

THE COMPASS

Current Series



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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 September 4, 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.



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.



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.

Community Life

COMPASSION SUNDAY

AUGUST 21 AT ALL
SERVICES, BOTH
CAMPUSES



Woodmoor Campus: September 4, 10:15am

Northgate Campus: August 21, 11:30am

Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!

No pre-registration required.

CONNECTIONS

EQUIPPING CLASS

SUNDAYS @ 10:45AM

WOODMOOR CAMPUS

PARENTS
OF
TEENS

EQUIPPING CLASS



WE ARE THE
Starry Eyed

Tri-Lakes
MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers

Scan QR for our website and you will have the info you need for open house

Join Tri-lakes MOPS!!

Are you feeling starry eyed and sleep deprived? Are you a mother of a child between 0-5 years? Tri-lakes MOPS would like to invite you to their Open House August 18th from 9am-11am at the Woodmoor Campus.

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: \$26,588.10

As of 7/31/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,321,468
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,371,801
YTD Budget:	\$1,775,786

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$27,446
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: August 16, 23, and 30.

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

More information about ASM upcoming events can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com.

Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:00 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 10:00am

More information about our Children's Programs can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

Compassion Sunday: August 21, more information to follow.

To volunteer with the Missions Team, visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: ASM will return on September 11.

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

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:

Meetings will resume in the fall.

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



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Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Genesis 1:1-2,
Exodus 3:1-6;13-15 and Deuteronomy 6:4.



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 8/15/16 – 8/20/16: Genesis 1-3, Psalm 139:14, Galatians 3:28, Colossians 1:15, 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Philippians 1:3-5.

Monday, August 15, 2016

Read: Genesis chapters 1 & 2 today. Take time to allow God's Word to penetrate your heart and mind.

Reflect:

As you reflect on God's creation story, what is different about the creation of humans as opposed to all the other things God created?

In verse 27, what do you think is meant by the phrase "in His own image"?

What is the significance of the detail we see in chapter 2 regarding the creation of Adam and Eve?

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

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Read: Genesis 1:26-31 today. Ask God to show you what He wants you to see in this passage.

Reflect:

What is the command God gave to humans in this passage?

Why do you think God was specific about creating male and female in verse 27?

Why was God's reflection on the creation of humans described as "very good" when the rest of creation was described as "good"?

Ask others what they think might make humans different from all other living things. What insights do you get from their responses?

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Read: Genesis 3. Think about the impact of Adam and Eve's sin while in the garden.

Reflect:

In what ways did Satan tempt Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?

What were the effects of Adam and Eve's actions on all of creation?

How did this sin affect the relationship they had with God in the Garden of Eden?

As you reflect on things that are wrong with your world, what would you say is the most significant thing impacted by sin entering into God's perfect creation?

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

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Read: Psalm 139:14, Galatians 3:28, Colossians 1:15, 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Philipians 1:3-5

Reflect:

What do these passages say about your being created “in the image of God”?

The Colossians passage states that Christ is the firstborn over all creation. What does that mean in light of the creation story?

How does the relationship that exists between God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit help you understand why God created you for relationship with Him and other people?

Spend time today in prayer, asking God to help you understand your desire to be in relationship with others. How can this be rewarding and frustrating at the same time?

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

Friday, August 19, 2016

Read: Genesis 1-3, Psalm 139:14, Galatians 3:28, Colossians 1:15, 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Philippians 1:3-5 today. Ask God to highlight what He wants you to have in your relationship with Him and other humans.

Reflect:

Why do you think there are so many lonely people in our world today?

As you interact with other people in the coming days, ask God to help you reach out to those you encounter; connecting with them at a level that acknowledges they are created in the image of God.

What can you do to deepen your relationship with God? With your family? With others?

Write a letter to God, expressing thanks to Him for the opportunity you have to live in relationship with Him and the people He has placed around you.

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

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Reflect:

What special insights has God given you from your study this week?

Take some time to ask God what He wants you to do differently this week as a result of your interaction with His Word.

Prepare your heart for worship with fellow believers tomorrow. Take advantage of the opportunity to deepen relationships with other believers.

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you this week through the story of Jonah, 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.

Preparation

Send a reminder email for your group to read the anchor scriptures or use the Compass in prep for this week. Listen to Made week 1 (Who is God?).

Intergenerational Time

Before your meal, ask each person to share a short sentence describing their favorite thing about being human, and why. Make sure each child and student gets to share. After all have shared, ask which of these characteristics are reflected in what you've been learning about who God is.

Adult Study

Read Genesis 1:1-28, Genesis 2:7 and 2:8, then discuss.

- What phrase is used to describe how God created everything? What is the difference between when God intends to, and then does create mankind? What does the difference reveal?

Read Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 2:7, 18-25

- What do you recall from Made Week 1: Who is God?
- What does gender distinction and gender bonding reflect of God's nature?

Ask married couples to discuss the below; teens and singles should join the leader couple or, if appropriate, answer the same for themselves:

- What in your marriage reflects being made male and female in God's image? Is procreation enough to reveal what it means to be made in God's image? If so, why? If not, why not?
- How important is God's plan for marriage to God's revelation of Himself? How does Ephesians 5:32 impact you?
- In your experience and best theological discernment, how can male/female bonding mask what is essential about being made in God's image? How does Matthew 22:30 inform this?
- What does God reveal are the main purposes of your marriage? Of your friendships? See 1 Corinthians 10:31 and 1 Corinthians 7:32-35.

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¹Book title by Francis A. Schaeffer

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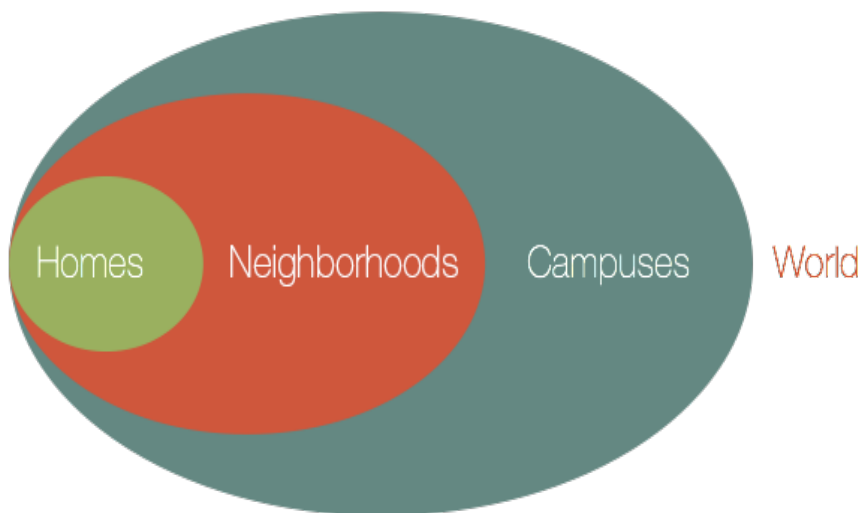
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Mission and Vision

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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