



Pastor Update, Letter 52

PUTTING GOD FIRST: ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE

I hope I've sounded like a broken record to you this year. I've told you repeatedly that my aim for our congregation is to grow the Kingdom of God. Pastor Wes Allen and I have devoted most of our preaching this year to declaring the first priority of Jesus, God's Kingdom.

Dr. Mark D. Roberts is a Senior Strategist for Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Roberts writes insightfully about the Kingdom of God. "Jesus tells his disciples to strive for God's kingdom. We do this by seeking intentionally, energetically, and consistently to live under God's reign in every part of life. You can strive for God's kingdom at work and at home, in your neighborhood and in your church, in your relationships and in your finances, in your volunteering and your citizenship. It's about putting God first, always and everywhere."

We've asked every member of our congregation to make four Kingdom commitments.

- One, to pray daily for the needs of our community and congregation. Whenever you can, pray with others.
- Two, to invite people into the life of FPC Moorestown, ultimately to know, follow, and serve Jesus. Our Christmas Eve services are easy events to invite a relative, neighbor or friend.
- Three, to serve within the church and outside of the church.
- Four, to financially support the work of FPC Moorestown regularly and sometimes sacrificially.

It's the last commitment that I put before you. As we conclude 2024, please financially support our ministries and missions with regular giving and sometimes sacrificial giving. If there's a standard in the New Testament for our giving, it's not a percentage but a mindset of sacrifice. I sacrifice when I give up one thing to do another. Sacrificial is how God loved the world.

I'm grateful for so many of you give so generously and consistently. Your contributions—large and small—allow us to end 2024 in a solid financial position. As we close this year, I ask you to consider. I'm grateful for every opportunity I have to give with you here for the sake of God's Kingdom and glory.

Fondly yours in Christ,
Stuart Spencer, Pastor

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