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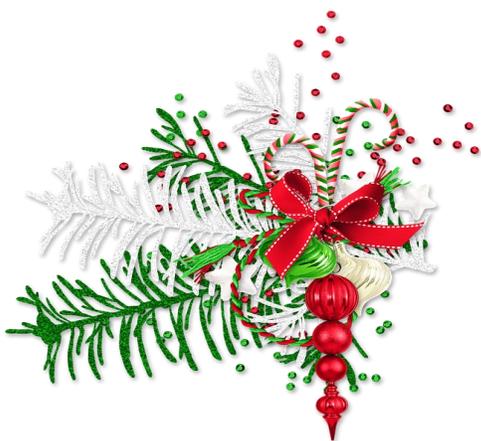
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Calendar of Events

December 19, 2020
 Christmas Food Giveaway
 9am @ Living Faith Christian Center
 Columbia, SC 29203

December 31, 2020
 Watchnight Service
 6pm to 9pm
 Living Faith Christian Center
 Columbia, SC 29203



Living Faith Christian Center Mission Statement

Our mission is to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom throughout the world, and train Believers how to live independent of this world’s system and have dominion over it. To provide Believers a word of encouragement, hope and to aide in the development of their faith. Also, to teach Christians who they are in Christ Jesus and how to live a victorious life in their covenant rights and privileges.

We are called to lead people to Christ, to encourage and provide spiritual guidance, to the place where we will operate proficiently in the biblical principles of faith, love, healing, prosperity, redemption and righteousness, and to the place where we can share those principles with others.

We are called to assist Believers in becoming rooted, grounded and established in the Word of God by teaching them to give God’s Word first place in their lives (Colossians 3:23, Psalm 112).

Service Times & Contact Information

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 8:30am
 Tuesday Noon Day Bible Study @ 12:00pm
 Tuesday Night Bible Study @ 7:00pm
 Web Address: aldowningministries.org and livingfaithsc.org
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Bishop A. L. Downing and Lady Inza Downing

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord” Luke 4:18-19

Speaking Engagement Request

If you would like to invite Bishop A.L. Downing for a speaking engagement, the contact info is:
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Words of Encouragement

You Can Live a Supernatural Life in 2021

Reverend Curtis L. Hamilton Sr.

“But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.” (Psalms 1:2-3, NLT)

First off, I extend to each one of you a “Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Blessed New Year!

Christmas is that time of year when we are thinking about buying and giving gifts to our loved ones, family members, and friends. We want them to know that they are loved and appreciated. In showing that appreciation and love toward us, God, through His Son Jesus, gave us the greatest gift of all, eternal life! So, during this Christmas season, let us not forget the greatest gift given to the world Jesus!

In this article, I believe that the Lord wants to share with you another amazing gift from Him. That gift is not only that we **have**, but to **know** that **“You Can Live a Supernatural Life in 2021!”**

Let us focus our attention now on Psalms 1:2-3: *“But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”*

The first step in living a supernatural life is to focus or center your intention and attention on God. I have heard a well-known author, international lecturer, and neuroscientist, Dr. Joe Dispenza, say that we think approximately 60,000 to 70,000 thoughts per day! Most of those thoughts, approximately 90 per cent of them are thoughts about the past, or things that happened yesterday. He goes on to say that when you are focused on yesterday’s thoughts, you are living in the past. There is no way you are going to do anything creative or reach new heights in your life if you are looking at and living in the past.

God has called you to fulfil His plan for your life. His Word says in Jeremiah 29:11, *“For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and well-being, and not of disaster; to give you a future and a hope” (Amp. Jer. 29:11).* You can only fulfil your destiny by looking forward, not by looking and dwelling on the past. When you spend quality time focusing on Him and spending quality time in His presence, only then can you move forward to living a supernatural life in 2021. There is an old song that says, “I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own.”

You Can Live a Supernatural Life in 2021 cont...

During His earthly ministry, Jesus often spent time with God, The Father. His disciples noticed it so much that they said to Him, **“Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1)**. In Genesis 12:1-3, Abram (later Abraham) achieved his destiny because he was focused on God. God became the center of his life! Hebrews 12:2 says, **“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.....” (NIV)**.

What are you focused on when you get up in the morning? If your thoughts are on yesterday, you are not creating anything new. Your life is going to be the same as it was yesterday! But if you focus on the Lord, He will give you new ideas and you will be living in the “creative” stage of your life. You will be moving forward, not thinking about the past. We will say more about that next time. Being **intentional and attentional** by focusing on the Lord will bring great benefits into your life! I am a witness of His supernatural blessings in my life! You can live a supernatural life also.

The second step is that you must delight yourself in the Lord. Notice, the Psalmist says, **“But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.”** The word, “delight”, means: a high degree of gratification or pleasure: joy. (2) something that gives great pleasure. So, the person who delights in the Lord gets a high degree of pleasure or gratification of who God is; it is deep joy and gratitude from being in the presence of Jesus! The only way you are going to get that feeling, that emotion of joy and gratification is to focus on His splendor, His majesty, His awesomeness, and His mighty works. There is no one like Jesus; no one like our God! Hallelujah!

So in Psalms 1:2, we see **two key elements** to living a supernatural life that are wrapped up in this passage: (#1) God’s testimony and (#2) God is in a class all by Himself; in other words, there is no one like God!

Let me explain the first key element when I say, **God’s testimony**. When we read, see, and hear what Almighty God has done through His creative power, we stand in awe at what He can do! He created the whole world! He created us in His image and His likeness! He is indescribable! Psalms 8:1-9 talks about how majestic the Lord’s Name is in all the earth! The world is full of His testimony! Every day the world testifies of God’s glory!

The second key element is this: **God is in a class all by Himself!** There is no one like Our God! Not only does He have creative power, but He also uses His power to bless our lives! We are surrounded by His unfailing love every day! He gives us food to eat; He heals our bodies; He is keeping us by His power. So, when I think about the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me, my soul cries out, ‘Hallelujah, thank You, Lord, for saving me.’

So, step one: we focus on God. Step two: we meditate on His law day and night.

You Can Live a Supernatural Life in 2021 cont...

The third step is to get fired up; get emotional! What is happening to me and you right now as we read about God's creative power? What is happening on the inside of us as we think about the many ways, He has blessed us? What is happening on the inside of you when He blesses you unexpectedly? What is happening on the inside of you when you think about how He saved you from a terrible car wreck? I can go on and on with the questions. The short answer is, we become emotional and grateful! We get happy, excited, joyous, and blessed. I love this feeling! Can I get a witness? This emotion that you and I are experiencing right now is a result of meditating on His law! It is the emotions, the feelings, that are going to last in your memory. It is your attitude of gratefulness that is going to move the hand of God!

Moreover, do you remember the words found in Deuteronomy 10:12? ***“And now, Israel, what does the Lord God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God and live in a way that pleases Him. And love Him and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul.”*** Love is an emotion. God is emotional! There is a very popular song that the Praise Team sung a few Sundays ago which says, “Can't nobody do me like Jesus, can't nobody do me like the Lord!” This is how I delight myself in the Lord.

David knows this very well and is a great example for us to follow in living a supernatural life. For example, in nearly all his writings about the Lord, He praises God, he worships God, he talks about His mighty acts, His covenant promises, and His holiness! David gets emotional!! In 2 Samuel 6:13-15 the Word tells us how emotional and excited King David was. He danced before the Lord with all his might!

Delighting in the Lord is not a **one-time event!** The Psalmist says that he ***“meditates on God's Law all the time (day and night).”*** In other words, his thoughts are constantly on God's Word! Your thoughts are not going to be on the Lord all the time; however, you can meditate on His Word day and night.

As I close this article, I want you to know that there must be three elements present in one's life in order to bring the supernatural to pass: (#1) focus your attention on God. (#2) meditate on His Word day and night, and (#3) get emotional; get fired up; confess how good God is; talk of His mighty acts in your life and what He has done and is doing for you. You must be grateful! Remember, your gratitude to God gets the hand of God to move in your life!

Psalms 1:3 says, ***“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”*** In other words, you will be like a tree that produces fruit all year long: winter, spring, summer, and fall! Additionally, you will prosper in all you do! This is God's gift to you! My brothers and sisters, you **CAN** live a **SUPERNATURAL LIFE in 2021!!!** May the Lord bless you!

Rev. Curtis L. Hamilton, Sr.

A Message from Bishop A.L. Downing and Lady Inza Downing

Inza and I are so thankful that you're a part of this ministry. We want you to know we never take your kindness and generosity lightly. And we want you to know we are praying for you and your letters and testimonies mean a LOT to us. As you're preparing to celebrate Christmas with family and friends, Inza and I want to say thank you for your support this year. We pray that the monthly newsletter has been a blessing to you as you have been and are to the ministry. We wish you a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

Blessings

Bishop A.L. Downing and Lady Downing



If you desire prayer please call: (803) 609-5714 and you will be put in touch with an intercessor who will pray with you.

We would love to hear your testimonies. Email your testimonies to: livingfaith@att.net or

Send your testimonies to:

A.L. Downing Ministries

P.O. Box 291808

Columbia, SC 29229 or call (803) 609-5714

How You Can Get Involved...

- Pray about our upcoming events and that we will pay the remaining mortgage off quickly.
- Become a faithful partner and contributor of the Ministry.
Make contributions payable to: [A. L. Downing Ministries, P.O. Box 291808, Columbia, SC 29229](mailto:A.L.DowningMinistries@att.net) or go to the ministry's website: aldowningministries.org. All contributions are tax deductible.

Lady Downing Thoughts for the Month

“In spite of the thousand times we have failed, Gods mercy remains!” #Thankful

“Never argue with the enemy. He doesn't deserve your time or energy. Use God's Word against him and he will flee.”

“Think more about God than you think about your problems.” #TrustHimWithEverything

“Sometimes folks do stuff to hurt you & end up blessing you.” #Trust God

“GOD didn't lock that door, you just never turned the knob....Faith”

“You asked for "this" but God gave you "That" because HIS "That" was better than your "this".”

#TrustHim He has a plan for your life

**“God is about to give you some “first times” in your life
It will be far greater than you ever imagined.”**

AMEN

“Honor God and place Him first and God will bless you in spite of your circumstances.”

“Just because someone doesn't see your value, doesn't mean you're not valuable. God made you.. You're Priceless!!!”

#awesomeyou

**Be Blessed
'Lady Downing'**

Honoring Our Veterans and First Responders



Supporting Our Community...Thanksgiving Food Giveaway



Christmas Food Giveaway

December 19, 2020
9am @ Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road Columbia, SC 29203



UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Vision from Bishop Downing

Thursday December 31, 2020

6pm – 9pm

Praise Team ~ Praise Dancing ~ Youth
Performance ~ Give Aways ~ Dinner Served

Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Rd, Columbia SC 29203
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Watchnight Service



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Tony Gee
Master of Ceremonies



**Bishop A.L. Downing &
First Lady Inza Downing**

Corie Johnson
Christian Comedian



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The Audit Program is for those individuals attending for their own personal spiritual growth. Audit students must attend all lectures and read all text books. Audit students will receive a Certificate of Attendance for each 30-credit hour program completed.

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A Diploma in Theology is awarded to students who successfully complete their designated first-year program for academic credit (30 credit-hours total).

ASSOCIATES DEGREE PROGRAM

An Associates Degree is awarded to students who successfully complete their designated second year program for academic credit (60 credit-hours total).

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A Masters Degree is awarded to students who successfully complete a minimum of 36 credit-hours above the Bachelors Degree Program for academic credit.

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A Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) is awarded to students who successfully complete 45 credit hours above the Masters Degree program for academic credit.

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