Flood Blantyre

Awakening a City of Hope

Our mission is to serve the city in love and faith with authentic connections to develop a movement of hope filled people rooted in Yes.

Tuesday Night Prayer and Life Groups

- Tuesday Night Prayer
- 6-7pm @ Church

Talk to Pastor Yami for more info

- Join a Life Group Currently open groups:
- Thursday, 12:30pm @ Church
 - Women's Group
- Thursday, 6:30pm
 - Co-ed Group
- Friday, 12pm @ Church
 Men's Group

How to serve and who to talk to

- Kid's Church Andee: 0992541831
- Worship Team Wezi: 0994755924
- Hosting *Emma:* 0995071743
- Snack Squad
 Diana: 0992279107
- Media Team *Emma:* 0995071743
- Note-taking
 Emma: 0995071743

Mid-week opportunities

Become a Life Group Leader (or host a group at your home) *Pastor Yami:* 0998054323

Outreach Team (College Outreach & Other Events) Sibusiso: 0882200796 Diana: 0992279107

Are you on the Church WhatsApp group?

Announcements and weekly sermon slides

talk to Emma or Elijah after church

OR

contact Emma via whatsapp to be added

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RELATIONSHIP GOALS

My way or No way

Love does not insist on its own way; 1 Corinthians 13:5

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way;

1 Corinthians 13: 1- 5

There must be more to love than this

We insist on our way

- Afraid
- Control
- Chaos It's been hard & you have tried and tasted
- We are individualistic
- We are consumers

We insist on our way

We find ourselves in a culture that defines our relationships and actions primarily through a matrix of consumption. As the philosopher Baudrillard explains, 'Consumption is a system of meaning.' We assign value to ourselves and others based on the goods we purchase. One's identity is now constructed by the clothes you wear, the vehicle you drive, and the music on your iPod. In short, you are what you consume.

Skye Jethani for Leadership Journal

When we Consume...

- ✓ We dehumanize,
 - people are commodities; we keep if they satisfy my needs.
- We operate from a place of "Adjust to me, or I'm out of here, "my needs are more important to me than the relationship."
- ✓ We believe God loves us because we are good.

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- We pretend (not authentic), because life is a performance for people to like you.
- ✓ We keep people only when they meet our needs
- We don't work on who we are, we spend time finding "a right person"

When we Consume...

- ✓ We cut out anything or anyone that requires more commitment and love
- We are anxious when things are not working, so we do not enjoy people
- ✓ God's gifts become how we identify ourselves
- ✓ We do not commit, because we keep our options open
- We are not content, always looking for a better version (how porn grew)
- We don't have peace and satisfaction over time, always doubting if we made the right choice

We insist on our way

You are not all knowing

- You are not holding all things together
- You are human
- You are still learning
- You are still growing

Next steps

- 1. How are you treating your relationships?
- 2. How are you performing in your relationships?
- Share in communion a God that chose you before your performance and still chooses you despite your performance