

July 2022



# The BLAZE Bulletin

Youth Ministry (Grades 6–12)

## Happenings

We've been busy at The Blaze!

We hosted Bethel Austin at our annual Color War and visited Relevant Youth.

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Relevant Youth Visit



COLOR WAR 2022

## Upcoming Event: Youth Revival Camp!

We will be going to Spice-wood, Texas from July 8-11th! You will meet new friends, laugh a lot, have awesome pool hangs, and encounter God like you never have before! Who knows what God is going to do this weekend!?!? Guess you'll have to come to find out!

Camp meeting held after church on July 3 with info packets and release forms.

Location: Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center 5902 Pace Bend Rd N, Spice-wood, TX 78669

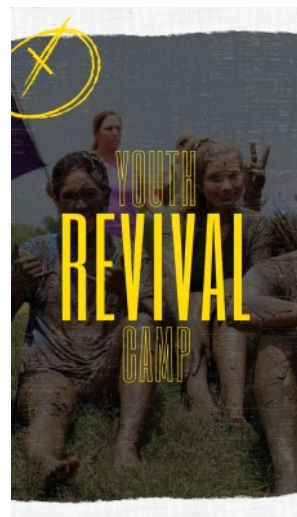
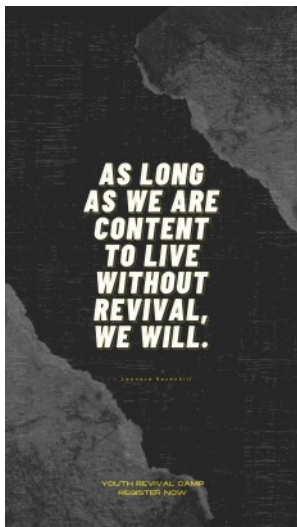
Arrival: 3:00 pm Arrival to camp on July 8th

Departure: 9:00 am Departure from camp on July 11th



## Student Focus

Bring a friend  
to Wednesday  
Night Worship!



## Testimony Night

The Spirit of God inhabits the words of testimony. Our students at The Blaze got to learn the power of testimony at the conclusion of our series of “Resurrection Receipts.” Our testimony not only is our most powerful weapon but it’s also our most powerful prophetic gift. When we release our testimony into the atmosphere we create an environment for Jesus to bring that very testi-

mony to life for anyone in the room who has the Faith to receive it.

Our first Testimony Night involved students sharing their personal testimonies of freedom from various addictions, reconciliation between family members, and increased capacity to partner with Jesus in the realm of the supernatural (miracles and prophecy, etc.)!



## A Season of Identity

Here at The Blaze our only mission is to make the student look more like Jesus. That shows up in many different ways, whether it be on a Wednesday night worship service, a night of small groups and connection, or having fellowship during the week.

Discipleship is the number one way Jesus built the Church. When The Holy Spirit was poured out over the Apostles and the Church was born, the disciples had already spent three years being discipled by Jesus who was preparing them to receive His Spirit and become His Church.

This season of discipleship had a resounding theme of Identity. In our series “Resurrection Receipts” we witnessed the power of the preservation of God’s word. We saw this through historical evidence and other apologetics studies surrounding the resurrection of Jesus!

This created such a strong foundation for our series “Hall of Freedom,” where we explored different biblical figures and how they displayed the value and power of God’s freedom. A specific testimony that comes to mind was one Wednesday night where we focused on the story of *Naiomi*. Naiomi, in great anguish, changes her name to *Mora*—meaning bitter—allowing her circumstances to define not only her identity but her freedom. As an activation, some of the students asked Holy Spirit what name He has for them in this season of their lives. Ryan Castañeda’s Holy Spirit name for this season is “Seeker,” and Spencer Distefano’s is “Strong.”

When Holy Spirit prophesies over someone’s identity we continue to nurture and honor the seed that was planted in that student’s life. We do this by living as if the word has already come to pass,

by calling a student “Strong” even in moments when they feel weak, by calling a student by their true name “Seeker” when they grow weary of seeking His face.

This season we’re continuing to prophecy to the dry bones in our generation. Declaring from His word:

***“Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.”***  
***Ezekiel 37:4b-5***

### Prayer Focus

Together as a church we are beginning to strengthen our **CORE!** Our **CO**mmitment, and our **RE**ach. We implore you parents to partner with the Church Body in prayer for Isaiah 54:2 to come to life in The Blaze.

We as leaders at The Blaze have received such a passionate heart for each of your children, whether they attend The Blaze or have yet to get plugged into the community. Jesus has called each of us to claim vision for the next generation, not because we have to or

feel as though "somebody's gotta do it," but because serving and discipling the next generation of Saints is an honor glistening with the hope of Christ.

We would like to petition you as our Church family to partner with us in prayer for the spirits of our students and leaders to stretch in capacity for hosting the Presence and revival of Jesus. That we can engage in what Pastor Trey referred to as our "+1". That the students and leaders at The Blaze can +1 in our Giving, +1 in our prayer time, +1 in our Disciple-

ship focus, +1 in our serving. So we can partner with Jesus in preparing His Church, His Bride, so when Jesus returns he finds that our lamp kept burning at The Blaze!

### Parent's Corner

Parents! I would love to share some resources for stewarding the discipleship of your students!

**The Blaze Bible Guide** is a list of resources that I found so fruitful in building my relationship with God's written Word! It's a list of strategies as well as awesome podcasts and apps that make reading scripture fun, practical, and relevant!

**The Blaze "Resurrection Receipts"** A well-crafted study surrounding the resurrection of Jesus. Here we have accumulated all claims, historical evidence, and the value of truly embracing the resurrection of Jesus. I pray that this strengthens your faith the way it has for your students!



### Giving & Volunteer Opportunities

The door is always open for those who wish to partner with The Mission of Christ to raise a generation of Saints that will steward revival within themselves, their church, and their schools.

### A Word from Pedro

Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you feel Jesus starting a fire in your heart to love His Bride.

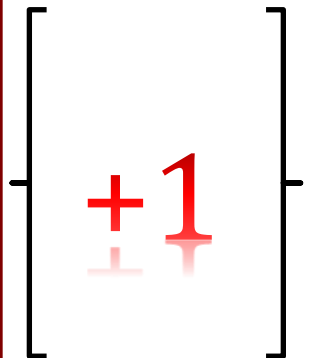
You can reach me for any questions about volunteering at The Blaze at my email!

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Until then, as we say here at the Blaze . . . KEEP THE FIRE ROARING!



*"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." —Isaiah 54:2*



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**Who We Are**

We exist to see young people transformed by the Presence of God, empowered as a carrier of revival, and infused in a healthy community of believers. All of this is a byproduct of our only goal: To become more like Jesus.

**Weekly Services**

We meet every Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at The Exchange Church in the back the building!



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