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BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From Pastor Perkins*

## A WORLD WITHOUT GRATITUDE



One of the saddest realities of our time is that words like “thank you, excuse me, and I’m sorry” have almost dropped out of the repertoire of human experience.

A time has come when it seems like people have the attitude that the world owes them something. We even have this attitude when it comes to our relationship with God.

Many people act as though the only reason God exists is to bless them. Whenever things don’t work out the way they want them to, or whenever they’re visited by disappointment, they blame it all on God. Some people even get disillusioned to the point that they leave the church when life doesn’t flow the way they think it should.

In this era of ingratitude, we need to take a chill pill and reflect upon the good things we have to be thankful for. We are blessed by God and others more than we take time to realize.

We take too much for granted. We are blessed with life, health and strength. We are blessed to have people in our lives who love and care about us. We are blessed to have provisions to meet our daily needs. And I could go on and on.

The simple fact of the matter is that we all have so much to be thankful for!

The Psalmist admonished us, “O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever.” (Psalm 106:1)

What would it be like if we lived in a world without gratitude? It would be cold and mean spirited. The only way we can keep that from happening is to recognize just how blessed we really are.

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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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