

THE COMPASS

This Sunday



September 25, 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: TODAY, 11:30 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 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

GO WEEKEND

a Church on mission

October 8

All Church Potluck
Woodmoor Campus
(more info to come)

October 9

Together at Woodmoor
9:00/11:00a
(No service at Northgate)

October 16, 2016

Register at: www.theascentchurch.com.

Parent/Child
DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6

★ ALL CHURCH ★

FALL FAMILY POTLUCK
AND MOVIE NIGHT



OCTOBER 28 5:30 - 9:00PM WOODMOOR CAMPUS

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: \$16,253.27

End of 2015/2016 Fiscal Year:

YTD Giving:	\$1,407,282
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,492,708
YTD Budget:	\$1,923,768



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. 27, Oct. 4, 11
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: Sept. 25, Oct. 2.

- 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

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

www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

All Church Fall Family Potluck

and Movie Night: October 28, 5:30 - 9pm, Woodmoor Campus.

Missions

GO Weekend will be on October 9 at both services at the Woodmoor Campus.



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.

Neighborhood and evening Bible Studies also available.

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.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: 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.

MADE FOR COMMUNITY

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership...Phil. 1:2-4 (NIV)

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:1-8 (NIV)

Two Non-negotiables of Deep Community:

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Phil. 1:9-11 (NIV)

A conviction is a _____ I _____.

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. ²⁷Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel ²⁸without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. Phil. 1:12-30 (NIV)

“The world is ours. Life is ours. Death is ours. God reigns so supremely on behalf of His elect that everything which faces us in a lifetime of obedience and ministry will be subdued by the mighty hand of God and made the servant of our holiness and our everlasting joy in God.” (John Piper, Future Grace).



The Compass Passages for 9/19/16 – 9/24/16:

Genesis 1:28-31, 3:17-19, Ezekiel 34:25-31, Isaiah 9:6-7, 59:8,
60:17, 66:12, Psalms 72, John 10:10, 14:27, 16:33, 20:21,
Matthew 5:9, Romans 8:6, 12:18, Ephesians 2:14,
1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Monday, September 26, 2016

Read: Genesis 1:28-31, 3:17-19 through several times in various versions. Ask God to show you what He wants you to see in your study today.

Reflect:

Compare and contrast the conditions of the world man was in before the fall and after the fall. Which contrast strikes you the most?

What do you think life would be like if Adam and Eve had not disobeyed God in the garden?

What are ways you experience a taste of what God had originally intended for you as you live life today?

Take some time today to relax and reflect on God's original intent for the way your life should be. Ask God to give you glimpses of that special relationship He intends for you to experience this week.

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

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Read: Ezekiel 34:25-31, Isaiah 9:6-7 and allow these promises of God to soak into your heart and mind. Spend 5 minutes or so thinking through these passages before moving on to the questions below.

Reflect:

Make a list of the special promises listed in these two passages.

As you think through this list, which of these promises are the most attractive to you? Why?

Again thinking through this list, which promises do you feel are almost impossible in your current circumstances? Why?

Why do you not always experience the peace that God has promised you?

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Read: Psalm 72. Allow yourself time to understand the truths written in this Psalm.

Reflect:

The Psalms are a special song book for the people of Israel. Take some time today to just enjoy the message of this Psalm.

Find a phrase that speaks powerfully to your heart. Create a short song that uses the thoughts and meaning of the phrase and sing the song back to God. If you are brave, share the song with a member of your family or Base Camp.

Choose a couple verses from this Psalm that have special meaning to you and take some time to memorize them. Throughout the day, reflect back on these memorized verses and allow yourself to experience God's peace.

Select a couple of verses from this Psalm and pray them back to God for peace in your life. If need be, transcribe in your own words, taking time to allow God to speak to you.

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

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Read: Isaiah 59:8, 60:17, 66:12, John 10:10, 14:27, 16:33, 20:21, Matthew 5:9, Romans 8:6, 12:18, Ephesians 2:14, 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Reflect:

Today you have several verses that pertain to the Peace of God. Take some time reflecting on each. Are there conditions placed on these promises of peace? List any conditions below:

In a world that seems to witness more and more conflict and war, how can you best bring the message of God's peace to a searching world?

Spend some time with God, thanking Him for His promise of peace in a world that seems to be falling apart. If you are not experiencing God's peace, spend some time with Him, seeking His guidance.

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

Friday, September 30, 2016

Review all of the scriptures we have looked at this week: Genesis 1:28-31, 3:17-19, Ezekiel 34:25-31, Isaiah 9:6-7, 59:8, 60:17, 66:12, Psalms 72, John 10:10, 14:27, 16:33, 20:21, Matthew 5:9, Romans 8:6, 12:18, Ephesians 2:14, 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Reflect:

Why does peace often seem so elusive while you yearn for it?

How can you help others experience God's peace?

Take some time today in prayer for your church, your community, your country, and the world. Pray that you would acknowledge God's control in the world and that you might be a representative of God's peace.

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Saturday, October 1, 2016

Reflect on your studies this week. What are some of the significant learnings you experienced?

What plan could you put in place to apply the values God is teaching you?

Prepare to meet God tomorrow at church, ready to listen for His voice. How can God use you as an agent of encouragement and peace to others?

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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: Cardstock paper, Bibles, markers, crayons, optional: water colors, etc.

Intergenerational:

1) Gather the kids and adults into two circles standing shoulder to shoulder, with one circle inside the other, facing each other. Encourage kids to start off facing a parent so they can get help answering the question, **When have you felt God's peace in your life?** If you have an odd number of people, the leader can step back and be the caller.

Direct the circles to start rotating, one clockwise and the other counterclockwise. Ask the caller to turn his back to the circles. After a short time, have the caller say, "Stop!" At this point the circles will stop rotating and each child will turn to the person closest to him in the other circle, shake hands, introduce himself, and answer the **When have you felt God's peace in your life?** Then the caller will say, "Circle up," and the circles will begin to rotate again, repeating the same action as before, answering the same question. After a few rounds, be seated.

2) Share with the group something from God's Word, a verse or story that reflects God's peace and how it has impacted you recently. How does God help you feel "whole" or "complete?" What are some areas in your life where you could ask God to fill a void?

3) Get in groups of 2-4 people and create a picture, or word-art drawing based on John 14:27 (NLT) *I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.* Encourage each other to color, draw or write the words that speak to them.

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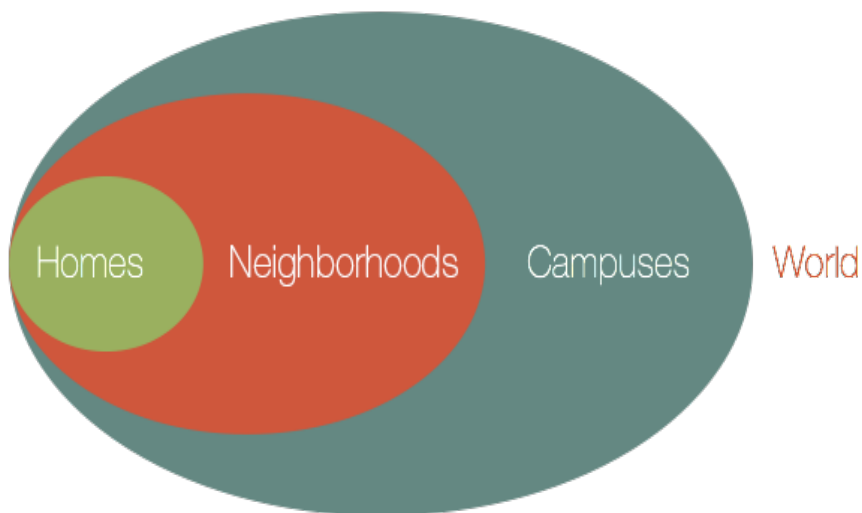
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Mission and Vision

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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