

THE COMPASS

Current Series



August 21, 2016



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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: will resume September 4, 10:15 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: TODAY, 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 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.

Community Life

COMPASSION SUNDAY

AUGUST 21 AT ALL
SERVICES, BOTH
CAMPUSES



Woodmoor Campus: September 4, 10:15am
Northgate Campus: August 21, 11:30am

Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!

No pre-registration required.

FALL EQUIPPING CLASSES

MEN'S, WOMEN'S, NEIGHBORHOOD
STUDIES, SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES
STARTING SOON!

FOR MORE INFO ON HOW TO SIGN UP
VISIT: [WWW.THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/
EQUIPPING](http://WWW.THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/EQUIPPING)



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: \$22,012.92

As of 7/31/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,321,468
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,373,609
YTD Budget:	\$1,775,786

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$27,337
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$31,314



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: August 23, and 30.

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

More information about ASM upcoming events can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com.

Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:00 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 10:00am

More information about our Children's Programs can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

Compassion Sunday: August 21, more information to follow.

To volunteer with the Missions Team, visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: ASM will return on September 11.

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

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:

Corinthians 1 & 2, September 6 6:00am coffee; 6:15am start.

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

Women on The Ascent Bible Studies:

Tuesday studies, 9:00am Woodmoor Campus, Childcare available.

When the Hurt Runs Deep, September 6, Room 214.

Mom's and Beyond, Spiritual Simplicity, September 9, Room 213.

The Armor of God, September 13 Room 212.

Tuesday evening study meeting in Promontory Point, **The Wired Soul** September 6, 6:00pm.

Wednesday evening study meeting at Woodmoor Campus, **Corinthians 1 & 2,** September 7, 6:30pm Room 213. Childcare available.

To register, or for more information, visit: www.theascentchurch.com/women.



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Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Genesis 1-3,
Psalm 139:14, Galatians 3:28,
Colossians 1:15, 2 Corinthians 4:4 and
Philippians 1:3-5.



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 8/22/16 – 8/27/16: Genesis 3:8, Genesis 6:9, John 17:20-23, James 2:22-23, Galatians 5:22-23, John 10:4, 14 and 27, Galatians 3:24, Micah 6:8, John 15:15.

Monday, August 22, 2016

Read: Genesis 3:8. Apparently Adam and Eve were accustomed to walking with God in the garden; after their sin they tried to hide themselves from God, when God was walking in the garden.

Genesis 6:9 Notice that Noah walked with God.

Micah 6:8 Notice the appeal for you to walk humbly with God.

Reflect:

What do you think “walking” with God means? What does it mean for you to walk with God?

Read: 1 John 1:1-4, then read verses 3-4 again.

Reflect:

What do you think “fellowship” with God the Father and with Jesus Christ means? What does it mean for you to have fellowship with God?

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

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Read: John 10:1-5 Notice how Jesus uses the imagery of a caring shepherd's knowledge of his sheep and the sheep's knowledge of their shepherd to point to God's relationship with His people. Notice also the imagery of the strangers.

John 10:7-15 Note the imagery of the door/gate, thieves/bandits, good shepherd, hired hand, and wolves.

Reflect:

Record what you believe are the most important lessons to be gained about a relationship with the Lord from these verses of Scripture. What is the nature of God's relationship with you?

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Read: John 17:1-3, 20-26 Notice especially, the nature of the relationship between God the Father and Jesus, and the desired relationship between the Lord and you.

Reflect:

Communicate what you believe are the most important lessons to be gained from these verses of Scripture, in regard to God's relationship with you.

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

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Read: John 15:9-17 and James 2:22-23 Notice the emphasis upon “friendship” with God.

Reflect:

Use the above passages, and journal what you believe “friendship with God” involves.

What does being God’s friend and having God as your friend mean to you? What does it involve in your life?

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

Friday, August 26, 2016

Read: Job 29:1-4 Notice Job's grief over feeling as if God's friendship is gone, and his longing for God's friendship to return.

Matthew 7:15-23 Observe Jesus' declaration of "false prophets" in verse 15, and His declaration of "the ones He does not know" in verses 21-23.

Reflect:

Friendship with God is a special relationship. Some people are genuinely friends with God and others pretend to be friends but are not. How can you know the difference? Compose your thoughts:

Read: 1 John 1:5-10 and 2:1-11.

Reflect:

Record what these verses reveal to you about true fellowship (friendship) with the Lord.

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

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Read:

Galatians 5:22-26 and 6:1-2.

Reflect:

Friendship (companionship) with the Lord produces the “fruit” of God’s nature, (the fruit of God’s Spirit) in your life. This “fruit” overflows from your life into the lives of others.

Use these verses as a guide, creating a prayer of thanks to God for your relationship (friendship and companionship) with Him, and how this relationship impacts your life. Be specific, giving examples of the impact of the fruit of God’s Spirit in your life.

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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:

Take some time to reflect and pray about what has been revealed to you this week through the Scriptures in this Compass.

Invitation/service:

I recently heard about a member of our church who has begun to coordinate a time to walk with neighbors around the community. It's a good time to walk the dogs, and talk about life. With fellow Christians, the walk gives you an opportunity to pray for the people and places just down the street. Try meeting with a friend, or fellow Base Camp member, partnering together to discover what you can do as a team.

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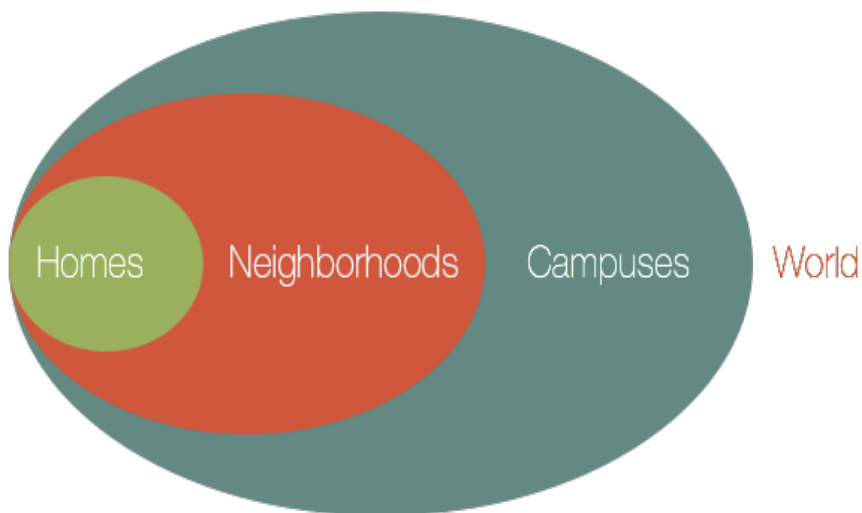
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Mission and Vision

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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