




BASKETBALL LEAGUE

BOYS AND GIRLS
K5-3RD GRADE
JANUARY-MARCH



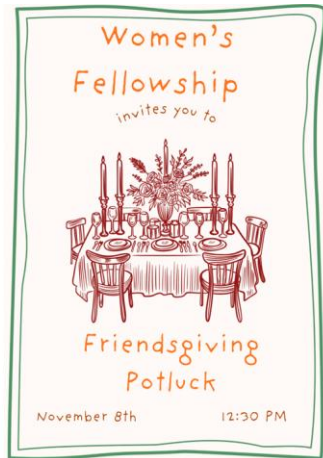
REGISTER TODAY!



A purple-themed poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. The background is a collage of photos: a couple on the left, a car trunk decorated with 'JESUS IS KING' and candy on the right, and two pumpkins in the bottom left. A white cloud-like shape contains the event title, and an orange brushstroke at the bottom right contains the date and time.

Trunk or Treat

OCT 31
5PM TO 8PM



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Miracles OF JESUS



16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. 17 FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.

MORNING SERVICE

Miracles: The Problem of Focus, Part 2

John 6:16-21 (page 838 of the pew Bible) | Dr Alfonse Javed

John 6 contains some of the most familiar and profound teaching in John, including the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus' declaration, "I am the bread of life."

The miracles of Jesus were never merely displays of His power; they were signs pointing us to His person.

In John 6, we will discover three truths about the miracles of Jesus: Miracles Reveal a Great Problem (John 6:1–21), God's Purpose (John 6:22–40), and Gracious Provision (John 6:41–71).

John 6:1-21 reveals three problems:

1. The Problem of FAITH (vv. 1–7)
 - Faith's Foundation Jesus sees the need before anyone asks. Gospel Truth The God who anchors our eternal destiny cares for our daily needs.
 - Faith's Examination Jesus helps us discover when we lack faith. Gospel Truth God allows us to face the impossible so we stop trusting ourselves.
 - Faith's Limitation Remember to consider Christ. Gospel Truth No matter how big the issue, ask, "Is my God bigger than that?"Application Is God testing your faith?
Action Step A-C-T
 - Acknowledge our limitations without surrendering to despair.
 - Call on Christ for all our needs without losing the Kingdom focus.
 - Trust Him in the midst of testing of faith without questioning His methods.Appeal Stop managing our scarcity and advance together in faith for Christ's glory.
2. The Problem of FOOD (vv. 8–13)
 - The Limitation of Human Resources See the greatness of God, not our limitations. Application Don't focus on what God gives us; recognize the God who gives it. Gospel Truth No need is ever beyond Jesus' authority.
 - The Lesson from Human Reasoning Don't allow our desires to control us. Application Obedience to Christ is more important than our desires. Gospel Truth Be thankful for and steward faithfully what God has entrusted you.
 - The Lavishness of Heavenly Resources Jesus gives abundantly. Application Don't focus on what God gives us; recognize the God who gives it. Gospel Truth No need is ever beyond Jesus' authority.Action Step Give God what you have and trust Him with the outcome.
Appeal Measure your circumstances in light of who Christ is.
- 3a. The Problem of FOCUS, Part 1 (vv. 14–15)
 - The Miracle of Manna Their focus was on the wrong things— earthly things. Gospel Truth If we focus on the earthly bread, we completely miss the Bread of Life— Jesus, who will sustain us in eternity. Application Do not fall in love with the packaging of temporary blessings while ignoring the priceless gift of eternal salvation.

- The Motivation of Man They were seeking Jesus' power for their plan instead of submitting to God's plan. Gospel Truth Jesus did not come to fix our temporary circumstances; He came to rescue our eternal soul. Application If your prayers are focused only on earthly comfort, you aren't praying for God's Kingdom to come— you're begging God to serve yours.
- The Mercy of the Master Sometimes, God says "no" to the miracle you want because He redirects us to Jesus. Gospel Truth God's withdrawal is an act of mercy, not abandonment or neglect. Application Sometimes God pulls back a physical miracle to protect us from turning His blessings into ultimate idols.

Action Step Ask yourself: Do I want His presence, or merely His provision? Do I seek His heart, or simply His hand?

Appeal Do not spend your short life working only for things that rust, decay, and perish. Invest in the Kingdom of Heaven, which is eternal.

- A-S-K
- Allocate your resources for eternity: Surrender your time, talents, and treasures into the Master's merciful hands.
 - Shift your prayers from personal comfort to gospel opportunities, the salvation of the lost, and the making of disciples.
 - Know that your difficulty is an altar. See hard circumstances as altars where Christ's infinite sufficiency will be displayed.

3b. The Problem of _____, Part 2 (vv. 16-21)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 25

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, October 26

10:15am Outreach | Embassy Manor Rehab Edison | Anne Lai
7:00pm Men's Basketball | Gym
7:00pm Small Group | Bill & Debs Gorsky | Colonia

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

7:00pm Youth Group | grades 6-12
7:30pm Midweek Service | Zoom

Thursday, October 29

10:00am Small Group | Ladies Bible Study | Room 210
7:30pm Small Group | Wayne & Marilyn Langholff | Edison
7:30pm Small Group | Fritz & Diane Feller | Metuchen
7:30pm Small Group | Pastor Alfonse & Sarah Javed | Metuchen
8:00pm Small Group | Pastor Jim Miller | Zoom

Friday, October 30

7:00pm Pioneer Girls | grades 1-6
7:00pm Stockade Boys | grades 3-6

Saturday, October 31

10:00am Smal Group | Brunch | Joe & Anne Lai | Metuchen
5:00pm Trunk or Treat | Parking Lot

Sunday, November 1

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
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1:00pm Small Group | Ed & Dina O'Connor | Room 208
1:00pm Small Group | Pastor Caleb & Jenna Hanna | Gym

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



Roy and Noel Anderson
Timothy's House
Orphanage, Kenya

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Perpetual Pantry | provide non-perishable food for our neighbors in need, drop box in gym lobby