

AUGUST 23, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From Pastor Perkins*

## SAYING AND DOING



The end and aim of our Christian faith is that we might develop a Christlike character. This is extremely important to remember. Far too many people have the idea that the most concrete expression of their faith in Christ is all in their talking. They even buy into the non-biblical doctrine that says the evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is talking in tongues. At base this doctrine puts emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit and nearly neglects the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit emphasizes character.

This over emphasis on talking about our faith as opposed to living our faith results in people studying the Word, hearing the Word, talking about the Word, but never allowing it to transform their life. With this kind of person, it's all talk! This kind of "saying, but not doing" faith leads us to have workshops, retreats, class after class, discussion about problems, both personal and global, and yet, never translating any of what we learn into concrete ministry. We "say" the Word, but the Word never becomes flesh and dwell among us.

Saying and doing are two different things in our Christ-centered life. Saying what we believe ought lead to doing what we believe, but it's not necessarily the case. Doing what we believe does not necessarily mean that we will say what we believe. But in either case, it is the doing what we believe that counts with God.

In Matthew 21:28-32, Jesus tells the parable of a man who had two sons. He asked them both to go into his vineyard and work. One said he would go and didn't. The other said he would not and did. The question Jesus posed is: "Which of the two did the father's will?" The obvious answer is the one who went into the vineyard and worked even though he had said he would not. One said he would and didn't. The other said he would not and did. Doing the Father's will is more important than just saying it.

Saying and doing are two different things! The concrete expression of what we are in reality is in our doing!

Be blessed

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## AUGUST 23, 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

### Sunday Study Hour

Many Faces of Wisdom-Studies in Proverbs, The Gospels, & James

**9am-10am**

w/ Rev. LeRoy Heard - Zoom ID: 207 009 4492 Password: 8vR6ED

w/ Sharon Smith - Dial: 866-226-3606 Code: 5243725#

w/ Deacon Jeanette Smith - Dial: 605-465-4858 Code: 89661#

**12:30 pm-1:30 pm**

w/ Penny Covington & Gytina Roy - Dial 978-990-5000 Code: 511083#

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

