

THE WITNESS



November
2023

MAKING MUCH OF JESUS - with Pastor Jason

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Isaiah 52:7

From Broadway to Times Square and Wall Street to the Statue of Liberty, New York City is North America's cultural epicenter and business capital. With close to 8 million people in the city and more than 22 million in the metro area, it is the largest city in the United States. It is also the largest metro area in the world and is considered by many to be the most influential city in the world.

Just a couple of days back, Honey and I had the distinct honor to spend some time with about 9 men who are planting churches in the 5 boroughs of NY. These guys are heroes who are battling on the front lines. A city with such magnitude can define culture, dictate movement, and inspire change. And if the heartbeat of this city were connected to the Church, the rhythms of grace would echo throughout the nation and around the globe. The possibilities for gospel impact are infinite, which is why dedicated churches, planters, and partners are needed there.

Though 83 percent of New Yorkers are affiliated with some form of organized religion, only 4 percent identify themselves as evangelical, per a recent study by the Values and Research Institute. The need for healthy churches is great. The Church has some incredible success stories with pastors, individuals, and families who have invested in neighborhoods by meeting practical needs and offering places to connect and belong.

On our journey, we connected with three particular pastors who are doing incredible work. Pastor Won is a second-generation Southern Baptist pastor who has lived in NY his entire life. Having participated in 2 new church plants, he is now venturing into his third stint, preparing to launch Doxa Church in the Financial District. Pastor Gregg from Hope Community Church has been in NY for just over 4 years. His neighborhood (what we would equate to the block around our church) has over 70k people living within a 3-mile radius of the church. Pastor Robin with Cultivate Church and his wife are working in the poorest area of NY in Harlem. They live alongside those they are serving. He has a strong passion to see kids make it to third grade with the ability to read. In doing so, they are 80% more likely to survive graduation without landing in jail or the grave. Here is what I am asking you to pray for...

- Pray for Pastor Won Kwok and Doxa Church as they prepare to launch in the Financial District of NY on Easter Sunday, 2024.*

- Pray for Pastor Gregg Gober and Hope Community Church in Brooklyn. They are in need of new space that allows them to worship at a more relevant time for their community. This will require favor and finances.*

- Pray for Pastor Robin and Cultivate Church as they seek to reach the lost amongst the poorest of NY in Harlem. They continue to make impact by impacting their community with literacy programs. They currently have a worship space that is too far away from the people they are trying to reach. They need to be closer to the neighborhood that they are trying to reach.*

**Much of Jesus,
Pastor Jason Teal**



UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

Baptism Celebration

Come and celebrate being ALIVE in Christ on **Sunday, Nov. 5 @ 6:30p.**

Coffee & Conversation (WMU)

Women on Mission will meet **Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 10:30a** in the Annex.

Thrivesgiving (Young Adults)

Thrive is sharing a Thanksgiving meal together on **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7p.**

Upward Evaluations

Register at fcbarnesville.com/events for evaluations that are being held **Monday, Nov. 13 from 5:30-7:30p.**

OCC Shoebox Collection (Nov. 13-20)

Young at Heart (Oct. 16 @ 11a)

Love & Laughter Date Night

Enjoy an evening of laughter and encouragement just for you & your spouse - **Friday, Nov. 17 from 7-9:30p.**

Deacon Meeting (Nov. 19 @ 6:30p)

Church Office Closed (Nov. 23-24)

Budget Discussion

It's time to prepare for a new budget year. The proposed budget will be presented for discussion on **Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6:30p** in the sanctuary.

Church Conference

We will vote on the previously discussed 2024 church budget on **Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30p.**

Happy Birthday Jesus Party (FBCKids)

Let's have a birthday party for Jesus! **Sunday, Dec. 3 from 12:30-2:30p** in the gym.

BUDGET UPDATES

As of September 2023

Required: \$901,329.60

Received: \$764,136.34



REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 13 AT:
registration.upward.org/UPW85027

Pre-K through 6th grade basketball & cheer.
Practices begin December 11.
Season ends February 17.

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