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BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

HOW TO START YOUR DAY



There are a number of people who start their day out by rushing. They rush to get up and get dressed. They rush to get to work on time. They rush through their work. They rush home. And by the time their day ends, they're dead tired and ready to fall asleep so they can get up and start rushing all over again.

How do you start your day? That is an important question because, how we start our day determines our mood and outlook through the day.

A day is to be received as a new gift from God. We live our lives one day at a time. We pursue our goals one day at a time. Life is to be enjoyed one day at a time. How shameful it would be if we lived a whole lifetime and got so rushed and stressed that we never took time to enjoy the world around us, beyond us, and the people and wonders that populate that world.

In Psalms 5:3, the Psalmist gives us a prescription on how to start our day. He says we like he ought to begin every day by seeking God's presence! The first thing we ought to do when our eyes open in the morning is to greet God! "My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord."

Get up early enough so that you have some quality time to spend with God before you leave out to go to work, or to face life's duties and challenges. Tell Him thank you for waking you up! While you were sound asleep, no harm came to you.

The Psalmist says we are to start every day with a hopeful outlook: in the morning I will look up! Don't start your day by listening to all the depressing news. It impacts your spirit. Don't start your day by thinking about all you've got to do. It makes you tired. Start your day by looking up! Whatever you have to face, God is going to face it with you. When you focus on Him, you start out with peace in your spirit.

A new day is a new day of opportunity-not just a day to get something, do something, or add another trophy to your awards case. It is an opportunity to experience life as it is intended to be lived: by being in fellowship with and walking with God.

Seek His presence in the morning. That's how you ought to start every day.

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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