

JULY 19, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

## HE RESTORES MY SOUL

*Leviticus 19:18*

*Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD*



Sometimes it is hard to love your neighbor. Not so much your next door neighbor, but the person with whom you regularly come in contact, the person you're supposed to love, the person you're supposed to care about, the person you are to do for regardless of the circumstances, situations, or dilemmas that transpire between the two of you. It could be a co-worker, a person you see at church, the checkout clerk at the grocery store, the bank teller at the credit union, your boss, your spouse, your child, your auntie, whoever

it may be, sometimes, they are just hard to love. I know for a fact that sometimes I am not loveable at all. I know I got my funny ways when my hips get on my shoulders and I have a funky little attitude. I know I am difficult to love at times. You know, if we are honest, we all are like that sometimes, some more than others but we all have that same issue of being difficult to love.

But God said for us to love our neighbors as ourselves. It seems that some people do not love themselves at all compared to the way they treat us. I chalk that up to they don't know this passage of scripture for if they did, they would treat us a lot better than what they do. But regardless of how we are being treated, we are to treat our neighbors in such a manner that we are actually treating ourselves. Yes, we are to show the mean one kindness, gentleness, meekness, and all the other ness's that goes along with it.

But tell me kind sir, how am I supposed to love that difficult one, when each time I turn around, I feel a boot planted in my behind? "I'm glad you asked" God said that we are to love. Now, if we do not know how to love we are supposed to ask God, "Show me how to love this person before I hurt them and in the process hurt myself!" "God, please show me how to love the back stabber, the back biter, the traitor, the one who hates me and the one who wants to see me fail, please God show me the way because I cannot do it on my own!"

Prayer plus time and more prayer and more time and more prayer and more time and more prayer and more time, I think you are getting the point. This is what we have to do to love that one who is difficult to love. It takes a lot of prayer and a lot of time for us to come to the place where we can love unconditionally the way God loves us. When we were truly flipped to the other side, we were tough to handle and not very nice people at all. But now we have the love of God in our hearts, we must mature to the point where we love the difficult ones as well.

Be blessed my brothers and sisters and know that God loves you and so do I and let us continue on our journey to, "WALK, TALK AND LIVE IN VICTORY!"

Be Blessed

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## JULY 19, 2020

### Worship Services

We continue to stream our worship service each Sunday morning at 10 am on Facebook Live. If you do not have the Facebook app, simply go to the church's website: [greaterchristchurch.org](http://greaterchristchurch.org) and press the Facebook LIVE button and you will automatically be connected to the worship service.

Share this information with all your friends so they can share with us. Streaming our service gives us an opportunity to reach many more people with the Word of God.

You are also urged to join us for Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7 pm via Facebook Live.

### Dial in to Sunday Worship

The online worship service is now available to people who can not get on using Facebook Live. You can listen to the service by dialing in using the credentials below.

Dial: 415-762-9988

Meeting ID: 523 363 3657

Password: 036620

### Men's Ministry

Join the Mighty Men of Valor Mens Ministry for Bible Study and Lockerroom Fellowship every 2nd & 4th Monday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom.

We began our study and fellowship on Monday, July 13, 2020.

To register your contact information to receive Zoom notifications, please contact Deacon Adrian Green at (313) 399-8014 or [agreensr@comcast.net](mailto:agreensr@comcast.net) or call the church office.

NEW Church OFFICE HOURS



MONDAY  
10 AM - 2 PM

TUESDAY - THURSDAY  
10 AM - 3 PM

CLOSED FRIDAY

## GIVING

During this crisis time, please do not fail to continue to pay God His tithes and give your offerings. The church has to be sustained. God has left the church in our hands.

### YOU CAN GIVE BY:

- going to our website; [www.greaterchristchurch.org](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org) and give through PayPal (select Online Giving)
- giving through the Givelify App
- mailing your contribution to the church
- calling the church office and requesting that a deacon picks it up
- bringing your offerings to the church office

**GOD WILL NOT FAIL US!  
LET US NOT FAIL GOD!**

### Stay Connected

Although we won't see each other on a weekly basis, we can still stay connected. Call or text each other just to say "Hey, hope you're okay. God bless!" You're especially encouraged to check on our older members and those who are sick and shut-in. Let them know that we love them and that we care.

## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

# 24/7



# PRAYER

# 313.924.9599

## GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays, 7:00 am - 7:10 am

Dial: (701) 801-1211

Access Code: 954-484-868



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