

# THE COMPASS

Next Sunday



October 2, 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: **TODAY**, 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

## GO WEEKEND

a Church on mission

**October 8**

Dessert Potluck

6:30p - Woodmoor Campus

**October 9**

Together at Woodmoor

9:00/11:00a

(No service at Northgate)

## WOMEN ON THE ASCENT GATHER

*Fall Evening*

Wednesday, October 5

6:30-8pm, Hardman's Barn,

2020 Baptist Road, Monument

Join us for a Fall evening of S'mores, hot cider, prayer and listening to Maria Peterson share with us at the Hardman's Barn!

Sarah Hardman: 937-554-0018

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Please RSVP and bring a chair and friends!!

## ALL CHURCH FALL FAMILY POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT

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

October 16  
Parent/Child  
DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6

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

# 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: \$17,060.48**

As of 9/30/2016:

YTD Giving: \$73,458  
YTD Actual Expenses: \$79,827  
YTD Budget: \$122,505

Fiscal Year 2016-17

Avg. Weekly Giving: \$18,364  
Avg. Weekly Budget: \$30,626



## Giving at The Ascent

- (1) Offering Boxes: Cash/check (in our worship service)
- (2) Online: From our website
- (3) Kiosk: Back of Worship Center
- (4) Mobile/Text: The Ascent Church App (download from your App Store)

# Connection Opportunities *This Week*



## Ascent Student Ministry

**ASM Tuesday Dates:**  
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 for  
MS and HS.

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

### **ASM upcoming events:**

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

## ASM Deep

**ASM DEEP Dates:** Oct. 2, 16, 23,  
30.

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

**All Church Fall Family Potluck and Movie Night:** October 28, 5:30 - 9pm, Woodmoor Campus.

## Missions

GO (Global Outreach) Weekend will be Oct. 8-9 to celebrate our missionaries and missions. Dessert Potluck at 6:30pm on Oct. 8. GO Weekend Celebration Service at 9 and 11am on Oct. 9. All activities will be 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](http://www.theascentchurch.com).



## Message Notes

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Sermon Passages: Philippians 4:4-9.

### MADE FOR SHALOM

**Four Pieces of the Peaceful Smile (Shalom):**

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## **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 10/3/16 – 10/8/16:**

Matthew 28:16-20 and Romans 12:1-13

# Monday, October 3, 2016

**Read:** Matthew 8:16-20.

**Reflect:**

As we consider global missions this week and look forward to the Ascent's Global Outreach Sunday, we consider the Great Commission of Matthew 28. It may be very familiar to you; perhaps it's one of your memory verses.

Although it's usually considered a directive for the whole church, how do you see it as a directive for you individually?

What does it mean to "make disciples of all nations?"

Is "making disciples" the same as evangelism? Explain.

Global outreach may seem like an overwhelming challenge. How does God help us face that challenge?

What is your prayer for "all nations"? Write it here:

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



## Tuesday, October 4, 2016

**Read:** Romans 12:1-13 and Philippians 4:14-16.

**Reflect:**

What “member” of the body are you?

How do you carry out your part?

Although you may not go abroad to perform global missions yourself, what burden do you have for global missions?

What stirs your heart for global missions?

How can you contribute?

What is your current contribution to missions? Is a contribution to missions the same as tithing? What could you set aside for missions?

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

## Wednesday, October 5, 2016

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 2 Corinthians 1:11; 2 Corinthians 9:1-6.

**Reflect:**

This coming Sunday will be a celebration of global missions—we'll celebrate the work performed by the missionaries we support and our privilege to participate in God's kingdom with them.

Are you aware of the missions work supported by the Ascent Church? Take a look at the Ascent website's missions area. What are we doing?

What would you tell others about the work being performed through global missions?

Reflecting on the verses for today, why would you think it important to celebrate missions?

In 2 Corinthians 8:5, why did Paul point out that the Macedonians "gave themselves first to the Lord"?

Commit to one thing this week: Is there mission work you could support? A missionary you could pray for or encourage? Is there someone you could invite to join us in missions support?

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

## Thursday, October 6, 2016

**Read:** Acts 11:27-30 and Romans 10:13-15.

**Reflect:**

The verses from Acts depict the material needs in the mission field. Certainly there are met needs and comforts you enjoy where you are, while others face challenges, scarcity, and even danger that may keep them from receiving the gospel.

Make a list of what you have where you live and what others need in the global mission field:

**I Have:**

**Others need:**


What is the greatest gift you could give to those in the mission field—both to those doing the work and those being ministered to?

How can you supply others in need?

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

## Friday, October 7, 2016

**Read:** Acts 17:22-23; 32-34 and Romans 10:13-15.

**Reflect:**

There may seem to be many reasons we send out global missionaries. Could you distill those many reasons down to one? Two? Three? What would you say?

How does the church raise up missionaries?

Why is it difficult to spread the gospel on a personal level? Do we lack the skill or the will? Or are the conditions just not right?

How might you join in missions work or better contribute to spreading the gospel?

Identify the most challenging part of sharing your faith. Is it doctrine? Boldness? A specific concept? Ask a fellow believer for suggestions in overcoming that obstacle.

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

## Saturday, October 8, 2016

**Read:** Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 12:1-13; and Isaiah 6:8.

**Reflect:**

Tomorrow at church you'll have an opportunity to celebrate, meet, and interact with missionaries. But tomorrow should not be the only day of the year you celebrate missions.

What would be an ideal interaction for you tomorrow on Global Outreach Sunday?

Write down two goals for yourself or for your family related to missions in the upcoming year.

In Judges 6:14, as God directs Gideon to conquer the Midianites, God asks, "Am I not sending you?" Isaiah 6:8 reminds of of a wonderful answer to God's calling.

Even if you don't travel across the world to preach the gospel, how might these verses apply to you and others?

Pray for God's leading, discernment, and an open heart as you celebrate missions at the Ascent Church.

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

Open your time with a story of your past and current involvement in global missions.

Based on what you learned this week about the missionaries the Ascent supports, as well as our four mission partnerships, what questions do you have? What is one story you heard regarding how God is working in the lives of those we support in mission?

### **Read Matthew 28:16-20**

-As you think about the Great Commission, what encourages you? What might be holding you back from acting on what Jesus says to his disciples?

-In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family, neighborhood, work? In partnership with others?

### **Read Acts 1:8**

-Where does God call us to be witnesses? What is our present day Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth?

### **Read Philippians 4:10-19 and 2 Corinthians 1:8-11**

-What dynamics are included in Paul's relationship with the Philippians? With those in Corinth?

-How might these dynamics inform the Ascent Church's relationship with our missionaries?

How can we support our 30 partners in mission (through relationship, prayer, encouragement, giving, involvement, other)?

End your time in prayer, including our missionaries, our mission partnerships, and how your Base Camp can be even more engaged with the Ascent Church's Global Missions.

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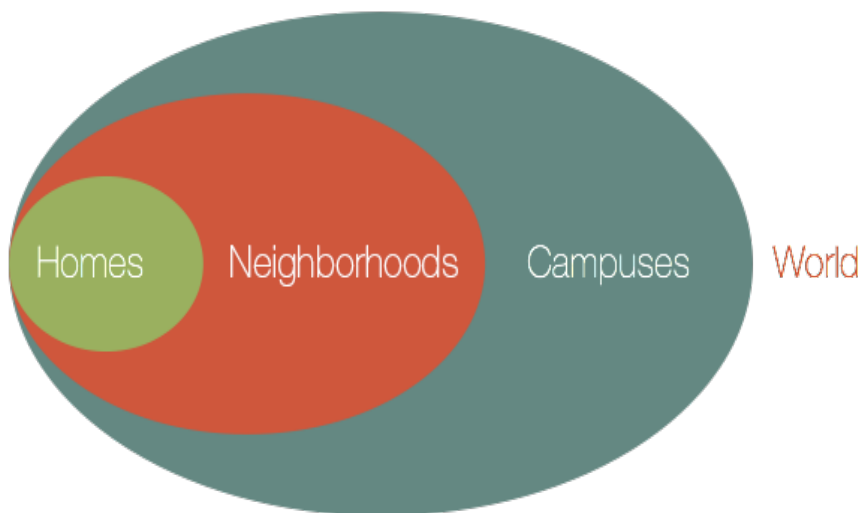
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# Mission and Vision

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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