#WITNESS # August 2023

MAKING MUCH OF JESUS with Pastor Jason Teal

⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you doubleminded.

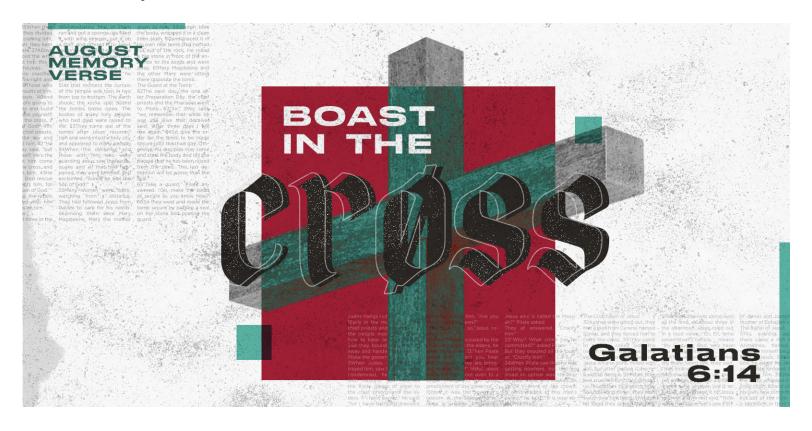
James 4:8

Have you ever felt like God was nowhere to be found? You know what I mean – distant, disinterested, disconnected. Maybe you have had those moments where you just didn't feel like your prayers were even worth praying because they never seemed to be heard. I have had those moments. Yes, your pastor has had days, maybe even seasons, when there seemed to be a lack of closeness with Jesus. James points out to us that there is a reason for this situation. Not leaving us in the shadows, he also gives us a solution for the situation as well.

If you are feeling distant from God, it is likely that you have sin that has separated you from Him. Don't despair. God has not left you. He doesn't change. He is not petty. He has not gotten His feelings hurt because you have sinned. It is us who have turned away from Him. If, in fact, you are feeling distant from God, then do as James says, "Draw near to God!"

This movement back toward God requires two actions: Repentance and Refinement. We must cleanse our hands. We repent. We understand that the way we have been living needs to change. If there is active sin, we must renounce it. Acknowledging that we have something that is keeping us from God allows us to change our minds about how we are living. Then, as James says, we should purify our hearts. We need to join in on the process of refinement. Refinement, by definition, is the improvement or clarification of something by the making of small changes. As Henry Blackaby puts it, "You must make certain your attitudes, thoughts, and motives are right in God's eyes and are in harmony with God's Word." If you are feeling that distance today, like I have before, take heart and draw near to God. He will be there waiting.

Much of Jesus, Pastor Jason



UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

Coffee & Conversation (WMU)

Ladies, let's talk about missions on **Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 10:30a** in the Annex.

Thrive Young Adult Worship

Our Young Adults gather for worship on Thursdays at 7p. The last night of the summer is Aug. 3 and the first night of the fall semester is Aug. 24.

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 13 at 6:30p.

Young at Heart

Thursday, Aug. 17 at 11a.

<u>Driven Students</u> Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, Aug. 19 at 6-p in the gym.

Deacon Elections

Sunday, Aug. 27 during worship.

Church Conference

Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6:30p.

BUDGET UPDATES

As of June 2023:

Required - \$592,980

Received - \$524,746.25

CHURCH STAFF

Jason Teal | Pastor

Greg Burrell | Worship Minister

Russ Jenkins | Assoc. Pastor of Ed./Admin.

Jennifer Zeager | Children's Minister

Josh Adams | Student Minister

Allen Smith | Young Adult Minister

Melinda Henson | Financial Director

Mary Sanders | Pastor's Secretary

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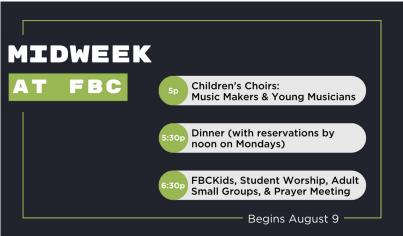
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4:00 PM -6:00 PM Grief Share 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:30 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Student Ministry Teams 6:30 PM Mission Action Team	7 10:30 AM Home Ministry-Annex 6:30 PM Y.A. Worship Practice Student Y/A Bldg.	6:00 PM GSC CL Dinner New Bldg. 7:00 PM Worship Team Practice	9 Wed. Sched Resumes 5:00 PM Children Choirs; Music Makers, Young Musicians 5:30 PM Supper 6:30 PM TeamKid, Driven Student Worship, Men's Bible Study, WOP, Soul Sisters 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	10 1:00 PM Crafting for Missions 6:15 PM Jail Ministry	11	12 Serve Day: GSC Move-in Day		
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Happy Birthday to YOU!

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Macenzie Hester Carrie Johnson	Chuck Bankston Mackenzie Dyer Ricky Rooks Jason Smith Dana Washington Maureen Webster	8 Katie Edwards Blane Parker Jackie Thompson	9 Julie Boggs Roger Shannon	Mary Allen Judy Jackson Jill Smith Kelsey Sullivan	11 Karezz Goggins	12 Danny Goddard Emily Russell Asher Swatts
13 Lesa Entz	14 Bennie Burch	Misty Dutton Denise Oglesby Bernice Timmons Jennifer Zeager	16 Catherine Rhyne Donna Walden	Jennifer Jimmerson Robert Washington	18 Linda Bottoms Sharon Greer Ashlyn Halseth David Oglesby	19 Melissa Cline Emie Thompson
Gail Donnelly Mike Maynard Brannon Mercer Terrell Selph Laura Stewart Sara Wilson	21 Marilyn Biles Bonnie Matthews	22 Edward Tumer	23 Becky Bell (Monty) Jeff Manley	24 Agnes Lee Joyce Waller	25 Marla Finnegan Faye Frazier Katelyn Womack	26 Zachary Allen Brittany Martin
27 Saylah Yancy	28 Merle Claxton Jean Morgan Allen Nadzam Cheryl Nadzam	29 Michael Bowman Sonya Dyer Suzanne Forster Katie Sadler Tommy Sizemore	30	31 Kaleb Vaughn	Sep 2 S M T V 3 4 5 6 10 11 12 1 17 18 19 2 24 25 26 2	N T F S 1 2 6 7 8 9 3 14 15 16 0 21 22 23