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Living Faith Christian Center Newsletter



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Calendar of Events

Placed on Hold Due to COVID



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

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Speaking Engagement Request

If you would like to invite Bishop Downing for a speaking engagement, the contact info is:

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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

Words of Encouragement

Love Thy Neighbor

Matthew 22:39

“And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” KJV

Sister Alice Baker

In Matthew 22:39 the commandment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves is just that – a command. A command is an authoritative directive or instruction; therefore, it is not a suggestion, nor is it debatable or negotiable. In a time when the world is filled with much strife, confusion, division and discourse now is the time to remember and obey the command of our loving, gracious, merciful Heavenly Father...Love Thy Neighbor.

Love is a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person, which can be expressed in different ways depending on the type of love relationship. The phileo or philia love is a friendship love; whereas, storge love is representative of love expressed among family members. Eros is the intimate feeling love expressed in a romantic relationship, such as the love shared between a husband and wife. The Word shares God's desire regarding these relationships according to Psalms 133:1 (Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity); John 15:17 (These things I command you, that ye love one another), Ephesians 5:33 (Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband) and I Corinthians 7:3 (Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband). Whether the love relationship is a friendship, family, or feeling love relationship, the foundation for all love relationships should be the Father's love (agape); for God is love (I John 4:8). God's love is unconditional, gives its best for the benefit of others. God's love is not only essential as the foundation for strong relationships that can endure the tests and trials of everyday life but also is necessary to operate in faith efficiently because faith works by love (Galatians 5:6). Love is the fuel that ignites the motivation for performance of a necessary action to achieve or accomplish a desired particular goal. God is our greatest example of this unconditional love, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Faith is necessary to please God – without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). God is pleased when his sons and daughters operate in faith, being willing and obedient. Submission to the authority giving the command assures a willingness and obedience to follow and execute the command. A willingness to obey the command can be present when the command is given, but not the obedience to execute the command consistently, especially if the willingness to obey the command is because the authoritative person is present. We should always be willing to obey the commands of our Father since he is always present, never leaving nor forsaking us (Hebrews 13:5). True submission to God's authority to obey His commands comes from obeying the Word through a relationship with Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior and the leading and guiding of

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the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 22:39 refers to the commandment to love thy neighbor as thyself as the second command; therefore, it is imperative to put first things first by adhering to Matthew 22:37-38 - 37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38) This is the first and great commandment. In obeying the first and great commandment, loving God with every part of our being, loving thy neighbor as thyself is possible. Loving people we can easily relate to or know as a result of friendship, family or feelings relationships can be easy, but the command is to love thy neighbor as thyself. So one would ponder the thought, "Who is my neighbor?" Neighbor is defined as a person living near or next door, to be situated next to or very near or a person or place in relation to others near or next to it. Another description of a neighbor is anyone in need of one's help or kindness. In essence, your neighbor can be someone you know – family, friends, those you work with or those you do not know personally, but encounter in everyday life – people in the grocery store, people with different opinions or lifestyles, people who are in situations where they are living a life appearing less fortunate than your own. The most challenging neighbor to love (for most, if not all people) is to love that neighbor who exhibits behavior of one who is not a friend but a foe – an enemy. God gives specific guidance for those experiences also in Luke 6:27 – But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you and Matthew 5:44 – But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

As the definitions of neighbor imply a neighbor can be someone we know intimately or do not know at all – everyone – anyone we encounter for whatever reason. Regardless of the extent of the relationship, God desires for us to love everyone as he loves – unconditionally. God is our greatest example of this unconditional love, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Unconditional love may require you to give not only your best but also sometimes your only. While loving everyone as God commands can be challenging at times, it is not impossible because with God **ALL THINGS** are possible (Matthew 19:26). Once we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, by confessing with our mouth the Lord Jesus Christ and believing in our hearts that God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9-10), the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts (Romans 5:5) and the Holy Spirit is our Helper. When we choose to be willing and obedient to obey God's command we will eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19), the blessing is upon us through our obedience (Deuteronomy 11:27), and the door of our heart is open for us to love everyone and experience **LOVE** – **L**iving **O**nly in **V**ictory and **E**njoyment! May each of you experience God blessings and love always!!!

Blessings

Sister Baker

Testimonials

Praise God!! I had not worked in over a year and a half. My husband and I were doing fine as he had a very good position and was paid well. I received a phone call from my former supervisor. She told me she wanted me to apply for my former position. Well, due to my husband position we had moved a few states away from where the job was located. However, she told me if I applied and was offered the position, I could work from home. I immediately applied for the position. I then called and asked for prayer. Praise God, within a week I was offered the position and a very nice salary.

H.L.R.

Bishop, I just had to share this. The first Sunday in February, you prayed for me and I fell under the power of the Holy Spirit. But, before, I fell I remember, you placed my husband's hands on my stomach and your hands on top his hands you prayed and said, "Everything alright" and healing is taking placed. Well, they helped me get in the vehicle. Then you came over to the car and put your hands on my head and I immediately went out again. I didn't wake up for another two hours. I had an appointment to see the doctor. I now have documented proof that I'm healed and nothing is wrong with my stomach!

V.B.J.

Pastor, as you laid hands on me the First Sunday in February, I fell under the power of the anointing. While, I was out, the Lord shared with me so many things that He has planned for me. It was an experience I will never forget. When I came to myself I was at home and it was around 4:30pm. So, I was out for over five hours. But, it did not seem like it was that long.

J.G.M.

I want to share with you, I had invited a friend to the church. He is the kind of person what will probably not go to the altar. However, he called and told me that as he was sitting in the service. As you were praying for healing and reaching out your hand, he felt a tingling in the ankle he had broken. He wanted to know what it was, because he has never experienced that before. I told him, it's the power of God. I want you to know his ankle is healed.

F.R.C.



Inza and I are so thankful that you're 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. Also, we thank you for your faithful and generous support.

We would love to hear your testimonies. Send your testimonies to:

A.L. Downing Ministries

P.O. Box 291808

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

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



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:ALD@aldowningministries.org) or go to the ministry's website: aldowningministries.org. All contributions are tax deductible.



“Protect the soil your seed is in. Keep negativity out of the soil.”

“Remember, when you've done all you can. GOD will do all you can't.... Hold on things will get better!”

“We have to watch what we say and do out of frustration because we can't go back and undo or unsay it later, there is no delete button.”

“That situation is trying to figure out why you still have Peace but the Peace of GOD goes beyond what your situation can understand.”

**“Victory begins in the mind.
Remember who you are in Christ.
You are victorious, you are the head , you are a lender,
We are a King’s kid.”**

“Never let people who are sitting still in life make you feel bad for moving forward.”

**Be Blessed,
‘First Lady Downing’**



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Living Faith Ministries

“Reaching the World”

TEACHING PREACHING HEALING

OUR PROGRAM

Living Faith Ministries School of Theology (LFMSOT) offers the following types of Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees.

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

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.

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

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 Bachelors Degree is awarded to a student who successfully complete their designated fourth-year program for academic credit (120 credit-hours total)

MASTERS DEGREE

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

DOCTORAL DEGREE

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

Classes are held at the main campus of
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