



THE  
COMPASS

This Sunday



September 18, 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 Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: September 25, 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](http://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 contact Joel Witzel at [joel@theascentchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).

# Community Life

## PAST>>FORWARD

WELCOME TO RUSTY AND THE HAYES FAMILY!  
WE CELEBRATE GOD BRINGING US THROUGH  
TRANSITION AND INTO A NEW SEASON AND  
COVENANT WITH RUSTY AS OUR LEAD PASTOR.  
LIGHT LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICE TODAY.



### SALE Munchkin Market SALE

HUGE sale on lots of gently used baby and kid items including:

- Clothes (size newborn-16 most only \$1)
- Shoes, Coats, Uniforms
- Dancewear, Costumes
- Toys and Books
- Baby Gear
- Much, much more!

Everything  
for  
kids!

**When:** September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 8am-noon

**Where:** The Ascent Church

### Woodmoor Children's Ministry Volunteer Training

September 20  
6:30 - 8:00pm  
Woodmoor  
Register online

October 16, 2016

Register at: [www.theascentchurch.com](http://www.theascentchurch.com).

Parent/Child  
DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6



# 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: \$17,211.10**

End of 2015/2016 Fiscal Year:

YTD Giving:	\$1,407,281.52
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,492,708.44
YTD Budget:	\$1,923,768.08



## 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

**ASM Tuesday Dates:**  
Sept. 20 and 27 for MS and HS.

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

**ASM Parents Meeting:** September 25. Woodmoor Campus, 10:15am in Room 214. Northgate Campus, 11:15am in upstairs lounge.

### **ASM upcoming events:**

[www.theascentchurch.com/students](http://www.theascentchurch.com/students)

## ASM Deep

**ASM DEEP Dates:** No ASM Deep on Sept. 18 for MS and HS.

- 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

### **Woodmoor Volunteer Training:**

September 20, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Woodmoor Campus. Register:

[www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids).

**Child Dedication:** October 16 at all services. Register online.

## Missions

GO (Global Outreach) Team:

Provide leadership guidance to fulfill our mission, advocate and support our mission trips and missionaries, and cultivate a global perspective of God's ministry among our church.

Contact Micah at [Missions@theascentchurch.com](mailto:Missions@theascentchurch.com).



## Equipping Ministry

**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:**

1 & 2 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.

- **Mom's and Beyond, Spiritual Simplicity,** Sept. 6.
- **The Armor of God,** Sept. 13.

Monday evening study, "**The Miracle of Life Change**", North Woodmoor neighborhood, Sept. 12, 6:30pm. Contact Nancy Miller at [nwmiller1@gmail.com](mailto:nwmiller1@gmail.com) for details.

Wednesday evening study, **1 & 2 Corinthians**, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available. On Wednesdays when Women on the Ascent have their monthly meeting, we will participate in that event in lieu of our study.

Info: [www.theascentchurch.com](http://www.theascentchurch.com).

*Save the Date for an All Church Fall Family Potluck and Movie Night on Friday, October 28, 5:30 - 9pm.*



## **Message Notes**

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Sermon Passages: Joshua 1:1-5:15.





## **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 9/19/16 – 9/24/16:** Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; John 17:11, 20-22; Romans 12:5; Galatians 3:28; Philippians 1:27; 2:2; Mark 6:7; Matthew 18:19; Romans 12:1-2.

# Monday, September 19, 2016

## **Read:**

John 10:30-38; John 17:11, 20-22.

- From these passages and others, what words would you use to express the oneness between God the Father and God the Son? What is the nature of their oneness?
- How might the words community or communion apply here?

John 10:14

- From this passage and others, what words would you use to express the oneness between believers and the Lord? What is the nature of your oneness with God?
- How might the words community or communion apply here?

## **Reflect:**

Take a few minutes to meditate on each of the above passages. How does being made in God's image presume or predict our communion with Him?

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

Can you imagine what it would be like to have complete oneness with the Lord?



# Tuesday, September 20, 2016

## Read:

Acts 2:42-47; 4.32-37.

## Reflect:

- List what the believers “had in common,” as stated or implied by these passages.

Common \_\_\_\_\_

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- What was the result of their common life with God and each other? What does its fruitfulness reveal about the importance of being in Christian community?
  
- With whom do you most regularly experience these commonalities? Which are you not yet experiencing? Explain why.

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

# Wednesday, September 21, 2016

## Read:

John 17:20-21; Romans 12:5; Galatians 3:28; Philippians 1:27, 2:2.

## Reflect:

- Review your notes from Monday.
  
- Do Jesus and Paul use the same language or a different language to speak of the oneness believers are to share?
  
- Add to Tuesday's list of things "held in common" from these passages.  
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- With whom do you most regularly experience these commonalities? Which are you not yet experiencing and why?
  
- What does it say about your life if you have oneness with other believers? What if you don't? How does this speak to the truth that you have been made in the image and likeness of God?
  
- Let God speak to you about what it means to be fully human and made in His image. What does this mean for you if you're also to be one with other believers?

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

# Thursday, September 22, 2016

## **Read:**

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37.

## **Reflect:**

- What is it like to be on the receiving end of common possessions? How does it feel to be on the giving end?
  
- How many “common possessions” do you experience in our church? With your base camp or others?
  
- What does it say about your life if you rarely give or receive/ have common possessions with others? How does this speak to the truth that you have been made in the image and likeness of God?

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

## Friday, September 23, 2016

### **Read:**

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37.

### **Reflect:**

- What were the habits of those who were able to have common possessions and be of one mind? List them below.
  
- Does being “devoted” speak more to understanding, obedience, or fruitfulness? Why?
  
- How do these passages encourage you to shape your life alongside other believers?
  
- Can you imagine some strategies for overcoming the barriers to communion with other believers? Pray, asking God to help you with this.

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

## Saturday, September 24, 2016

### Read:

Mark 6:7; Matthew 18:19; Romans 12:1-2; Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37.

### Reflect:

- How many people did Jesus do ministry with?
  
- Why did Jesus send out his disciples two by two? Why not twelve by twelve? Why not as individuals?
  
- What are the challenges and fruit of a group of three? Ten to twelve? Fifty or more?
  
- If God lives relationally in eternal community, creates us in His image, desires union with us, and uses a small group of people to spread the gospel, what does it say about our small-group relationships (especially with respect to transparency, longevity, missional orientation, and fruit)?

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

## 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:**

Reflect on the Scriptures you read this week.

### **Invitation/Service:**

Ask God to reveal how you can encourage other believers/Base Camp members to help in your community.

Plan an act of service, and more importantly, debrief afterward.

What did you learn about each other during the process?

Are there things you take on individually that could be shared communally?

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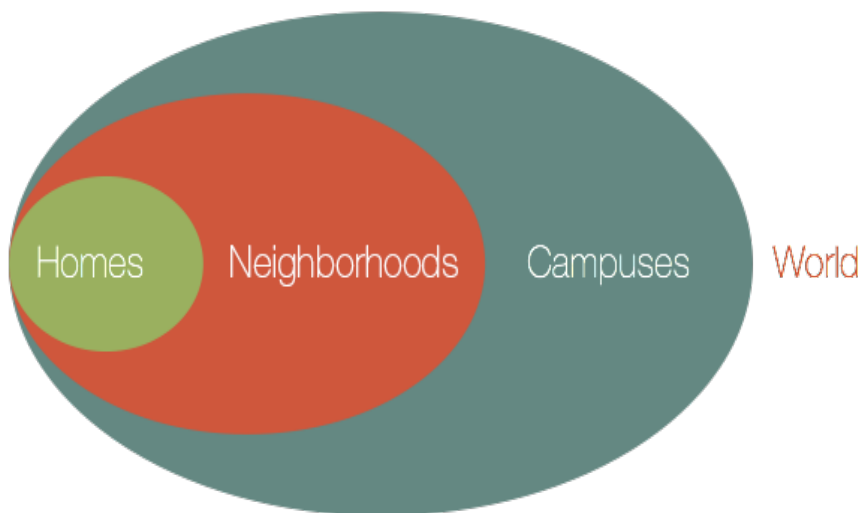


# Mission and Vision

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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