

THE COMPASS

Next Sunday



January 1, 2017



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: January 8, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: January 15, 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.



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



Women ON THE Ascent WOTA Gather

January 4, 6:30-8pm in the Event Center at the Woodmoor Campus
Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share; hot chocolate bar provided. Our own Judi Hayes will be sharing.

Childcare available, please register your children by January 1.

Congregational Meeting

An Ascent Church Congregational Meeting will be held on January 15.

- Northgate Campus: after the 10:15am service
- Woodmoor Campus: after the 11:00am service

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.



End of Year Giving:

All end-of-year giving will need to be completed by December 31 in order to qualify for the 2016 tax year. If you have any questions, please contact: tara@theascentchurch.com.



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes during worship
- Online www.theascentchurch.com/give1
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting Tara at tara@theascentchurch.com.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 for MS and HS.

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

Middle School Snowbound Retreat on January 20-22. Sign up by January 2 for an amazing weekend for middle schoolers at Frontier Ranch.

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: January 8, 15, 29.

- 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: 10am

More information at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

Missions

Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:

Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213. The Connection Class is studying the prophecies of Zechariah until the end of the year, and starting a new study this January.

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

Women on the Ascent Gather:

January 4, 6:30-8pm in the Event Center at the Woodmoor Campus. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share; hot chocolate bar provided. Our own Judi Hayes will be sharing. Childcare available; sign-up by today.

Women on the Ascent Retreat:

April 7-9, Spring Canyon Ranch in Buena Vista. Sign up now for the early bird special and payment plan. Register before February 1, the cost is only \$190 for an amazing weekend!



This Sunday's Message

Shine in the New Year

Work out _____ so God can work
_____.

Philippians 2:12-13

Shine in _____.

Romans 1:5-6

Shine in _____.

Philippians 2:1-10

Shine in _____.

Philippians 2:14-18



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 Passage for January 2 – January 7, 2017:

Luke 15

Monday, January 2, 2017

Read: Luke 14 and Luke 15:1.

In chapter 14, what stood out as the most compelling reason tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to Jesus?

Recall your conversion or coming to faith in Jesus. What did you see, hear, or experience God using to bring you to saving faith? If you have not yet become a believer, why not? What in this story connects with your story of faith?

Are you a received sinner or a proud saint? What difference does this answer make as you think about others who are far from Christ or do not yet believe?

Pray for one person in your neighborhood who doesn't know Christ as Savior. Pray for someone else you see regularly at work, the gym, coffee shop, or elsewhere who needs the hope of Jesus.

Tuesday, January 3, 2016

Read: Luke 15:1-10.

Who is Jesus' primary audience when He tells this series of parables? Who else is listening? Is there one message for "pharisees" and another for "sinners", or is there just one message of the Gospel?

Have you ever been fishing and lost your pole in the lake? Or had one of your many pets wander off? Is Jesus' example of a lost sheep relevant today? What in the human heart makes this true?

In verses 7 and 10 Jesus drives home a surprising point. Summarize in your own words.

For His primary and secondary audience, how might this point have impacted each group?

When do you find yourself more pharisee-like? More sinner-like?

Journal below times when you've been that one lost sheep? Journal what heaven's response to your repentance was. Find a Christian hymn, song, or poem that captures this for you and share it on social media/with a friend.

Wednesday, January 4, 2016

Read: Luke 15:11-32.

Summarize the younger son's actions in this passage.

How much do you identify with the younger son?

What caused you to "come to yourself" (v.17) and turn to God?

Is there a universal pattern for humanity in the younger son? What hope does this give for those you prayed for on Monday?

What do verses 20-24 indicate believers should do when someone comes to faith in Christ? How does this compare to 15:7 and 15:10?

Thursday, January 5, 2016

Read: Luke 15:11-32.

Summarize what the older son did in this passage.

How much do you identify with the older son?

The story ends without the older son “coming to himself”. What caution does this give believers? To whom did Jesus expect to impact in this part of the parable?

Read Romans 2:4. As you think about your own sin life, are there real attitudes, behaviors, or vices that remain unconfessed? Confess them in prayer or journaling to God. Re-read all of chapter 15 as a way of shaping your heart towards Christ.

Remember the neighbors you prayed for on Monday. Re-read chapter 15 as a prayer for them.

Friday, January 6, 2016

Read: Luke 15:1-32 to refresh your memory.

The first two parables are usually titled by Bible publishers as “The Parable of the Lost Sheep” and “The Parable of the Lost Coin”. What might be a more fitting title for verses 11-32 than the traditional “The Parable of the Prodigal Son”? (Note: the section titles many modern Bibles have are not part of the Bible itself, rather an interpretive guide from the publisher.)

Take a short inventory of the lost sheep, coins, and sons you are relationally close to and live physically close to. What might The Ascent Church do to help in your invitation to them? Send Scott an email at scott@theascentchurch.com with your thoughts.

What regular activity of The Ascent Church might you invite these people to? If none come to mind, pray for those near you.

Saturday, January 7, 2016

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

You've studied the lost sheep, coin, and sons this week. Sometimes the mission of believers also gets lost. What have you learned this week that gives you hope as you re-emphasize bringing good news to the lost?

How might you shape your life to be more intentional in being a person of good news to those whom you come in contact with? How might you bless a neighbor, friend, or family member who needs the goodness of God's love, mercy, and encouragement?

What are you to teach others in order to make disciples? Is there anything the Lord has taught you that you are unable to teach others?

Pray for our church's mission as we start to climb together in 2017!

Building Our Base Camp Family

Preparation: Two days prior to your Base Camp meeting, send an email asking each participant (children/teens, too) to come prepared to share the names of one neighbor and one person from another local context (gym, coffee shop, work, etc) whom they want to see coming closer to Christ or coming to faith in Jesus. As the leader, review the Monday - Saturday pages; pick a favorite question or two.

Intergenerational Element: Sit in purposefully mixed groups at your Base Camp meal. Ask each person to share the names of those above and what they imagine coming closer to Christ would mean for their lives.

Adult Study: Read Luke 15.

Catalog on a flip chart and discuss:

- What is similar in these three parables? In each, catalog if the character is representing God.
- In each parable, what did the character do that demonstrated the importance to God of finding the lost?
- In what ways have you pursued another coming to faith in Christ? What motivated you to share your faith?
- What opportunities shared in the sermon might you utilize to invite others to Ascent activities this year?

In groups of 3, pray for those you wish to impact. Come back together as a large group in prayer.

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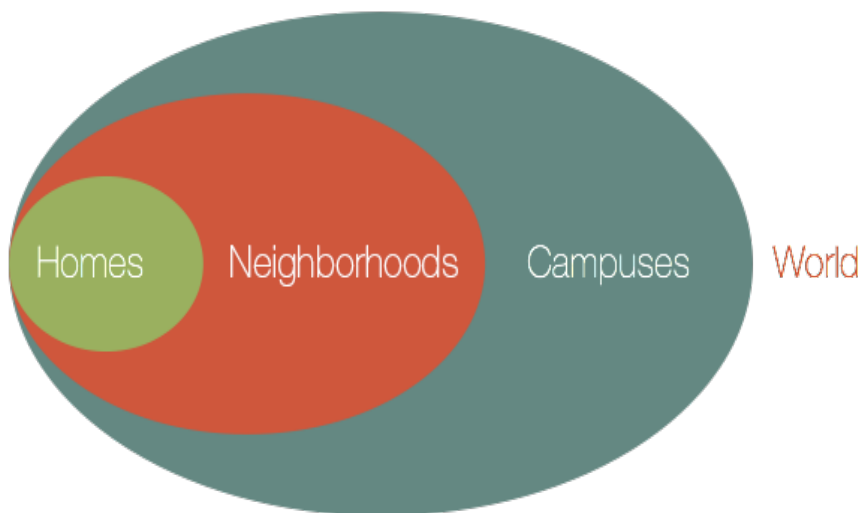
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Mission and Vision

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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