



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
11AM-2PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME
FREE LUNCH
FEATURING DISHES FROM
AROUND THE WORLD
AFTER THE 11AM WORSHIP
SERVICE



Sign up to bring
a dish to share.



welcome
FIRST BAPTIST METUCHEN

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.

Infant (birth to 1 year old) and Toddler (1 to 3 years old) Nurseries, Junior Church (3 years old to 5th grade), and Teen (6th-8th grades) Service are available at the 11:00am Worship Service. Please visit the Welcome Desk for information and assistance.

We would like to invite you to stop by the Welcome Center for a little gift to say thank you for joining us!

SERVE WITH US

Scan QR code
or go to
FBCMonline.org/serve



FINANCIAL PICTURE

as of 09/06/26

2026 Total Budget	\$808,113
YTD Budget Need	\$559,463
YTD Revenue	\$577,673
YTD Expenses	\$543,732
Difference (revenue-budget need)	\$18,211
Difference (revenue-expenses)	\$33,942
YTD Elder Approved Expenses (from Reserves)	\$59,850



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OUR VISION AND MISSION

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

We make a difference by creating Gospel-centered spaces of connection for worship and growth.



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MORNING SERVICE

Seeing Through God’s Eyes, Part 2

Jonah 4:1-11 (page 727 of the pew Bible) | Dr Alfonse Javed

The final chapter of Jonah draws a powerful contrast between God’s anger and human anger, God’s love and human love, and God’s heart and the human heart.

The Gospel truth that saturates this chapter is that God not only wants to change our circumstances; He wants to change our hearts, giving us His perspective and teaching us to love what He loves.

God confronts Jonah with three heart problems:

- 1. Misplaced Anger (vv. 1–4)
 - Resenting God’s Compassion - when our hearts drift, we start to resent the very compassion of God that saved us
 - Rejecting God’s Character - misplaced anger causes us to know God’s character in our heads while despising His character in our hearts
 - Refusing God’s Care - sometimes what makes us angry is not what happened, but what we believe should have happenedApplication Anger can be a spiritual diagnostic tool that reveals what our hearts are worshipping. Sometimes God allows our anger to surface because He wants to show us where our hearts are out of alignment with His.

Action Step If you want mercy, grace, forgiveness, patience, and another chance when you are guilty, first learn to offer others the same when they are guilty.

Appeal A heart transformed by the gospel should become a heart that reflects the heart of God and sees others through God’s eyes.

- 2. Misdirected (vv. 5–8)

Application

- 3. Misaligned (vv. 9–11)

Application

Action Step

Appeal

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13

- 8:00am Library until 1:00pm | Room 205
- 8:30am Early Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 9:45am Small Group | Andy & Patricia Kobayashi | Room 208
- 9:45am Sunday School | children, teen, adult | Rooms & Zoom
- 11:00am Nursery & Junior Church | birth-5th grade | 1st floor
- 11:00am Late Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary & Online
- ~11:20am Teen Service | grades 6-8 | Room 209
- 1:00pm Small Group | Ed & Dina O’Connor | Room 208

Monday, September 14

- 7:00pm Men’s Basketball | Gym

Tuesday, September 15

- 7:00pm Small Group | Renovate Young Adults | Room 209

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:30pm Outreach | Menlo Park Veterans Home Edison | Frank Robinson
- 7:00pm Youth Group | grades 6-12
- 7:30pm Midweek Service | Zoom

Thursday, September 17

- 8:00pm Small Group | Pastor Jim Miller | Zoom

Friday, September 18

- 7:00pm Pioneer Girls & Stockade Boys
- 7:30pm Small Group | Joe & Anne Lai | Metuchen

Sunday, September 19

- 8:00am Library until 1:00pm | Room 205
- 8:30am Early Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School | children, teen, adult | Rooms & Zoom
- 11:00am Nursery & Junior Church | birth-5th grade | 1st floor
- 11:00am Late Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary & Online
- ~11:20am Teen Service | grades 6-8 | Room 209
- 1:00pm Small Group | Ed & Dina O’Connor | Room 208

Blue = Small Groups | Red = Outreach

All Small Groups will be meeting by the week of Sep 20-27 when we continue the message series on the book of John on Sep 20.

SMALL GROUPS
CONNECT. WORSHIP. SERVE.

FIRST BAPTIST METUCHEN RETREATS



*** REGISTER ***

COST: \$100/COUPLE
INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH,
& BABYSITTING

LOCATION:
FIRST BAPTIST METUCHEN

9AM - 4PM
SEPT 26, 2026



*** REGISTER ***

Better Together

What does it mean to truly
do life together as sisters in Christ?

Women’s Retreat

Oct 16-18, 2026 | Harvey Cedars Bible Conference



THE FORTIFIED MAN





*** REGISTER ***

Men’s Retreat | Oct 23-25
Camp Orchard Hill, PA
\$182/person