

THE
COMPASS



This Sunday



smile!
Philippians

April 2, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH



This Sunday's Message

"Smiling at the Future" Philippians 3

Sermon Notes:

A Future Smile Targets:

_____ over a _____.

Philippians 3:1-14 (NIV)

_____ over _____.

Philippians 3:1-14 (NIV)

Future Smile Challenge: _____ the end of Philippians
3:9. “...*the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of
faith.*”

Get Connected

If this is your first visit, welcome! We hope your visit is meaningful, and we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area. 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: **This Sunday**, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- 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. Explore II classes are held quarterly.



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.



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 at: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.



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 email info@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life



Good Friday

APRIL 14 - 6:00PM
WOODMOOR CAMPUS



upward APRIL 16

Woodmoor Campus
8am, 9:30am, 11am

Northgate Campus
10:30am

Easter at  THE ASCENT CHURCH



April 15

INVITE A NEIGHBOR
LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Gleneagle and Struther's Corridor
Antelope Trails Elementary - 11am

Palmer Lake
Palmer Lake Town Hall - 10am

EGG HUNT

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
April 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

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: April 2, 9, 23, 30.

- Northgate: 10:15am, 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: 10:15am

Kids' Camp: June 7-9, 2017, La Foret Event Center, Black Forest.

Registration is now open at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

For more information on upcoming mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, visit:

www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:
Sundays, 10:45am,

Woodmoor Campus Room 213. The Connection Class will be studying the book of Hebrews. All are welcome!

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

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

I & II Corinthians, 6:00am coffee; 6:15am start. Join us anytime.

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

Women on the Ascent Bible Studies:

- Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.
- WOTA Journey: I & II Corinthians, Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Women on the Ascent:

WOTA Retreat: April 7-9, Friday, 6pm-Sunday, 11am, Spring Canyon. Be refreshed and renewed in the mountains. Guest speaker will be Melissa Maimone. Register:

www.theascentchurch.com/women.



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes in worship
- Online: theascentchurch.com
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App



THE COMPASS

Introduction to The Compass Devotions (on the following pages)

The Compass provides individuals, families, and Base Camps a Bible-centered tool to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, one another, their neighbors, and God's world. Daily study of God's word, prayer, and growth in the practices of the Christian faith provides God the opportunity to shape us as His people. The Compass begins on Monday, with each day's reflection anchored in the passage for the upcoming Sunday, providing the whole church shared preparation for worship and group life. Thank you to our team of writers and editors. For more information, contact Pastor Scott at scott@theascentchurch.com.

The Compass Passages for April 3 - 8, 2017:

Philippians 4

Monday, April 3, 2017

Read Philippians 4, focusing on verses 1-3.

Reflect:

Is a life in Christ joyful and peaceful because it lacks turmoil?
Would you say that as a follower of Jesus you have joy and peace in your life? Why or why not?

Why was it important for Euodia and Syntyche to make peace with each other?

List the blessings or benefits you experience when you restore a relationship or find peace with a fellow believer.

This week, consider the joy you may bring to your life or to another's life by restoring a relationship or making peace. Ask God for the wisdom, will, and ability to accomplish this.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Read Philippians 4:4-7 and Habakkuk 3:17-18.

Reflect:

Aren't these remarkable passages of Scripture? Philippians 4:7 might be a good memory verse. You may have sung about "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding," in Sunday school or at camp.

Why is this called the peace that surpasses (transcends) all understanding?

Why are you able to rejoice "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines"?

Who benefits when you rejoice? What are the benefits?

Is there a situation this week in which you might rejoice and present a petition to God? How can you interrupt gloom and invite God's peace? Who might be blessed?

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Read Philippians 4:4-7 and Habakkuk 3:17-18.

Reflect:

Is Paul's encouragement the same as the power of positive thinking? Why or why not?

Can mere thinking bring you peace and joy? How so?

Give an example for each of the following.

True:

Noble:

Right:

Pure:

Lovely:

Admirable:

Excellent:

Praiseworthy:

What influence do these have on your life?

How can the examples listed above be a part of your ministry of peace and joy?

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Read Philippians 4:10-13.

Reflect:

Philippians 4:13 is a popular memory verse. Of all the truths in Scripture, why do people cherish this one so much?

Why is it important to you?

Perhaps more importantly, how does this passage (10-13) speak to how Christians are to live?

Paul says he is content in everything. Is this happiness? What is the contentment experienced by faith in God?

What is your testimony to others about your life in Christ? Is it about success? Happiness? Triumph? Joy? Peace? Contentment?

Consider how you might share or witness to others.

Friday, April 7, 2017

Read Philippians 4:10; 14-20; and Ephesians 1:18.

Reflect:

The church at Philippi was an instrument for God's peace and joy in Paul's life.

How does your concern for others bring about rejoicing?

How can you sacrifice for others in order to bring them joy?

Although Paul speaks of meeting material needs, what would you say about the "glorious inheritance" or "riches" to an unbeliever or a believer in need of reassurance?

What are the "riches in glory in Christ Jesus" that bring you peace and joy?

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Read Philippians 4 and John 16:33.

Reflect:

Life in Christ = peace and joy.

Can you truly declare this? Why or why or not?

God's ways bring peace and joy.

Can you truly proclaim this? Why or why not?

During worship tomorrow, look for “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise . . .”

How could you demonstrate or share these things with your neighbors today?

Building Our Base Camp Family

Preparation: Gather a variety of objects best experienced with others (e.g. soccer ball, board games, pie). Sit together in a large circle.

Intergenerational Element: Play a quick round of telephone, or have a back-scratching chain. At the end, note how joy shared is joy multiplied. Read Philippians 4:1-9, and note that “you” is plural in this section of Philippians.

Adult Study:

Ask the group to share which joy discussed in this series was most meaningful:

Philippians 1—Why the Apostles Smiled

Philippians 2—Why Jesus Smiles

Philippians 3—Smiling at the Future

Philippians 4—The Peaceful Smile

Read Philippians 4:1-9.

- *When Paul instructs the Philippians to “stand firm,” was this as individuals or as a group? How important was their shared life?*
- *“Reasonableness” could be translated “graciousness and forbearance.” How do these contribute to shared joy?*
- *What two practices does Paul suggest to offset anxiety?*
- *Read Philippians 4:10-23; Luke 10:7; 1 Corinthians 9:11-12; and 1 Timothy 5:18.*
- *Paul was grateful for the Philippians’ generosity to those in need and for their contribution to his personal needs. Yet he never asked for their financial support. Why not?*
- *What fruit did Paul desire for the Philippians as they gave to him?*
- *What does this teach you about your own willingness to receive financial generosity from within a Base Camp or group? What tends to prevent this kind of sharing?*
- *Is there an example in the Bible of financial sharing that inspires you?*

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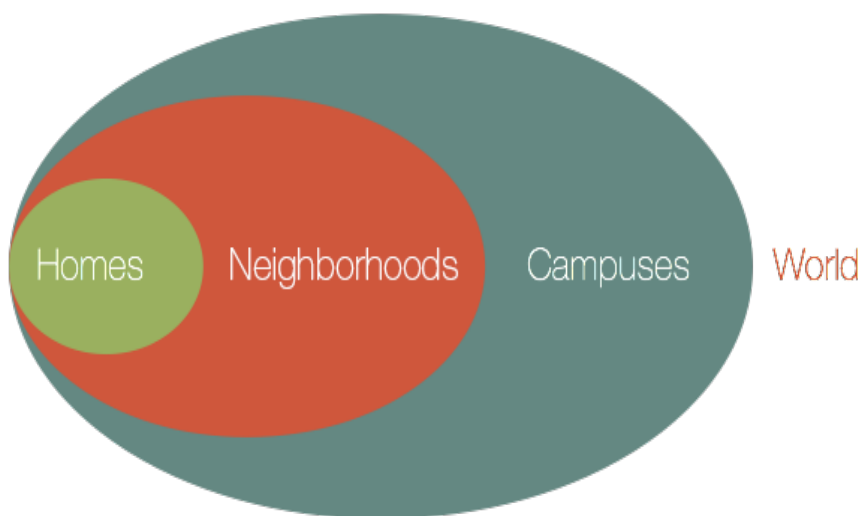
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Mission and Vision

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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