

AUGUST 16, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

Greater  
Christ



*From Pastor Perkins*

## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER



Sometimes we feel we have messed up so badly that we have ruined our chance to have the kind of life we always wanted. Health issues may sometimes interfere with the pursuit of our dream. Costly consequences sometimes interfere with the pursuit of our life's dream. By this I mean that we make decisions that we thought would work out in our best interest, only later we find out that the consequences of that decision are very costly. Sometimes we spend years paying for a bad decision. Age can sometimes interfere with the pursuit of our life's dream.

There are any number of things that can interfere with our plans, but in the final analysis we ought let none of these things stop us. There are many people who come to the end of their life full of disillusionment and regret because they never felt they got out of life what they had hoped for. They get to the end and start playing "if I woulda, coulda, shoulda". All of us would make different decisions about certain things if we had it to do all over, but the fact of the matter is that none of us have that chance. Life is not to be lived looking backward except to assess and gain perspective on the future.

Life is so full of grace and mercy that nothing should really stop us from pursuing whatever we want for our life. Hezekiah had a health issue, but after praying to God, he was given a 15-year extension. Abraham had an age issue, but the Bible says that even though he and Sarah were way up in years, they hoped against hope that God would grant them a son. And, you know what? He did! All of this is simply meant to say that it's never too late. It ain't over until you're dead. So don't be deterred by any defeat or disappointment you have experienced. Don't give up on yourself and your dream. Any obstacle can be overcome. Just keep on praying. Keep on trying. Keep on hoping against hope. God is good and life is wonderful.

Be blessed.

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# NEWS AND NOTES

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### 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

### Thank You

Dear Dr. Perkins & Greater Christ,  
Some people only know one way of giving with all their hearts without a second thought and that is exactly what you've done. Thank you for your prayers, many calls, and many expressions of sympathy. You shall know them by their fruits.

Love & blessings from the Stewarts, McGuire, & Ellingtons

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

