



THE COMPASS

Current Series



May 1, 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 in the offering or at the Welcome Areas 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, 10:45 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 10:45 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 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. Next class: **May 2 at 6:30pm** at the Woodmoor campus.



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 or contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



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.

Community Life

EXPLORE II CLASS MAY 2

6:30PM AT
WOODMOOR

REGISTER: WWW.
THEASCENTCHURCH.COM

SAVE THE
DATE:
MAY 22
ALL
CHURCH
BBQ

Sunday, May 8

Parent/Child DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6

Register: www.theascentchurch.com

New Service Times
beginning May 15!

Woodmoor	Northgate	Woodmoor
9 ⁰⁰ AM	10 ⁰⁰ AM	11 ⁰⁰ AM

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: \$25,331.17

As of 4/30/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$999,510
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$994,672
YTD Budget:	\$1,257,848

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$29,397
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: May 3, 10, 17, 24, Woodmoor Campus.

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

ASM Game Night: May 7, 6pm
Woodmoor Campus.

ASM Worship Night: May 17, 6pm
Woodmoor Campus.

For more information visit: www.theascentchurch.com/students.

Children's Ministry

(Birth—6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:30 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 9:30am

Elevate End of Year Celebration:

May 22, 12:15pm, all church BBQ at Woodmoor, followed by Sky Zone at 2:00pm, more information & sign up at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids



Equipping Ministry

Classes are offered at various times on Sunday mornings.

Connections Class: Sundays, 9:15-10:30am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 213.

Catalyst Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 212.

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 210.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: May 8, 15, 22, upstairs at both campuses.

- Northgate: 9:00am
- Woodmoor: 11:00am

Any questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Missions

Please pray for our Missions Teams who are preparing for their trips this summer 2016.

- Guatemala Missions Trip on July 16-23.
- Dominican Republic Missions Trip on July 2-9.

Women's and Men's Ministries

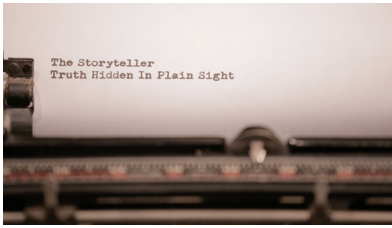
Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

Tuesdays at 6:15am, *Gospel of Mark* study.

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

Women on The Ascent: Please visit the website for a list of neighborhood and campus Bible Studies.

The Marriage Course: more information to come soon! June 1-July 20, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$120 per couple which includes dinner and childcare. Questions, please email: joel@theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43.



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 5/2/16–5/7/16: Luke 15:4-10.

Monday, May 2, 2016

Read: Luke 15:4-10.

Reflect:

1. Think of some of the things you value. List them below.

2. What impact do these things have on your life?

3. Give some precautions you follow in order to preserve or protect these items of value.

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

1. From your Scripture readings, what are some of the things God values?

2. Read Exodus 34:14. What does this verse tell you about how God values your love for Him?

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Read: Luke 15:4-10.

Reflect:

1. What joys are expressed in these verses and why?

2. Tell about a time you experienced a similar joy when finding a lost item?

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

What strikes you about the joy felt in heaven (v. 10) “over one sinner who repents”?

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Read: Luke 15:4-10.

Reflect:

1. Who initiated the search and bore the cost in the search for the lost sheep and coin? What were the costs?

2. What do you notice about the determination of the shepherd and the woman?

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

1. How does God initiate the search for a lost sinner?

2. John 3:16, 10:28 and Mark 10:45 tell of the cost God incurred in the search for His lost children. What is your response?

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Read: Luke 15:4-10.

Reflect:

Not only has God sent His Son to find you, but He graciously offers you forgiveness, salvation, and restoration to Him. Reflect and journal on the following passages:

Forgiveness of God

Read Isaiah 1:18, Daniel 9:9, and Romans 3:23.

Salvation given by God

Read Acts 4:12 and Ephesians 1:7, and 2:8.

Restoration to God

Romans 8:15-17 and 2 Corinthians 13:9-11.

Friday, May 6, 2016

Read: Luke 15:4-10.

Reflect: Read over your journaling and notes of Thursday.

1. What insights do you take away from the Scriptures for that day?

2. Reflect on 1 Peter 2:9-10. How do the gifts of God's forgiveness, salvation, and restoration impact your life?

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

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Read: Luke 15:4-10.

Reflect:

1. If you are a follower of Jesus, you know God sought after you. (See Romans 5:8). Tell your salvation story.

2. If you are not a follower of Jesus Christ, what questions do you have and to whom can you go for guidance?

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

1. What insight are you taking away from this week's study?

2. Plan to share this knowledge with someone close to you.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

During your gathering time involve all ages in discussing the following: Tell of a time you were lost. What was it like to be found?

As an adult study, read Luke 15:4-10 together.

1. Think of some of the things you value. Name a few and tell why they are valuable to you.
2. Have you had joy at finding a lost item? Tell about it.
3. From your reading of Scripture, what are some of the things God values? Read Exodus 34:14. How does this verse and Luke 15:4-10 show the way God values you?
4. How does God, in the same way as the shepherd and woman, initiate a search for the lost sinner?
5. John 3:16, 10:28 and Mark 10:45 all tell of the cost God incurred in His search for you when you were lost and how He keeps you safe. What is your response?
6. If you are a follower of Jesus, you know you did not seek God, but He sought you (Romans 5:8). Who does God bring to mind when you recall your story of salvation? Who might benefit from hearing your unique story?

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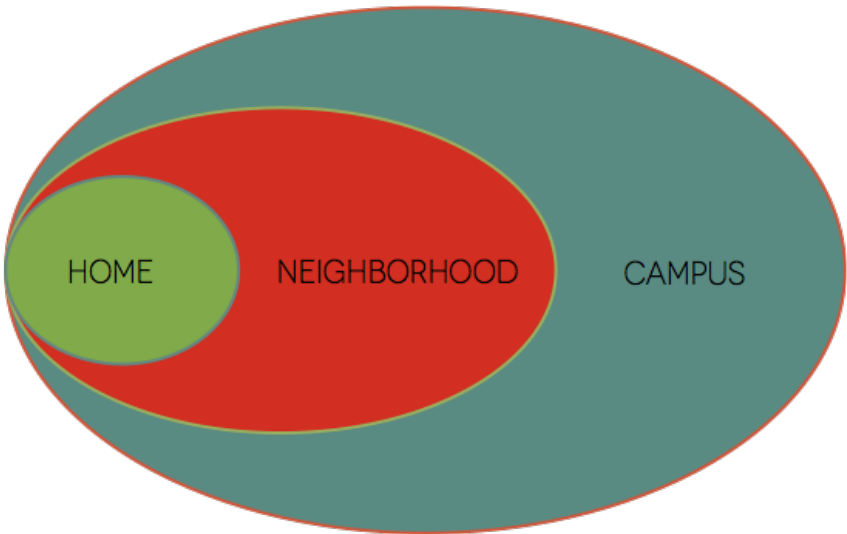
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Mission and Vision

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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