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Calendar of Events

June 20, 2021

LFSOT 2021 Commencement & Youth Academic Recognition Ceremony
8:30am Living Faith Christian Center
Columbia, SC

July 11, 2021

Eagle Mountain Intl. Church
Newark, TX
Pastor George Pearson

August 14, 2021

Back to School Drive Thru
10am Living Faith Christian Center
Columbia, SC

September 2-4

Word Explosion
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Ctr
Columbia, SC

October 3-4, 2021

Living Faith Christian Center Five Year Anniversary Celebration
Gospel Concert 2pm Oct 3rd
Worship Service 8:30am Oct 4th
Living Faith Christian Center
Columbia, SC

October 24

Oak Hill Cathedral of Glory
Bassett, VA
Pastor Todd Foster

Speaking Engagement Request

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

Follow Your SOP and Wait On God

Sister Lisa Dula

An SOP is standard operating procedures. It is a set of step by step instructions compiled by an organization to help workers carry out operations and procedures. Basically, to carry out their duties. The SOP is like a play book. It is a play by play of instructions that you need to follow.

In life we go through some challenges and some struggles. And in those times, we wish we had a play by play to help us through those times. It's in those times when we lean on the Lord to help us through. We call on him to give us strength, to comfort us, to give us peace, to guide us. We call on him to help us with our finances, with that co-worker that is not acting right or that spouse that's not acting right. We call on Him for everything, to just be there for us. It's during these times when we call on Him that we want Him to respond immediately. We really need Him. We need Him to fix whatever it is right then. It's in those times where we need to use patience and we need to follow our SOP, the standard operating procedures and wait on God.

Businesses and organizations are not the only ones that have an SOP. As believers we have an SOP too. You see our Commander in Chief gave us an SOP, a standard operating procedure. And it is called the Bible. It's God's Word. That's our standard operating procedure. That's our play book. That's where our step by step instructions are detailed. The Mighty Word of God.

In one set of instructions in our SOP it says in Psalms 37:4 "Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" (NIV). Don't get frustrated, don't get discouraged. Find peace in the Lord, find comfort in the Lord. He will meet your needs. Follow your instructions and wait on the Lord.

Another set of instructions says, in Psalms 20:4 "May he grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfil all your purpose" (NKJV). May he give you what you need and may it meet the need it was intended for. You see God wants to bless you. Don't miss out on your blessing being impatient and getting frustrated. Follow your SOP, your standard operating procedures and wait on God. His time is not your time.

Somebody going through right now needs to pick up their standard operating procedures and read it. It is a guide for your life. It brings you closer to your heavenly Father. It deepens your relationship with Him so you know Him intimately. You need to read your SOP every day. You need to meditate on it every day. If you were feeding on the spiritual food then you wouldn't be doubting. You wouldn't be impatient and having a hard time waiting on God to answer your prayer. You wouldn't be worrying about what the doctor said or worrying about your finances or your marriage or your children. There is a standard operating procedure filled with instructions

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for all of those things and more.

If you look at 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) it says “He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness by his wounds you have been healed”. The NKJV says “Who himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.” So why are you fretting over what the doctor said. Speak the instructions over your life, let me be specific here, speak the Word over your body and receive your healing.

The instructions in Psalms 27:14 says “Wait for the Lord be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (NIV) It means you have to trust Him. You have to be strong and wait on Him. Stop worrying, stop trying to figure it out yourself. Don’t do anything, be still and just wait.

Oh, and I love this one Exodus 14:14 “The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still” (NIV). Boy let me tell you is that not hard for us as Believers to do. We cannot just be still. We may say we are giving it over to the Lord. But how many times have you picked it right back up and tried to fix it or find the answer yourself? Come on I know many of us have. He is saying he will fight for you. The battle is not yours, it’s the Lords. Stop trying to do His job for Him. What is your SOP saying? Your standard operating procedures, the Word said in Exodus 14:14 “The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still”. Follow your instructions, follow His Word and wait on the Lord.

I promise you if you follow His instructions and wait on him, he will answer your prayer. I am a witness to that. But you have to trust Him. You have to be vulnerable and say I give it all to you Lord.

Isaiah 40:31 says “But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint” (NIV).

While you are waiting on the Lord get ready. Read your Word, renew your strength. Continue to prepare yourself and get everything lined up so when God calls you are ready. He will give you all the strength you need. He is taking care of you like the eagle takes care of her young. Even in the midst of all you are going through he is taking care of you. Follow your SOP and wait on the Lord.

There is a song by Juanita Bynum titled *I Don't Mind Waiting*. I think this song is so fitting to this message today. We need to have a mindset of we don't mind waiting on the Lord. We don't mind waiting on the Lord to bless us no matter how long it takes. We just have to trust Him, study His Word, read your SOP and Wait on the Lord. The words are “I don't mind waiting. I don't mind waiting. I don't mind waiting on you Lord”. Let those words meditate in your spirit.

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Do you mind waiting today? He needs you to be patient and just wait on Him. He's going to answer your prayer. He's going to give you the desires of your heart. He's going to give you your breakthrough. He's wanting to bless you he just wants you to wait. Can you trust Him and just wait? He wants you not to be in hurry. He wants you to have the mindset of I don't mind waiting on Him.

I don't know about your God but my God is an on-time God and I don't mind waiting. Read your SOP, your standard operating procedures, God's Holy Written Word. The Bible is your playbook filled with instructions for whatever you may need. Read your SOP and meditate on it day and night. Trust God.

Be Blessed

Sister Lisa Dula



Message from Bishop and First Lady Downing

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.

TESTIMONIALS...PRAISE REPORT!!!



In Sept 2020, Bishop Downing was preaching on 2 Kings 7:3-20 (The 4 Leprous Men). He said Gods going to move EXPEDITIOUSLY Step out on faith like the leprous men did. So immediately, I said, "Okay Lord, I'm going to be a ghostwriter. I'm stepping out. You send me all my clients." (At the time, I was attending LFSOT I had just learned that there were ghostwriters in the Bible). I got sooo excited! (Now Bishop Downing planted the seed of ghostwriting in my spirit back in 2018, when he said the Lord told him I was to write his book. I did it not knowing anything about writing books). That Monday in Sept 2020 following his service, I researched all I needed to do to legitimately start a business. Everything went smoothly and fast. I had my first book written & self-published by Oct 2020. It has been 7 months and I have ghostwritten, created/designed book covers, self-published, marketed 6 books, and currently working on 7 more right now. God has sent me so many clients, I had to hire 2 personal assistants. Some clients have paid me in advance just to lock me in for the year. People I don't know are calling me out of the blue saying God sent them to me. All the books I have published have given Him all the glory. People are sharing their testimonials though me. I'm so honored God chose me to share their stories. I was able to have a radio advertisement of my business and a booth for the Virtual 2021 Black Expo. I tell every client SJ Writing Services is Founded on Faith.

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All praises to God for his many blessings. Bishop Downing has been speaking on Faith, The Supernatural, and Your Steps Are Ordered by the Lord!! I have been praying for a new house. Each time Bishop would do altar call for specific things, I would go up there for prayer about a new house. When Bishop would come to me he would say "The Lord wants you to know that he hears you, and He will give you the desires of your heart, but He wants you to be patient. Bishop said the Lord is setting up the right people for you and He's going to give you what you didn't even ask for. He's going to Supersize it." I was still shopping around for houses, putting in several offers, and the last offer I put it I just knew that was my house!!! None of the offers I put in were not selected. I was just done at that point. Bishop said it will happen in God's timing. God knows what He is doing. Then I just stopped worrying about it and stop looking at houses. During a Sunday service, Bishop said within 9 months God is about to do something major in someone's life. Something you have been praying for. Well in less than 9 days my realtor contacted me and said you need to go and see this lot for a new house. In my natural mind, I was like no way!!! But the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said go and see it. Me and my youngest daughter went to this new development, met with the property manager and she said pick out your lot. I was looking at her like, wait this is not happening. Well, needless to say I signed my contract for my new house that is currently being built and will be completed in less than 9 months!! What I didn't even ask for God He is giving me that and more!!! O God I Thank You!!! We serve an Awesome God and God has Blessed LFCC with an Anointed Loving Bishop and First Lady!!! Love you both! To God Be the Glory !

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Blessings on Blessings on Blessings



Lady Downing Thoughts for the Month

“Don't let your past penalize your present and paralyze your future.”

“You've heard that you are more than a conqueror but imagine how different your life would be if you believed it!”

“You have to place value on yourself: Know your worth. No one can do it for you, give it to you, find it for you, or buy it for you.”

“Life is going to happen but we must trust God and follow His voice to move forward.”

“Let them talk, but by all means do not allow their negativity to come between you and your purpose.”

“Keep silent and let success be your noise. Nobody can stop the breakthrough that God has already set you up for.”

**Be Blessed,
'First Lady Downing'**

Mother's Day Celebration



WHY SEEK JESUS?



Happy Mother's Day



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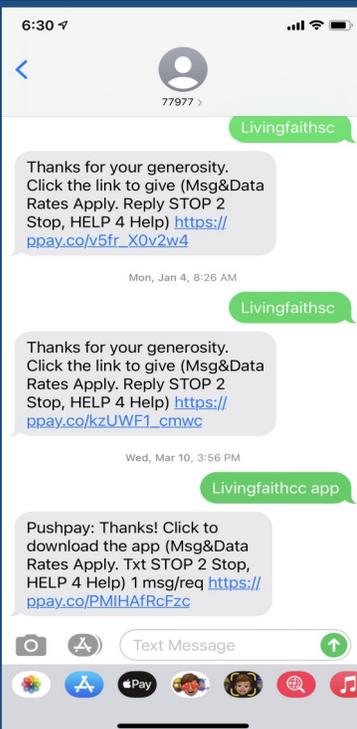
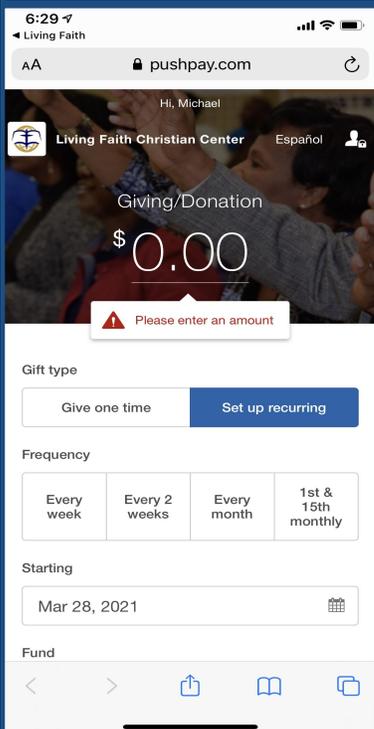
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OUR PROGRAM

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.

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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).

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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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