessert to share & arrive when you can. Questions, contact Staci Waldvogel at 719-358-7222.



APRIL
8TH @ 6PM HS
9TH @ 6PM MS

MOVIE NIGHT

WOODMOOR CAMPUS



The Ascent Church **PRAYER** for the Pastor Search Team

Woodmoor Campus: 9:30am,
Office Conference Room
Northgate Campus:
after service,
TCA Conference Room

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: \$19,711.67

As of 3/31/2015:

YTD Giving: \$912,856
YTD Actual Expenses: \$869,424
YTD Budget: \$1,109,866

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving: \$30,428
Avg. Weekly Budget: \$36,995
Min. Weekly Need: \$31,620



Giving at 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

(Middle school and high school)

ASM Tuesday Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, Woodmoor Campus.

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

ASM Movie Night: April 8 - Middle School, April 9 - High School at the Woodmoor Campus.

ASM Senior Hangout: April 14 - High School Seniors hang out at Buffalo Wild Wings.

For more information visit: www.theascentchurch.com/students.

Children's Ministry

(Birth—6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

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

For more information about our Children's Programs, please visit: www.theascentchurch.com/kids



Equipping Ministry

Classes are offered at various times on Sunday mornings.

Connections Class: Sundays, 9:15-10:30am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 213.

Catalyst Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 212.

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Rm. 210.

Email: joel@theascentchurch.com.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: April 10, 17, 24 upstairs at both campuses.

- Northgate: 9:00am
- Woodmoor: 11:00am

Any questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

Please pray for our Missions Teams who are preparing for their trips this summer 2016.

- Guatemala Missions Trip on July 16-23.
- Dominican Republic Missions Trip on July 2-9.

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

Tuesdays at 6:15am, *Gospel of Mark* study.

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

Women on The Ascent: Please visit the website for a list of neighborhood and campus Bible Studies.

"A Time to Connect": April 14, 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 213. Bring an appetizer or dessert and join us for a fun evening! Questions, please email: joel@theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Job 8:21, Psalm 16:6, Romans 15:13, Psalm 139:7-10, Philippians 1:27 and 4:23.

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 4/4/16–4/9/16: Mark 4:33-34, Luke 6:46-49, Luke 14:25-35.

Parables are short stories Jesus used to shape and challenge the thinking and perception of his listeners, including his disciples. He used them so frequently that this form of teaching was perceived as belonging uniquely to Jesus. His longer parables received titles—often misleading ones, so be careful. Luke 15:11-32 has been called the parable of the prodigal son, but it's actually about the father's prodigious love. Hopefully, during this series you'll be open to Jesus changing your perceptions, expectations, and ways of living out what he teaches.

Monday, April 4, 2016

Read: Mark 4:33-34 and Matthew 13:1-3.

Today you begin another spiritual journey in Scripture. This journey explores many of the parables Jesus used in his teaching. Read today's Scripture. Why do you think Jesus often used parables in his teaching?

In the NIV Study Bible, footnoted under Matthew 13:3 and Mark 4:2, 8:4, is some excellent explanations about parables. The Oxford Annotated Bible says, "Parables are stories describing situations in everyday life which, as Jesus used them, convey a spiritual meaning (Matthew 13)." Research parables as a teaching technique, then complete the following:

Reflect:

Read Matthew 13:10-16. Why do you think Jesus used parables in his teaching?

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

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Read: Luke 6:46-49 in more than one translation, if possible.

Reflect:

Read the parable carefully, then close your Bible and reproduce the parable in your own words.

What is the lesson of this parable?

Read James 1:22-25 and 2:18. What parallels do you see between the Luke and James passages?

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

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Read: Luke 6:46-49.

Reflect:

Jesus asks the question “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” Read John 13:12-17, 21:15-19, and Romans 10:8-13. What does it mean to you to know Jesus as Lord?

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

Read Matthew 7:13-27, and think about what it means for Jesus to be Lord of your life.

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Read: Luke 14:25-35 in more than one translation, if possible.

Reflect:

Read Luke 14:25-27 and Matthew 10:37-39 aloud. What's the primary lesson revealed in these passages?

Why do you think Jesus used the word hate in Luke 14:26-27 when he referred to what it meant to be a true disciple?

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

Friday, April 8, 2016

Read: Luke 14:25-35.

Reflect:

Look over Luke 14:31-33. In your own words, explain the meaning of this verse.

Read Luke 14:34-35 and then Matthew 5:13-15. In your own words, explain the primary meaning of these verses and their application for your life.

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

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Read: Matthew 13:1-3, 10-17 and Luke 14:25-35.

Reflect:

Journal the spiritual insights that rise to the surface for you as you reflect on these passages.

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

Review your work for this past week.

Pray for Sunday's worship service, the message, your spiritual growth, and the spiritual growth of others.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare:

A few days prior to meeting, remind participants to read this week's passages, bring their Compass, and Bible. Ask someone to prepare and bring leavened bread dough in the process of rising.

Intergenerational:

Prior to your meal, read Matthew 13:33. Ask the children to explain what leaven does (show them the rising bread). Ask them how the Kingdom of God might be like leaven. Sit intergenerationally and continue the conversation.

Adult Study:

Read Matthew 13:3, and discuss (10 minutes or less):

- What was the prevailing expectation of the coming of the Kingdom of God prior to Jesus?
- How does this compare to how Jesus describes it?
- Does Jesus tell this parable to refine his listener's understanding or to unsettle their understanding?

Read Luke 14:25-27 and discuss (10 minutes or less):

- Prior to Jesus, what was the prevailing expectation of being another's disciple?
- Does Jesus make this comparison to refine or unsettle his listener's understanding?
- Given your answers, do you expect to learn a little or much from the sermon series that started this week?

Read Luke 6:46-49 and consider each of these questions:

- Suppose you come to understand something significantly new in this series. What is the risk you face? How do you need to prepare your heart for this?
- What are some ways others could help you become more like the man who laid a foundation on rock?

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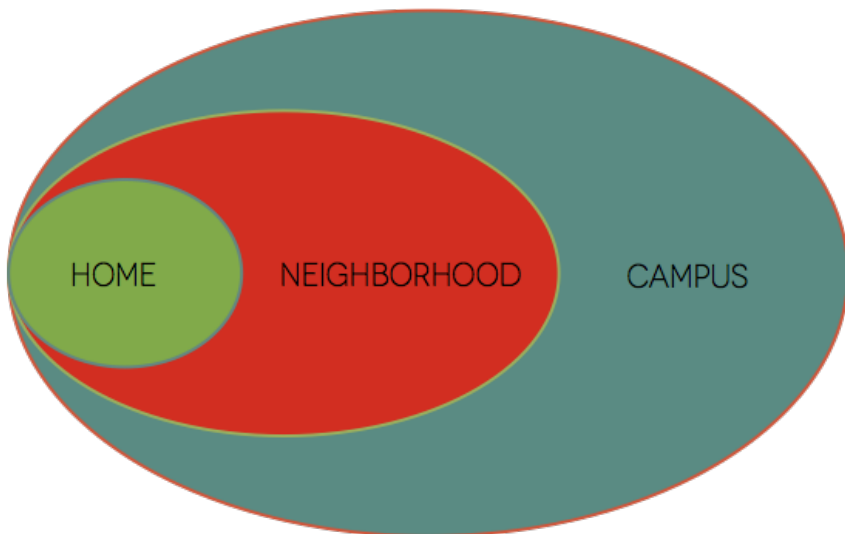
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Mission and Vision

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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