

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

Greater  
Christ



*From Pastor Perkins*

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



This is a wonderful day in the life of GCBC! On this occasion of our 64th anniversary, we give glory to God for a half plus century of service to His Kingdom. We give thanks to God for the pioneer spirits who founded this congregation and for the vision they had which has guided us through the years.

An anniversary is an occasion to look back for the purpose of assessing our spiritual alignment. We look back on this day to assess whether or not we have veered from the founding vision and principles for which we exist. We look back to regain our perspective and to be sure we're being faithful to the God who called us into existence.

An anniversary is an occasion to assess where we are. Where we are as a church is a question that ought agitate all our spirits until we are clear about our relevance in this time in which we live and serve. Ask yourself, am I involved in a ministry? Am I winning others to Christ? Am I using my spiritual gifts to serve, or do I just come to church and go home?

This is a different time that it was in the founding year of 1956, and we have a responsibility to understand the times in which we live so we can communicate the gospel to a different generation.

An anniversary is an occasion to look ahead. A congregation ought have the sense of going somewhere! A congregation ought not feel that we are just standing still. There ought to be some guiding vision that is steering and directing us towards the achievement of clear goals and objectives. Do you know what those are and what is required of you to achieve them?

All of these are messages inherent in the celebration of our anniversary. It is not just a time to look back and say praise the Lord. It is a time to re-align ourselves with His purpose and His will for us.

Jesus said to His disciples "Ye are the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). And that is the message for us today! We must remember that in these dark days of moral and spiritual confusion, of social injustice, and withering compassion, the world still needs the Church! In this time when people are not taking the Church seriously, there is still a need for the Church and a vital role we have to play in the salvation of the world. We are the light of the world!

Our prayer on this great and glorious occasion is that God will use us to continue to be that light on this corner and in the world!

Congratulations GCBC on this 64th anniversary! May God use us to perpetuate His Kingdom for many years to come!

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# NEWS AND NOTES

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

## Happy 64th Church Anniversary Greater Christ

### Sunday Study Hour

8:45 am - 9:45 am

w/ Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller

Call the church office & leave email addresses or cell number

Experiencing God w/ Janice King - 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: 605-475-4858 Code: 896661

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

### Thank You

Rev. and Mrs. James Perkins and the Greater Christ Baptist Church family,

It is with sincere gratitude and a heartfelt thank you that the McLaughlin and Jones families acknowledge the many cards, prayers, letters of condolence, and other acts of kindness and sympathy for the loss of our beloved family members. Please continue to keep the family uplifted in prayer as we go through this phase of remembering their gifts of life.

Prayfully,  
The McLaughlin and Jones family!

## THANKSLIVING *Service*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH  
9 AM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Join Greater Christ Baptist Church  
for an hour of gratitude.  
We have so much to thank God for!

## 12 Days of Christ

Starting December 14th

Each day leading up to Christmas,  
Pastor Perkins will reveal a gift to you  
from Christ.

More details to come!

## GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays,

7:00 am - 7:10 am

Dial: (701) 801-1211

Access Code: 954-484-868



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