# **COMING UP AT FBCM**



How are we using our God-entrusted resources?

November is Stewardship Month.



**Prayer for the Persecuted Church** praying for the most persecuted countries in the world



Working Together as Good Stewards leaf raking on the church properties beverages and donuts served

# Welcome FIRST BAPTIST METUCHEN

# **SERVE**

We believe that everyone has something unique to offer. Partner with us today by scanning the QR code or go to **fbcmonline.org/serve** to learn how you can get involved.



# GIVE

**General Fund** 

**Annual Budget**: \$594,896 (as of 06/02/24

General Fund Weekly Update:

YTD Budget Need: \$503,374

YTD Expenses: \$470,910 YTD Income: \$542,448

Scan the QR code or go to **fbcmonline.org/give** to give.



We seek to be a Christ-centered, diverse community, caring for EVERY generation in EVERY situation.

We make a difference by connecting, worshipping, and growing together.



Dr. Alfonse Javed Senior Pastor

# **CONTACT US**

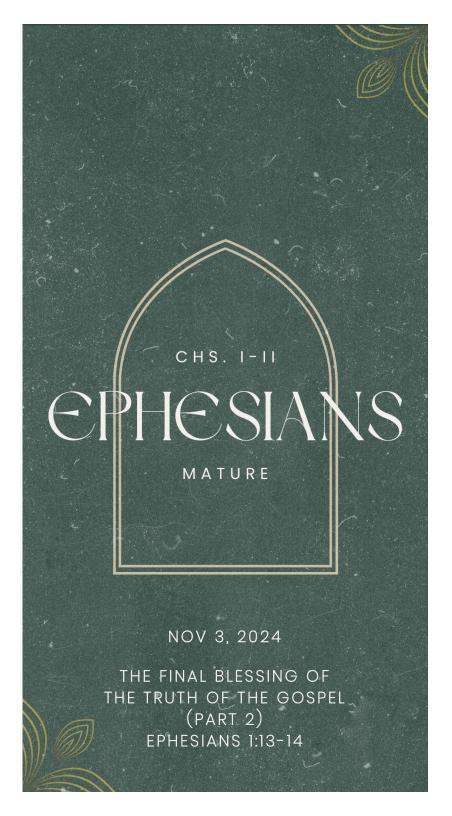
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# **MORNING SERVICE**

## The Final Blessing of the Truth of the Gospel (Part 2)

Ephesians 1:13-14 (page 917 of the pew Bible) | Dr Alfonse Javed

#### As we continue in Ephesians 1, verses 3-14 is a blessing section:

•Ephesians 1:4-6: the blessing of God the Father - election & adoption

•Ephesians 1:7-12a: the blessing of God the Son - redemption

• Ephesians 12b-14: the blessing of God the Spirit - sanctification

Jesus, in Ephesians 1:3, is the blessing with which God has blessed us. Ephesians 1:3-14 walks us through a series of blessings that flow from the blessing in Ephesians 1:3.

This final blessing for believers, the truth of the gospel, is the fulfillment of God's sovereign plan from before the foundation of this earth to the foundation of the new earth and beyond.

#### How did God fulfill His sovereign plan?

#### 1. The truth of the Gospel is the SAVING hope (v11-12)

- God accomplishes His plan to save the world by saving believers in Jesus through gospel hope.
- The problem is not hope but in whom we put our hope. If we put our hope in people, people will disappoint you, but God will not disappoint.
- Application: Christ is the source, substance, and scope of saving hope.
- Action Step: If you never experienced the saving hope in Christ, please
  ask Jesus to come into your life so that you can experience that saving
  hope. If you are a believer, show the living hope of Christ through your
  speech and actions.
- Appeal: Don't ever give into relativism (no absolute truth). Allow the truth of the gospel shape your understanding of the truth.

2. The truth of the Gospel is the	truth (v13)
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## 3. The truth of the Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ promise (v14)

Application

Action Step

Appeal

# THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, November 3

8:30am Early Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary

9:45am Small Group | Andy & Patricia Kobayashi | Room 206

9:45am Sunday School | children, teen, adult | Rooms & Zoom

11:00am Late Morning Service | Sanctuary & Online

1:00pm Small Group | Ed & Dina O'Connor | Room 206

6:00pm Evening Service | Round Table | Gym

#### Monday, November 4

7:00pm Small Group | Debs Gorsky | Residence

#### Tuesday, November 5

7:30pm Small Group | Bruce & Mindy Emerson | Room 208

#### Wednesday, November 6

7:00pm Youth Group | grades 6-12

7:30pm Midweek Service | Room 105 & Zoom

#### Thursday, November 7

10:00am Small Group | Ladies Bible Study | Room 105 & Zoom

7:30pm Small Group | Pastor Alfonse & Sarah Javed | Residence

7:30pm Small Group | Young Adults | Room 208

7:30pm Small Group | Wayne & Marilyn Langholff | Residence

8:00pm Small Group | Pastor Miller | Zoom

#### Friday, November 8

7:00pm Pioneer Girls | grades 1-6

7:00pm Stockade Boys | grades 3-6

7:00pm Small Group | Joe & Anne Lai | Residence & Zoom

#### Saturday, November 9

9:00am Men's Breakfast | Gym

1:00pm Nerf Games | grade 3-adult

6:30pm Small Group | Young Couples | Residence

#### Sunday, November 10

8:30am Early Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School | children, teen, adult | Rooms & Zoom

11:00am Late Morning Service | Sanctuary & Online

1:00pm Small Group | Ed & Dina O'Connor | Room 206

6:00pm Evening Service | Round Table | Gym

# **NEW HERE?**

We are so glad that you are joining us today! We would love to connect with you and care for you in whatever situation you are in.

Nursery (infant to 3 years old) and Junior Church (3 years old to 5th grade) are available at the 11:00am Worship Service. Please visit the Welcome Desk for assistance.

We would like to invite you to stop by our Cornerstone Café and Welcome Center on your way out this morning for a free café drink and for a little gift to say thank you for joining us!

# PRAY WITH US

# MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM**



Anne Lai

Marilyn Langholff secretary

Anthony Picinich



Christine Austin

Cynthia Picinich

Pastor Caleb Hanna

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

# MARVIN & DENISE ROBINSON

Missions Door | Rochester, NY



- Ministering in governmentsubsidized housing developments and the inner city
- Bible clubs for children
- Open evangelism
- Projects for the elderly





Message Notes