

# THE COMPASS

Next Week



June 26, 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: Every 3rd Sunday, 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](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

ASM  
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June 28  
6-8pm  
Meet @ Fox Run Park  
BBQ, Games, Squids and  
more



Children's Ministry  
June 29, 9am-12pm

# A DAY AT THE PARK

Black Forest Park  
Kids ages 4yrs-4th grade




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church.com/kids

**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR AN  
IMPORTANT  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING ON JULY 24.  
THE BUDGET AND BY-  
LAWS WILL  
BE PRESENTED.**

**ELEVATE  
LOCK-IN**

*Incoming 5th & 6th Graders*

JULY 22-23  
DETAILS COMING SOON



## Preschool Day

July 18, 9am-12pm, Woodmoor Campus

A morning just for preschoolers (age 2-5 years old)! Crafts, snacks, worship and a visit from the Kritter Karavan. Leaders and helpers needed.

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



# 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: \$33,591.69**

As of 5/31/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,116,425
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,125,347
YTD Budget:	\$1,442,826

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$28,348
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:** June 28, Woodmoor Campus. Taking July off but will return August 2.

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

**ASM All Play BBQ:** June 28, 6-8pm, Fox Run Park. BBQ, games, squid and more!

More information about upcoming events can be found at: [www.theascentchurch.com](http://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

## **Children's Day at the Park:**

June 29, 9am-12pm, Black Forest Regional Park, 4yrs - 4th grade.

24' slide, sports, crafts and more!

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

**Preschool Day:** July 18, 9am-12pm, Woodmoor Campus.

Join us for a morning just for preschoolers (potty trained, ages 2-5 years old). Animal theme with crafts, snack, worship, and a visit from the Kritter Karavan! Leaders and helpers needed. Free but families must register for this event. Space is limited, please register early: [www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids).



## Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

**ASM DEEP Dates:** June 26, upstairs at both campuses. Taking July off and return on August 7.

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: [asm@theascentchurch.com](mailto:asm@theascentchurch.com).



## Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

### **Connections Class:**

Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 213.

**Parents of Teens Class:** Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 210.

## Women's and Men's Ministries

### **Men on the Ascent Bible Study:**

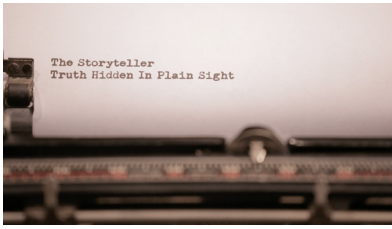
Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

**Women on The Ascent:** Save the date for the next event on July 14!

## Missions

Join the GO Leadership Team, Missionary Support Team, and Ministry Partner Coordinators. Visit: [www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach](http://www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach).



# Message Notes

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Sermon Passages: Luke 14:7-14.



## **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 6/27/16 – 7/02/16: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18.**

# Monday, June 27, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 34:29-35.

**Reflect:**

With what did Moses come down from the mountain?

Why do you think Moses veiled his face?

Exposure to the glory of God was shown in Moses' face, and that glory was hidden behind a veil. Where else was the glory of God hidden behind a veil?

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



## Tuesday, June 28, 2016

**Read:** Exodus 26:30-37 and Leviticus 16:2.

**Reflect:**

What did the veil separate in the Tabernacle and Temple?

What was behind the veil?

What would happen if you were exposed to God's glory behind the veil?

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

## Wednesday, June 29, 2016

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 3:7-18.

**Reflect:**

Keeping in mind the Old Testament passages you read, list the significant imagery that is common to all passages.

What imagery would be familiar to a Jewish reader of the 2 Corinthians passage?

Are you able to begin putting Paul's analogy together as he teaches the difference between the Old Covenant (the Law), and the New Covenant (through the Spirit)?

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

## Thursday, June 30, 2016

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-16.

**Reflect:**

What is the only way “the veil” is lifted today?

From what are you freed when the veil is lifted?

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

**Friday, July 1, 2016**

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.

**Reflect:**

What do you have “where the Spirit of the Lord is”?

What does freedom look like to you?

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

## Saturday, July 2, 2016

**Read:** Galatians 5.

**Reflect:**

Galatians 5:1 talks about slavery. Slavery from what?

List or highlight some of the key ways a person in freedom lives.

Read the core passage again, 2 Corinthians 3:7-18, and see if you understand more clearly what Paul was trying to teach with regards to our freedom from the Old Covenant of the Law, and now life in the Spirit of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ.

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

## Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Supplies: Several rolls of masking tape and sharpies.

Intergenerational: Try this activity to help understand how sin enslaves you, and how Christ breaks you free.

Partner up with a child: Have a child or adult make a fist with their right hand. Wrap a band of masking tape snugly around his/her closed fist, to secure fingers and thumb so they can't move. (Wrap it around a couple of times for older kids or adults.) Write the word "sin" all around the tape and explain that, without Christ, you are bound as a slave. Then ask your child to open his/her fist and shake your hand. Because of sin (the tape), they cannot shake your hand, nor can they lift an open hand to praise God. Explain when you trust in Christ, God breaks the power of sin in your life. As you say this, each partner breaks the tape to set the other's hand free. Leave it stuck to the back of the hand to illustrate that although you are set free, sin remains a part of your life. Now, ask someone to shake your hand again. Although you are set free from the bondage of sin, because sin remains, you must daily choose to use your freedom from sin to live for God.

—Resource: Article by Marty Machowski on [ThrivingFamily.com](http://ThrivingFamily.com)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does freedom mean?
2. What did Jesus do to give you freedom from sin?
3. What are some things you have done that show you are a sinner and need Jesus?
4. What is it like to have freedom in Jesus?
5. How can you use what you learned today to tell someone else about Jesus?

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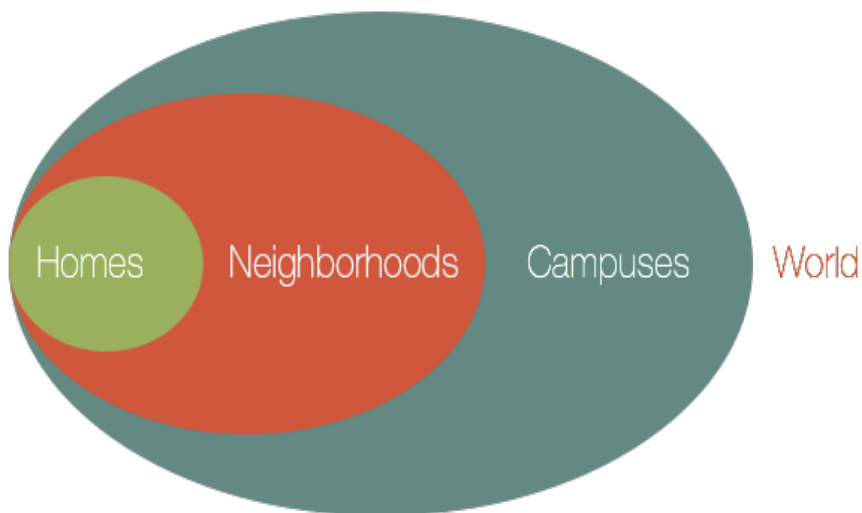
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# Mission and Vision

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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