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BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

RECHARGING YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERY



Have you ever had the experience of getting in your car, turning the key in the ignition only to find out that the battery was dead? You can't move. You're stalled. You can't go anywhere until you get a jump. Somebody with a live battery and a set of jumper cables has to connect your dead battery to their live battery, and in a few seconds or minutes you can turn your key and you're good to go.

A similar experience occurs in our spiritual lives. Sometimes you just go flat. Sometimes you just run out of energy and you just can't get started.

As real as it is none of us can afford to run out of energy. We have family responsibilities that require our time and energy. We have jobs that require our time. We've got too much to do to go flat on the job! And yet the reality is that sometimes we do.

It was an experience of spiritual exhaustion and burnout that the Psalmist described when he said, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why are you down in the dumps?" (Psalm 42:5)

The Psalmist not only describes his condition of needing his spiritual battery re-charged, in the verses that follow, he gives us the formula for getting re-charged.

Just like you need a vehicle with a live battery to recharge your car battery, God is the vehicle to whom we should turn when we need to be energized and come back to life! He is perpetual energy, and He desires nothing more than to fill us with His Spirit and empower us to stand up to our duties and responsibilities in life.

If a car with a live battery stands next to a car with a dead battery, nothing will happen unless and until there are jumper cables to connect them and allow the power to flow from one to another.

The Psalmist says, "I will hope in God, I will continually praise Him." Thinking about the goodness of God in your life and praising Him for His goodness re-energizes us! Constantly thinking about how bad you feel and all that's wrong in your life will only drain you and make you feel depressed and spiritually exhausted.

Hope in The Lord! Focus on his goodness and His power. Pray to Him! Prayer is the jumper cables that connect our souls to Him. He will fill you with life energy for your journey.

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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