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BAPTIST CHURCH

Greater  
Christ



*From Pastor Perkins*

## THE CHURCH AND REAL LIFE



Recently I overheard somebody say, “We have brought the world into the church instead of carrying the church into the world.” Wow! A light bulb lit up in my head. And suddenly my pulse accelerated! “Somebody gets it.” I thought to myself. “Somebody actually gets it!”

This statement resonated with me with such intensity because in too many instances church is too often disconnected from real life. I don’t know any other place on earth where people check their brains at the door like they do at the church.

For instance, just look around our city. There is a church almost on every corner. Yet with all the churches we have now is Black life better? In most Black churches, the expectation is to shout. Shouting is the measure of success and the gauge of how much Holy Spirit we have.

Meanwhile, the members are losing their homes, losing their jobs, losing their families. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (St. John 10:10). If this is so, where is the evidence of Jesus at work in the church?

Mention developing a business that gives the members jobs and people are disinterested and don’t associate this kind of ministry with Jesus.

Step inside of most churches and it’s like stepping back into time or into a carnival. Both are unrelated to present reality.

The religion of Jesus is grounded in reality. The religion of Jesus is concerned with improving the quality of your life in this world. It is not like an insurance policy; something that kicks in after you die. It’s supposed to motivate you to do the things that help you to make it in this world. These things are improving the quality of your education, improving the quality of your housing, improving the quality of your relationships, improving the quality of your financial life. What good is any kind of religion if it can’t help you in this world?

Let’s get real and develop a ministry that improves the quality of real life and stop playing church; especially that kind of church that doesn’t have anything to do with anything!

Be Blessed

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# NEWS AND NOTES

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### Reopening Phase II

We are pleased to announce that we are moving into our next phase towards full reopening of our worship and ministry services and activities. In this phase we will:

- Return to in-person Sunday Study Hour classes. They will meet at 9:00 AM and meet in their same locations as before. We are trying to continue to offer classes on conference lines and other virtual options as well as the in-person option.
- Resume in-person ministry meetings and activities. Ministry leaders must contact the church office and complete a space reservation form to schedule meetings and activities.
- Music ministry return to full operation (full choir) and in-person rehearsals.
- Funeral Service Guidelines:
  1. Home going Services for Members Only.
  2. Temperature checks are required, masks and Social Distancing for All in attendance.
  3. The Deceased family members may sit together.
  4. Repast options are not available at this time.
  5. Video recordings and Live-streams need to be arranged through the Funeral Home as part of their Funeral Service Contract/ package.
  6. Availability for DVD picture presentations during Family Hour must be preapproved by funeral committee in conjunction with the technical arts ministry.

Please note that we will continue to:

- Social Distance
- Properly wear mask at all services, meetings, and activities held in our facilities.
- Encourage hand sanitizing frequently

We pray that more of you will feel comfortable coming back to in-person worship services and return to all of the wonderful ministry work that you have been involved with in the past.

Let's all stay prayerful, vigilant, and adhere to the various safety protocols so that we can be comfortable coming back together.

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