

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

A LIVING SOUL



From the moment of birth, we are programmed to think of ourselves as human beings striving to meet our human needs. We eat, sleep, and procreate just as all other animal creatures in the world. Humanity, however, enjoys a higher distinction in that we also recognize that there is a spiritual dimension to our being and we strive to meet our spiritual needs also.

The Bible tells us, however, that we are not human beings striving to meet our spiritual needs, but that we are spiritual beings who ought instead strive to meet our human needs. This is an important distinction. It means that we have been going at life all

backwards. By being so preoccupied with trying to meet our human needs, more times than not we end up neglecting our spiritual needs. Prayer is an effort for most of us. Indeed to many people it is a frivolous, meaningless exercise in futility.

To neglect our spiritual needs at the expense of focusing so totally on our physical needs, we often end up unhappy and disappointed. In Genesis 2:7, we are told that God breathed into the nostrils of humanity the breath of life and we became a living soul. This is the Bible's way of trying to help us to think of ourselves differently. The Bible is trying to help us to think of ourselves first and foremost as spiritual beings with human needs to be met as opposed to thinking of ourselves as human beings with spiritual needs to be met.

To think of ourselves as spiritual beings first means that our lives are most fulfilled when we strive to cultivate our relationship with God. Each of us is a living soul. Until we meet the need of our soul to experience God, we are no more than the other animals of the field. We can have material things in abundance, but if we do not have a deep soul satisfying relationship with God, we will never experience true happiness, peace, and enjoyment in life.

As a living soul, God will not only satisfy our deep hunger to know Him, but He will provide the material things our human nature requires. It's a big leap to change the way we have been conditioned to think of ourselves, but it is the only way we can ever get out of life all God intended for us to have. Start now thinking of yourself as a living soul and spend time striving to experience God. See what a difference it makes. Live from the inside out, not the outside in.

Be blessed.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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Church Anniversary Offering

We Give Thanks

On Saturday, November 21st, we will have a special "GCBC 64th Anniversary Drive By". This is a great way to remain connected to our Church community while still maintaining social distancing guidelines that we all should be adhering to. We thought it would be good to do something a little special... and we would love for you to join in.

We ask that you please do the following:

- At 2:45 pm, meet at the Detroit Police 12th Precinct on 7 Mile Rd. near Woodward. Decorate your vehicle with balloons, streamers, or signs...or just you!!
- At 3 pm, we will do a drive by at Pastor and First Lady Linda's home
- Each year Pastor Perkins asks for a special Anniversary Offering. Place your Anniversary Offering in an envelope with your name & amount on it. Also, write Anniversary Offering on it and place the envelope in a special basket set up for that purpose.
- You are also asked to give a Love Offering to Pastor Perkins in acknowledgement of his 39 years of steadfast leadership and his leadership during these difficult times. There will be a separate basket to receive Pastor's love offering.

That's it!! If you have any questions, please let us know! Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, Nov. 21st @ 2:45 pm!

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

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

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.