

# THE COMPASS

Current Series



September 4, 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: will resume **TODAY**, 10:15 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 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](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

# WOMEN ON THE ASCENT GATHER

## *Fall Kick Off*

Wednesday, September 7  
6:30-8pm, Woodmoor Campus  
Event Center

The evening will be packed with opportunities to learn, share, give and study this fall at The Ascent Church. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

*\*Donation opportunities will be available.*



**Men's, Women's,  
Neighborhood Studies,  
and Sunday Morning  
Classes starting soon!**

# FALL KICKOFF!

[THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/MINISTRIES](http://THEASCENTCHURCH.COM/MINISTRIES)

For more info on how to sign up,  
Visit: [www.theascentchurch.com/equipping](http://www.theascentchurch.com/equipping)

Sept 13

## ASM Kick-Off

Woodmoor Campus  
MS 5:30-7p HS 7-8:45p

Dinner, Raffles, Inflatables,  
Testimonies, Swag, Games, and  
more!

ALL FREE

## Woodmoor Children's Ministry Volunteer Training

September 20, 6:30 - 8:00pm,  
Woodmoor Campus.

Register: [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: \$17,125.00**

As of 8/21/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,390,156
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,445,319
YTD Budget:	\$1,886,772

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$27,257
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

**ASM Tuesday Dates:**  
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 for  
MS and HS.

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

**ASM Kick Off:** Kick off the fall programs with dinner, games, inflatables and more, Sept. 13.

### **ASM upcoming events:**

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

## ASM Deep

**ASM DEEP Dates:** Returns on **September 11** for MS and HS.

- 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

### **Woodmoor Volunteer Training:**

September 20, 6:30 - 8:00pm,

Woodmoor Campus. Register:

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

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

## Missions

GO (Global Outreach) Team (current opportunities available): Provide leadership guidance to fulfill our mission, advocate and support our mission trips and missionaries, and cultivate a global perspective of God's ministry among our church. Contact Micah at [Missions@theascentchurch.com](mailto:Missions@theascentchurch.com).



## 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, September 6,  
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.

- **Mom's and Beyond, Spiritual Simplicity**, Sept. 6
- **The Armor of God**, Sept. 13.

Monday evening study, "**The Miracle of Life Change**", North Woodmoor neighborhood, Sept. 12, 6:30pm. Contact Nancy Miller at [nwmiller1@gmail.com](mailto:nwmiller1@gmail.com) for details.

Tuesday evening study, **The Wired Soul**, Promontory Point neighborhood, Sept. 6, 6pm.

Wednesday evening study, **1 & 2 Corinthians**, Woodmoor Campus, Sept 7, 6:30pm, childcare available.

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

*Save the Date for an All Church Fall Family Potluck and Movie Night on Friday, October 28, 5:30 - 9pm.*



## Message Notes

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Sermon Passages: Genesis 2:2-3,  
Exodus 20:8-11, Mark 2:27, and  
Matthew 12:1-8.



## **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 9/5/16 – 9/10/16: Deuteronomy 31:1-6.**

# Monday, September 5, 2016

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-6.

**Reflect:**

As the Israelites prepared to enter Canaan, they certainly had hopes and dreams, as well as doubts and fears.

What hopes and dreams are drawing you into God's kingdom plan?

What is your "Canaan?"

How will you enter this "promised land?" Who will help you as you enter?

What doubts and fears might limit you?

Write a prayer praising God for His "promised land" plan for you. Meditate and reflect on how to glorify Him as you step into His will.

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



## Tuesday, September 6, 2016

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-6; Deuteronomy 30:15-16.

**Reflect:**

Joshua would carry on the work begun by Moses.

What work are you continuing?

What is the purpose of this work?

Who has gone before you?

Will you lead or are you being led? What does this mean for you as you participate in God's plan?

Thank God for taking you from "Egypt to the Promised Land."  
Meditate on what He's called you to. Is it a challenge? A privilege?  
An opportunity?

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

## Wednesday, September 7, 2016

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-6; Numbers 13:26-30; Hebrews 13:5.

**Reflect:**

Why do you need a reminder that He “will never leave you nor forsake you?”

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, they so often forgot God’s past provision and the promised future He foretold.

What is the past provision and the promised future of your life in God?

What “powerful people” or “fortified cities” do you face in your personal life, in your community group, or as a church body?

Discuss the “powerful people” and “fortified cities” you face with a fellow believer. Pray together and support one another as you proceed into your “Promised Land.”

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

## Thursday, September 8, 2016

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-6; 1 Samuel 16:7-13; Matthew 4:18-22.

**Reflect:**

David was chosen from a humble position in life; Jesus selected men of lowly position to be His apostles.

What does God's selection of leaders say about those leaders?  
About God?

Considering David's subsequent failures and the disciples' doubt and abandonment of Jesus, what does this mean for you as a follower of God's appointed leaders?

In general, how will you follow and support the leaders God has appointed in your life?

List some specific ways you will support and follow the leaders God places in your life.

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

## Friday, September 9, 2016

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-6; Colossians 3:12-17; Philippians 4:2-3.

**Reflect:**

Like the Israelites taking on a new leader (Joshua), the New Testament churches were challenged to ensure there was trust in God, support, unity, and love within their body.

What challenges face you today as a member, a leader, or a follower in a local church body?

What undermines good member-leader-follower relationships in a church body?

What blesses you as a member, leader, or follower in your church body relationships?

What pleases God as His people relate to each other in a local church?

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

## Saturday, September 10, 2016

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:1-6; Hebrews 13:17.

**Reflect:**

This Deuteronomy passage is a rich illustration of trust in God, God's provision and the privilege and responsibility of leading God's people.

A change or transition in church leadership can challenge a church body, but God has left you with counsel.

What are God's promises to you, as one who participates in His kingdom through a local church body?

What are God's instructions to you, as a follower or supporting member in the local church body?

List some specific areas where obedience and authority might be in question in your life.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's counsel as you commit to God's will in those areas.

**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.

### Prepare:

Early in the week contact your Base Camp and encourage them to prepare for this Sunday's sermon by studying the passage and using the Compass as a tool. Invite them to bring their copy of the Compass to your Base Camp gathering.

### Intergenerational:

Students have recently transitioned to new teachers. Our congregation will soon transition to a new Lead Pastor. Before dismissing them to another activity, ask children of all ages to share their advice for how to begin with a new leader.

### Adult Study:

Ask each adult to share their expectations, hopes, and desires for Rusty. How did studying Deuteronomy 31:1-6 impact their thoughts?

In Deuteronomy, Moses is largely recounting to Israel their time in the wilderness. In 8:1-3, how does God explain the reason for their time in transition?

- V3: How did God teach them what they needed to know?
- V2: What needed to be tested in God's people?
- V2: What command did God give in this verse?
- V1: For what territory was all the above?

Read Acts 15:7-21.

- How did new leadership reveal itself?
- How might this assist expectations of leaders in the church?

Conclude by praying for Rusty's first weeks in our area, as he begins his leadership at The Ascent Church. Record your prayers and review in 4 or 5 weeks and again in 4 or 5 months.

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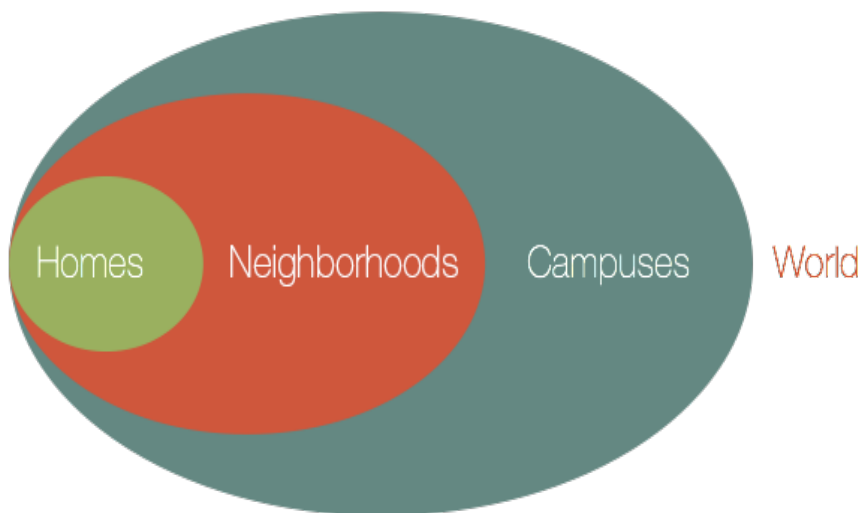
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# Mission and Vision

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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