

THE COMPASS

Current Series:



October 25, 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. *No pre-registration required.*



Explore II

Go deeper into the vision and mission of our church. Become an active part of our church community, and plug-in to neighborhood and campus ministries. **Held quarterly.**



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

Congregational Meeting

In light of the short time for questions this past Sunday night, today we will have meetings at each campus to ask additional questions.

October 25th

Woodmoor Campus—11:00am in Room 214

Northgate Campus—11:00am in 3rd Floor Teacher's Lounge

Please be in prayer with our Elders, Pastors & Staff as we seek to glorify God and be a light of hope and healing to our community!

God bless you!



Fall Family Party
Wed, October 28th
6:00-8:00 pm
at the
Woodmoor Campus
CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR TRI LAKES CARES



Daylight Saving

Don't forget,
on November 1,
we will change
our clocks back
an hour.



PARENTS OF **TEENS**

EQUIPPING CLASS

SUPPORT & LEARN
TOGETHER

SUNDAYS @ 11AM

WOODMOOR CAMPUS RM 210

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.

The Ascent Church Financial Update



Giving @ The Ascent

As of 9/30/2015:

Year To Date Giving: \$104,453.99

Year To Date Actual Expenses:
\$136,331.60

Year To Date Budget: \$147,982.16

Last Week's Offering: \$26,169.05

Weekly Budget: \$36,995.54

- (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 (visit your App Store to download)

Connection Opportunities *This Week*

Ascent Student Ministry (ASM)

(Middle & High School)

Ascent Student Ministries meets Tuesday nights at the Woodmoor Campus.

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

Join us **today** for ASM on Sunday mornings. Future dates: Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22.

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

Looking forward to seeing you! Contact Micah, Rob & Taylor at asm@theascentchurch.com.



Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

The Ascent Church Fall Family Party is this coming Wednesday, 6:00pm—8:00pm. Cupcake walk, games, sports room, face painting and more! Candy and cupcake donations accepted at both campuses and volunteers are needed! Questions? Email fran@theascentchurch.com or melinda@theascentchurch.com.



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!

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.

For more information, contact joel@theascentchurch.com.

The Compass Guide

If you're new to The Compass, welcome! Here is a short overview to keep in mind before you get started.

Advance Preparation

At the Ascent Church, we help you prepare in advance to worship together. Throughout the week we study the passage(s) that is (are) the focus for the upcoming Sunday. This allows the whole church to engage God's Word before we join together for worship and to hear God's Word preached.

Deeper versus Broader

We use one Bible passage in different environments to allow the passage to impact us in a variety of ways. It's not simply for study. It's for discussion in community and application. Remember, depth and maturity are not measured by new information or ideas. Depth is life change. One passage in different environments allows for a greater opportunity to have the Word of God go deep. The first question on the daily pages is one that may be helpful for group discussion, discussions with newer Christians, or for discussion with children or other family members.

Use versus Do

One trap related to a tool like *The Compass* is that people start to "do" it and then measure their success (and their guilt!) based on whether or not they "did" it. The Compass is simply a resource. If you use this to grow in your faith as an individual and in community, God will honor that. If you miss a few days, move on. *Use* the resource. Don't *do* it.

Transformation versus Education

Our goal with *The Compass* is to let the Word of God transform you. It's not so you can know more. It's so you can BE more like Jesus. So use the resource. Saturate yourself. Become more like Jesus every day as an individual and as a community! Let's grow together!

Passages for 10/26/2015 through 10/31/2015

John 17:14-19; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 22:37-40.

Monday, October 26, 2015

Read: As you begin this week's study and reflection, read all of Jesus' prayer recorded in John 17:1-26.

Reflect:

Pause a few moments and ponder what you have just read. What thoughts come to mind? Write down the feelings you have after reading this prayer.

Record the words that especially stood out to you in Jesus' prayer.

Why do you think these words were important to you today?

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Read: John 17:13-19.

Reflect:

Read John 17:13 in more than one translation. Journal what you think it means for Jesus to desire that His joy be complete in His followers. What is His joy like, and how are you able to experience it?

Read John 17:14-15. Reflect on what it means for the followers of Jesus to have God's Word and thus be hated by the world.

Can you identify specific examples where knowledge of God's Word has caused the world to hate followers of Jesus?

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Read: John 17:15-19.

Reflect:

It's comforting to know Jesus prayed for God the Father to protect His followers from the evil one. How do Jesus' words in John 17:17 add strength to the reality of God's protection?

Read John 17:18-19 and 17:14 again. What does it mean to you for Christians to be "not of the world" but to be sent into the world?

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

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Read: Matthew 16:13-18.

Reflect:

Reread Matthew 16:15-16 and reflect upon Peter's declaration about Jesus. If someone asked you what it means for Jesus to be Messiah, how would you answer?

What does it mean when you say Jesus is the Son of God?

Read 16:17-18 again. What is "the rock" upon which the church will be built? Many Christians believe "the rock" is Peter's declaration of who Jesus is (the Messiah, Son of God). Some believe "the rock" is Peter. What do you believe and why?

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

Friday, October 30, 2015

Read: Matthew 22:37-40.

Reflect:

Today's passage is the confirmation of the two greatest commandments in Scripture.

When you think about loving God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, how do you envision this? Communicate specific ways you believe Christians can demonstrate this kind of love for God.

Think about loving your neighbor as yourself; what does this look like to you? Record specific ways you believe Christians can demonstrate this kind of love.

If the criteria for loving your neighbor is the same technique in which you love yourself, how can you love yourself without being self-centered or selfish?

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

Saturday, October 31, 2015

Read: John 17:14-19; Matthew 16:18; and Matthew 22:37-40.

Reflect:

Look over your reflections and notes for the week. As you think about what it means for Christians (as the Church), to be in the world and not belong to the world, to know Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, to love God with “all,” and to love our neighbors as ourselves; what major challenges will you as a Christian face?

Record a major revelation from your study and reflections this week.

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 one 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:

Let's use this opportunity during Base Camp to help children and teens understand the true meaning of "church." Pass out paper, markers, or crayons to the children and teens. Ask them to draw the church. Pass the drawings around so all can see them.

Intergenerational:

Ask the children/teens to give you a word that describes church. Talk about the drawings and discuss the meaning behind the drawings. Ask the following questions:

- What do the drawings depict?
- How do the majority of the children and teens see the church? (building, people, etc.)

Read John 13:34-35. In this verse God speaks of the "true" church: the church that loves others. Discuss the church as a group of believers who love others—not just as a building.

Play a game with the letters of the word CHURCH. Ask the children/teens/adults to give you words that describe the church. Start with the letter C and go from there.

Ask the children and teens if they have changed their mind about what the church represents. Is it a building, or is it a group of believers who love Jesus and others? End in 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.

