

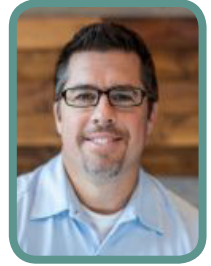


*Climbing  
Together*



THE  
ASCENT  
CHURCH

# Welcome!



Welcome to Northgate! We are excited this morning to re-launch our Northgate campus here at our new home, Discovery Canyon High School, asking God to lead us as we join Him on His mission in this community. If you are a guest or from our Woodmoor Campus, we hope you feel welcome and that you experience the goodness of God as we worship Him together this morning in one location. Feel free to come back next week - there will be more seats available as the Woodmoor Campus opens back up. We are in a season right now where we are exploring what it looks like to be “Climbing Together”. The best way to do this is in the context of one of our Base Camps - missional communities that meet regularly in people’s homes, growing in Biblical community and seeking gospel renewal where we live, work and play. Contact me if you’re interested in joining one. It’s time to climb!

Alongside,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian".

Executive Pastor and Northgate Campus Pastor

## **IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE ASCENT: EXPLORE 1**

We’d love to get to know you and introduce you to some of our ministries and leaders. We do this in Explore I, which is a short introduction to The Ascent Church. Explore I occurs each month:

1st Sunday/month

10:15am - Woodmoor Campus, Room 212

## **ASCENT KIDS**

We build a foundation of faith and give parents the tools to be the primary spiritual leaders in their homes, moving kids from childhood beliefs to lifetime faith.

## **ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES (ASM)**

Students, join us in the student section of worship on Sunday mornings. ASM also gathers Tuesday evenings at the Woodmoor campus to explore together, laugh together, and grow closer to God.

## **DISCIPLESHIP: BASE CAMPS**

Base Camps are missional communities living out the mission of God together, pursuing redemption and renewal, in their neighborhoods and communities by demonstrating the gospel in tangible ways. Contact your campus pastor to get connected with the Base Camp right for you.

Woodmoor Campus Pastor Scott Campbell, [scott@theascentchurch.com](mailto:scott@theascentchurch.com)

Northgate Campus Pastor Brian Petak, [brian@theascentchurch.com](mailto:brian@theascentchurch.com)

For more information, please see our website [TheAscentChurch.com](http://TheAscentChurch.com)

Nov 5 - Register online

Parent/Child  
DEDICATION  
Proverbs 22:6



COMING UP AT THE ASCENT:

**Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 29th from 4-6 pm will be great fun with special surprises for all ages. Please bring cash for a \$2 suggested donation for each participant. Also, our amazing pastors will be taking one for the team as they help with a Pie in Face Fundraiser for Kids Camp 2018! You won't want to miss it.

**Hurricane Harvey Relief Trip - November 5-11**

Join a team from The Ascent as we partner with First Baptist Church in Beaumont, TX to provide relief and support to those most affected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, Nov. 5-11. The first planning meeting is Monday, October 23, 5:30pm in the Woodmoor Campus Conference Room. Contact Pastor Scott (scott@theascentchurch.com) or sign up online at theascentchurch.com/relieftrip.

**THE ASCENT CHURCH**

**Fall Festival**

**Sunday, October 29th**  
**4:00-6:00 pm**  
at the  
**Woodmoor Campus**

Suggested \$2 Donation at the Door

Sign up at [theascentchurch.com/kids](http://theascentchurch.com/kids) to donate cupcakes & to volunteer. Candy collection bins will be at the church.

Cupcake Walk	Go Fish
Sports Room	Inflatable Obstacle Course
Face Painting	Maze of Curtains
Carnival Games	Popcorn and Snacks

Please wear non-scary costumes.

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Info@theascentchurch.com



**CONNECTION CARD**

Which campus did you attend:  Woodmoor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for the E-News

Children's Names & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

October 22, 2017

Update my information

First Time Guest

First Time Guest

Northgate

M / F Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

M / F Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Place this card in the offering basket or in the offering box on your way out.

Flip to share more

## THIS WEEK AT THE ASCENT

### Monday, October 23

5:30pm Hurricane Harvey Trip Meeting #1 - Woodmoor, Conference Room

### Tuesday, October 24

6:00am Northgate Men's Bible Study - Shots Coffee

6:00am Woodmoor Men's Bible Study - Woodmoor, Room 212

9:00am Women's Bible Study on Esther - Woodmoor, Room 214

9:00am Moms & Beyond - Woodmoor Campus, Room 213

5:30pm ASM Tuesday Nights Middle School - Woodmoor, Room 216

7:00pm ASM Tuesday Nights High School - Woodmoor, Room 216

### Thursday, October 26

6:00pm Women's Bible Study, Life in Christ - Woodmoor, Room 213

6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Woodmoor, Room 212

6:00pm ASM Girls' Student Base Camp - Woodmoor, Student Office

6:00pm ASM Boys' Student Base Camp - Woodmoor, Event Center

## MEN ON THE ASCENT

### Men's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings 6am at Shots Coffee or Room 213 at the Woodmoor Campus for a study on the book of Luke and Acts. Tuesday mornings not work for you? Join us Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, Room 214. Contact Mike McKinney (mkemckinney@yahoo.com).

## WOMEN ON THE ASCENT

### Life: In Christ

Thursday evenings 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, Room 213. Led by Maria Peterson (mariapeterson00@gmail.com). Sign up required for childcare.

### Moms and Beyond

Tuesday mornings 9-11:30am. Woodmoor Campus, Room 213. Studying "What Love Is" led by Kimberly Hartwell (jaykimberlyh@gmail.com).

## ASCENT STUDENT MINISTRIES

### ASM Tuesday Nights

5:30-6:45pm for middle schoolers and 7-8:45pm for high schoolers. Come and bring a friend! Contact Taylor Shade (taylor@theascentchurch.com).

For more information on all of our ministries: [TheAscentChurch.com/ministries](http://TheAscentChurch.com/ministries)

I am accepting Christ as my Savior today.

I would like to be contacted about baptism.

Tell us about your experience today, or let us know how we can pray for you.

Please keep my prayer request confidential with staff only.

Would you like a pastor to contact you about this?  Yes  No Best time to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in these next steps:  Explore 1  Joining a Base Camp  Volunteering (circle one: hospitality, children, students, tech, worship, office)



## How to Climb in Stewardship

Pastor Rusty Hayes

October 22, 2017

Start with a \_\_\_\_\_

The Age of Promise  
*Genesis 14:18-20*

The Age of Law  
*Leviticus 27:30*  
*Malachi 3:8-10*

The Age of Grace  
*Luke 11:42*  
*2 Corinthians 8:7*

Make it your \_\_\_\_\_  
*Proverbs 3:9*

\_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_  
*Haggai 1:9*  
*Luke 6:38*



## Base Camp Discussion Questions / Devotional

### Is Debt Wrong?

Pastor Rusty Hayes

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8*

*If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. 8 Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. Deuteronomy 15:7-8*

Is it sin to be in debt? It depends. Some say that Romans 13:8 states clearly that all debt is wrong except the “debt to love one another.” However, the context of the passage does not forbid borrowing (on the contrary, it actually suggests we will always have debt in the form of taxes). It forbids stealing from the one from whom you borrowed. In other words, “give everyone what you owe him” (v. 7). Deuteronomy 15 actually encourages lending at times. When someone is struggling, we are not to be “hardhearted” or “tightfisted,” but are to “freely lend.” Jesus Himself speaks of borrowing a number of times and does not condemn it (Matthew 18:23-35; Luke 7:41-43; 16:1-9).

But the Bible does give basic guidelines. Let me (Rusty) share three:

1. **Don't Over-Borrow:** To borrow to the point where you are unable to save is irresponsible. A wise man once said there are two kinds of people: those who pay interest and those who make interest. If you're only paying interest, you are not being a good steward of the resources God has given. He expects His people to make more than they need so they can give to godly causes. In other words, you can't give if you don't have any money! Imagine what could be done for the Kingdom of God if all God's people just paid off their debts to credit card companies. The money spent on interest alone could finance entire ministries!
2. **Borrow from the Trustworthy:** Check out the references of the people or agencies offering you a loan. When I was in college, I received a pre-approved credit card in the mail. I didn't have a job and didn't have an income. But now I had a credit card with a cool hologram image on it! Score! Within weeks, I had racked up quite a debt. Then I started to get the bills and realized there was a huge interest rate attached to them. I had been suckered! It took me years to pay off that thing. Make sure that any loan you get is from a reputable source with an ethical record.
3. **Pay It Back:** When you take a loan, you have made a promise. Unless the other party releases you from the promise, God expects you to pay it back and keep your word.

**To the Point:** Do you have a financial plan that minimizes debt in order to maximize giving? What interest are you paying to others that could be going to savings and to God?

**Reading/Discussion:** For next week, read 1 Tim. 6:17-19 and discuss its implications for your life.

\*Thanks to Pastor David Reagan's excellent article "Owe No Man," which influenced my theology on this topic.