

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

BAPTIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Perkins

HE RESTORES MY SOUL



I remember hearing the late Eubie Blake, legendary ragtime pianist, say in an interview towards the end of his life, "I just don't feel like going on anymore." At that time, Eubie Blake was well past 90 years of age. Feeble and frequently sick, the elder statesman had come to a point in his life when he was ready to check out. Blake had lived a long full life. His contribution to the encyclopedia of music had been immortalized. Now life had become more than he could endure.

Given these bare facts of his life, it is easy to understand Eubie Blake's desire. However, life can be such a challenging and overwhelming experience that many people less than half the old man's age feel like dropping to the ground and giving up.

Life can be mean. There are times when it seems we have gotten the last blessing from God we will ever get. It appears that everything comes easy to some people. Others seem to have to fight and struggle for every crumb they get. For some it's nip and tuck all the way from the cradle to the grave.

David knew what it feels like to want to give up. He knew how it feels to hit a wall; to have no hopeful outlook for his future; and to feel like checking out.

At the lowest point in his life, however, he discovered that inwardly his spirit was being renewed. The only explanation he could give for the rebirth of life within him was: "...he restores my soul..." (Psalm 23:3a).

We do grow weary. Life can sometimes feel suffocating. Like Eubie Blake we may not feel like going on anymore. But if we will back away from some stuff; retreat in God and wait on the Lord, He will restore our soul. He will restore our hope. He will restore our outlook. He will restore our energy. He will restore our faith.

We may run completely out, but God is a source of endless supply. Whatever you run out of, He will restore.

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.

COME BACK TO CHURCH

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