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BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

JUST A PASSENGER



I am sure most of us have seen the bumper sticker that says, "Jesus is my co-pilot". It suggests that we are actually in the pilot's seat guiding the plane (our life), and Jesus is in the seat next to us just in case we get tired or something and decide to turn things over to Him.

Unfortunately, this is the attitude about life that a lot of us have. We act as though we are actually in charge and we use our relationship with Jesus only when we get in trouble and really need His help.

In reality, it is closer to the truth to say that we are the passenger and Jesus is the One in the driver's seat. This perspective requires us to see life as a journey. On a journey, we experience many things. Sometimes the weather changes. Sometimes we stop to eat. Sometimes we stop to rest. Sometimes it's daylight. Sometimes it's pitch dark. Nevertheless, through all of these experiences we are still moving towards our destination.

Realizing that we are the passenger and Jesus is the One in the driver's seat, helps us to recognize that life is a journey because it means that we can relax and enjoy it rather than always frustrating ourselves by trying to control it. Most of the frustration we experience comes from the fact that we feel we don't have everything under control.

Jesus said, "I am the way. . ." (St. John 14:6). This implies that by following Him, life becomes the enjoyable and fulfilling experience it was designed by God to be. He wants us to enjoy this journey. But this can only happen when we recognize that He's in the driver's seat and we're in the passenger's seat. Don't worry about where you're going. Jesus is the Way. So kick back and enjoy the journey. He knows where He's going. And He knows where He's taking you.

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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