

March 5 - Youth Sunday

Welcome! As you make yourself at home here today, before/after worship we invite you to enjoy coffee & refreshments compliments of Blaze Youth. We pray you feel warmly greeted and deeply inspired this morning by our student leaders. And we want to say thank you for your support and love. Today may you learn to **fear God, follow Jesus, and feel the Holy Spirit.**

PRELUDE Flute by Hailey Ingram @ 9:30 & 10:45

WELCOME

THEME VIDEO 1 "Fear God" by Francis Chan
(excerpt taken from the BASIC series as utilized in 2016-17 Youth Sunday School)

Psalm 111:10—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and all who follow His precepts have good understanding"

Fill in the blanks:

The reality is that whoever you are, the moment you see God, you are going to _____.

Now that I have seen Him, I realize there is nothing else _____.

Proverbs 19: 23—"The fear of the Lord leads to _____; then one rests _____."

PERSONAL TESTIMONY 8:30 & 9:30-Alex Stevens/10:45-Dennis Weaver

GROUP DISCUSSION Led by various student leaders around the room

THEME VIDEO 2 "Follow Jesus" by Francis Chan
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Fill in the blanks:

The _____ is meant to be like a _____.

Just like we can distort the idea of fearing God, we can distort the idea of _____.

There are millions of people on this earth who call themselves _____ of _____, but their lives _____.

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PERSONAL TESTIMONY 8:30 & 9:30-Chase Riggs/10:45-Jessica Finley

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THEME VIDEO 3 "Feel The Spirit" by Francis Chan
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When you read the New Testament you see that the Holy Spirit was supposed to _____.

Do you really see the _____ at work when the believers gather together for what we call _____?

RESPONDING WITH WORSHIP

In this time of response, we want to allow the Holy Spirit to move freely here among us. We have provided some interactive options you may participate in and we hope you do, especially the praying hands board and the submitted hearts station. The prayer altars are also open, as always. And when it is time, we will close with prayer. In between then and now, we invite you to enjoy His presence here with us in worship, sing along, kneel, stand, raise your hands, but above all, submit your heart.

Spirit Break Out Hailey Stevens
Here As In Heaven 8:30 & 9:30-Alex & Honour Stevens/Olivia Brewer
9:30-Alex Stevens/Victoria Hamilton/Jess Finley

Our God (9:30 Service Only) David Finely/Chase Riggs/Erin Dyke
Bind Us Together (8:30/10:45 Services Only)

CLOSING PRAYER

"Thank you for your attentiveness and submitted hearts today. We love being a part of this faith family, thank you for allowing us the honor to lead today."
~Blaze Youth

Special Reminders This Week:

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Good Fellowship - Good Fellowship reconvenes on Tuesday, March 7th. Join us at 6:00 pm in Atchley Hall for a Church-Wide Potluck Dinner! A main dish will be provided; please bring a covered dish (hot dish, salad, or dessert) to share along with your table service (plates, silver/plastic ware, etc.). We will be joined by a very special musical guest to treat us to a very intimate performance. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!

Children/Youth invited for Easter Praise Choir! Rehearsals start this Wednesday!

March 5th Announcements

The Sanctuary altar flowers are given by Virginia Nixon in honor of Lori Cobb and Flo Davidson's birthdays. The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Marc & Sandee Thompson in honor of Sandee's birthday.

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UMW Going to LaComedia - The United Methodist Women will be going to LaComedia Dinner Theater on Thursday, April 20th to see the play "Away in the Basement, A Church Basement Ladies Christmas." Cost per ticket is \$37.00 payable to Monroe UMW (memo line LaComedia). Reservations are due by March 16th along with your check to Jane Majors. The Church Basement Ladies will be serving up an afternoon of laughs. We will carpool from the church leaving at 10:15. Any questions, contact Sharon Warmoth, Virginia Nixon or Jane Majors.

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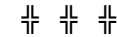
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Arrive at 6:30pm to claim your space – don’t forget to bring a blanket to sit on!
Movie will start at 6:40pm sharp after opening prayer and lasts 108 minutes.
Popcorn, pretzels, and drinks will be provided. If you like, bring a dessert to share.
RSVP prior to Wed March 8th via signup posted by the back entrance doors near the gym
Tapped for time? Bring your dinner with you and have a family picnic during the movie!
Children need to be supervised by an adult at all times. No child care available
***ALL Families plan to help clean-up right after this event due to Lock-In directly after! Thank you!!!**

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