

OCTOBER 18, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From Pastor Perkins*

## A CLEAN HEART



How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word and following its rules. I have tried my best to find you - don't let me wander from you're your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. - Psalm 119:9-11

Reaching our full potential begins with a clean heart - one that loves the Lord and desired to obey Him. The problem is that each of us was born with a nature bent away from God. Jeremiah 179 describes the heart as deceitful and inclined towards wickedness. Pleasing self is man's normal state.

Salvation changed our hearts and lives Jesus' death on the cross paid the penalty for our sin and broke its power over us. By receiving Christ as our Savior, we become a new creation - with a heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and a mind that strongly desires to know the Father better. We also receive the Spirit's power to deny our selfish desires and obey God. With clean hearts, we can begin to realize the capabilities our loving Lord has given us.

The best way to maintain a clean heart is by meditating on God's Word. It acts like a mirror in which we see ourselves as God does. Through God's Word, we discover the areas where we have been faithful and the places where we have strayed from His path. Expressing genuine repentance brings God's forgiveness and cleansing (I John 1:9).

The heart represents the seat of our mind, will, and emotions. When we strive to keep it pure, we will more easily discern the Lord's plan, submit our will to His will, and follow Him obediently.

Becoming the person God planned for us to be requires an intimate relationship with Him and a desire to obey His Word. Apart from Jesus, we cannot achieve anything of lasting value. The Holy Spirit's transforming work will help us keep our hearts clean.

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

### Sunday Study Hour

8:45 am - 9:45 am

w/ Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller

Call the church office & leave email address or cell number

Experiencing God w/ Janice King - [meet.google.com/pev-vuzc-gld](https://meet.google.com/pev-vuzc-gld)

Love for One Another-Studies in Genesis, I Samuel, Luke, John, Acts, & the Epistles

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 Stewart - 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

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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

Church  
OFFICE  
HOURS

MONDAY  
10 AM - 2 PM

TUESDAY - THURSDAY  
10 AM - 3 PM

CLOSED FRIDAY



## GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays,  
7:00 am - 7:10 am  
Dial: (701) 801-1211  
Access Code: 954-484-868



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# Church Anniversary

Sunday  
November 22, 2020

*Thanking God for 64 years*

Each member is asked to give sacrificially in recognition of God's goodness to us as a church family.