

THE COMPASS

Current Series:



November 1, 2015



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 2nd Sunday at 11:00 am, room 214 Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, at 10:45 am, in the lobby.



Explore II

Go deeper into the vision and mission of our church. Become an active part of our church community, learn our trail map for each person, ministry values, doctrine, and connecting with a Base Camp. **Held TODAY at 10:45am 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.



Serving

Use your talents and interests to serve with others in your church, accomplishing common ministry goals. There are always teams you can join! Contact Joel Witzel at 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.



Worship Team & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info, contact carson@theascentchurch.com.



Sunday Morning Team

Serve as an usher or host with the welcome team. Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. Contact joel@theascentchurch.com

Community Life

The Ascent Church Christmas Tea



Saturday
December 5, 2015
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Time for Prayer

Meet in the
Conference Room
located in the church
office area at the
Woodmoor
Campus for a time
of prayer for The
Ascent Church this
Sunday at 9:30am.



It's that time of year again when we have the opportunity to bring "Good News. Great Joy." to many children around the world. Please stop by the Operation Christmas Child table and pick up a box to fill, and return it by November 22.

PARENTS OF TEENS EQUIPPING CLASS SUPPORT & LEARN TOGETHER

SUNDAYS @ 11AM
WOODMOOR CAMPUS RM 210

catalyst

equip. connect. transform.

You're invited to a new Sunday morning class!
Sundays, 11am at Woodmoor in room 212

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: \$41,471.11

As of 10/31/2015:

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| YTD Giving: | \$217,564 |
| YTD Actual Expenses: | \$254,204 |
| YTD Budget: | \$295,964 |

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

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| Avg. Weekly Giving: | \$27,195 |
| Avg. Weekly Budget: | \$36,995 |
| Min. Weekly Need: | \$34,000 |



**Giving @
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)

(Middle & High School)

ASM meets Tuesday nights at the Woodmoor Campus.

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

No ASM today, but we look forward to seeing you next Sunday as we learn about God's promises. We meet on Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22.

- Northgate Campus: 9:30am, rooms 3433 and 3435
- Woodmoor Campus: 11:00am, rooms 213 and 216

ASM High School Lock-In! Nov. 6-7, 8:00pm—8:00am.

Fun games, fun times, fun food and free! Email Micah, Rob & Taylor asm@theascentchurch.com for online registration link.



Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

Each Sunday:

Tiny Town is available for birth - PreK:

Adventure Quest is available for K - 4th grade:

Elevate is available for 5th & 6th grade:

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

For more info, go to www.theascentchurch.com.



Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

Equipping Classes: Sunday 9:30am at Woodmoor, *Book of Revelation* study. All are welcome!

NEW! Catalyst Equipping Class: Catalyst is for those seeking to get connected with other and be equipped for Biblical community. Catalyst meets Sunday mornings, 11:00am following the 9:30am service at the Woodmoor Campus in room 212 starting Nov. 8.

Parents of Teens Equipping Class: The Parents of Teens Class meets Sunday mornings, 11:00am at the Woodmoor Campus in room 210. Join other parents for support and to help one another with raising our teens.

Men on the Ascent Bible Study: *Gospel of Mark* study Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

Women on The Ascent: Bible Studies offered on Tuesday mornings at the Woodmoor Campus. Neighborhood studies are also available.





Sermon Notes

Today's Passage: 1 Peter 2:9-10.



Shared Engagement and Preparation

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass begins devotions on Monday and leads up to the Sunday which will focus 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, not biblical information itself. 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 devotion. Rather, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on and seek growth; 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 11/2/15–11/7/15: Acts 2:42-47.

Monday, November 2, 2015

Read: Acts 2:1-41.

Reflect:

Given all that has happened, how do you think the disciples were feeling? What were their thoughts?

When Peter preached, how did his words show his knowledge of the Old Testament? How did this impact the first Christians' conception of themselves?

Compare Acts 2:32 to Matthew 28:16-20. How did Peter connect his insights with the Old Testament scripture he had studied?

What implication does this have for Biblical community?

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

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Read: Acts 2:42-46, Acts 5:42.

Reflect:

List six to eight practices or behaviors of the early believers.

How frequently were the believers together? In what location?

What implication does this have for Biblical community?

Which of these practices or behaviors are already part of your life?
Into which might God be drawing you?

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Read: Acts 2:42 and 2:46.

Reflect:

What made up “the apostle’s teaching”? Was it their testimony? Stories of Jesus?

Where do you find “the apostle’s teaching?” Is it one of the above or some mix? What does this tell you about your way of teaching others?

What does it mean to be “devoted” to someone? How does this relate to a devotion to the apostle’s teaching?

What were the results of this teaching?

What result do you wish was more true in you? In your fellowship? In your church? Why? Pray for these results in you, your Base Camp, and your church. Invite others to pray with you.

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

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Focus on: Acts 2:42, 2:45, and 2:46; **Read:** Hebrews 10:25, 1 John 1:3, and Acts 5:42.

Reflect:

Do a word study on “fellowship” in a bible dictionary, concordance, or at <http://bit.ly/1GX9Wh8>. What does it mean to “participate” in one another? How is this similar to, or different from, easy going relationships?

How do these passages describe what makes up fellowship?

Make a plan to participate in worship, home life, and ministry with your Base Camp. What is your piece in making this happen?

What does it mean that the early church was “devoted to” the apostle’s fellowship?

Reflect on those who jointly participate in your faith walk. Think about how you jointly participate with others. How important has this fellowship been in your spiritual growth?

How can you deepen your fellowship with members of your Base Camp?

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

Friday, November 6, 2015

Focus on: Acts 2:42; **Read:** Matthew 28:20, Luke 24:30, 1 Corinthians 10:16, Mark 2:13-22.

Reflect:

With whom did Jesus break bread?

The earliest church shared communion in the context of a larger meal; only later were the two separated. What was lost in this change?

How does a shared meal - regular and communion - add to fellowship? How often do you break bread with other believers?

What does it mean when the early church was “devoted to” the breaking of bread?

Pray for those from your neighborhood with whom you break bread.

Make two such meals happen, and report to your Base Camp or another believer the impact you felt.

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

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Focus on: Acts 2:42, Acts 1:14, Acts 6:4–7, Luke 11:1-2.

Reflect:

How frequently do you pray individually? How often with other believers? In what context?

What might help you and your Biblical community be “devoted to the prayers”?

In addition to the Lord’s Prayer, find two or three other Biblical prayers to recite. Pray them daily for one week as an individual, then as a family, then with someone in your community.

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you today, 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. Each week will have an intergenerational element (such as the meal); then there will be a focus for the meeting that follows the pattern and is attentive to God's Word and the age mix.

Prepare:

Early in the week, email your Base Camp and ask people to complete at least one day of this week's Compass before you meet. Examine the outline so your Base Camp preserves time for each of the apostle's teachings, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers. Print off one prayer from scripture to use together. Determine how each age will be engaged as adults meet together.

Adult Study.

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Ask each person to share what they saw and experienced as they focused on one day of this week's Compass.

Which parts of the Acts 2 story are present in your Base Camp's lives? (remember, a Base Camp is not the meeting, but the fabric of relationships).

How are you, as a Base Camp, engaging each person in the apostle's teachings? In the apostle's fellowship? In the breaking of bread? In the prayers? Discuss the impact of each.

Discuss the sharing of possessions and financial resources of the early believers. How did this impact their sense of "fellowship"? Why is this difficult to imagine today? How could this indicate a direction for your Base Camp?

Gather all ages together and pray the selected scriptural prayer.

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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.

