

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

A GOD OF LIVING BEYOND YOUR COMFORT ZONE



Change is difficult to bring about in the church, other agencies, and in our individual lives for that matter because people do not quickly give up the familiar ways of doing things. We establish habits and predictable patterns that we hold on to even after they have outlived their usefulness. We like living in a comfort zone. We like to know what to expect next. We like the feeling of being in control.

The problem is though that living in a comfort zone doesn't allow for growth. Growth calls us to come out of the comfort zone. Comfort and faith are incompatible. You cannot live by faith and live in your little comfort zone at the same time. We become complacent and resistant to new ideas and the true challenge of the gospel because we don't want anybody, including God, to call us to life outside of our comfort zone.

At some point, we're going to have to stop deluding ourselves and recognize that in order to be true to the demands Christ makes of us, we're going to have to relinquish the attitude that we know better than He does what's best for us. We're going to have to relinquish old attitudes, idol gods, and inflated notions of ourselves and enter into the uncomfortable world of faith and trust in God. You can't be in control and God is in control at the same time.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (St. Luke 9:23). "Deny himself?" "Take up a cross daily?" True Christian discipleship is a call to come out of your comfort zone. Until you do . . . Well, you're only fooling yourself.

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 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

Church
OFFICE
HOURS



MONDAY
10 AM - 2 PM

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
10 AM - 3 PM

CLOSED FRIDAY

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

24/7 PRAYER

313.924.9599

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 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!

Sunday Study Hour

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

9 am - 10 am

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: 347-514-7130 ID: 2670265

Wednesday Noon Study Hour

Currently studying: II Kings Chapter 3

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

w/ Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller - Dial: 774-220-4000 ID: 721 9004

GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays, 7:00 am - 7:10 am

Dial: (701) 801-1211

Access Code: 954-484-868

