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Living Faith Christian Center Newsletter



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### Calendar of Events

**October 24, 2021**

Oak Hill Cathedral of Glory  
Bassett, VA  
Pastor Todd Foster

*Happy Five Year Anniversary  
Living Faith Christian Center!!!*



### 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

## Seeing the Impossible, Make it Possible

1 Samuel 17:41-46

Bishop A.L. Downing

When you were born again, you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Your potential is no longer limited to yourself. Your potential is in God. Your potential goes beyond your natural abilities. Beyond the natural man, it goes into the supernatural. Before you got saved you were programmed and limited to your natural mind. To the natural man. But now that you are saved, God has put some things in your heart and mind that seems impossible for you to do. I guarantee you that if you are a Christian, God has placed in your spirit something to do that is far beyond your potential, capabilities and natural abilities. But thank God you are a Christian. Christian is from the word Christ and Christ from the Greek word Christos which means anointed one. Therefore as Christians we have been anointed with the same anointing that Christ had. Ephesians 1: 19-20 (CEV) *“I want you to know about that great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is that **same wonderful power** he used, when he raised Christ from the dead and let Him sit at the right side in heaven.”* So now, if you believe you are limited to your natural abilities and gifts, you will back up, rethink it and not move. But you are not limited and you're not to lean to the natural man. The natural man can't do what the work of the supernatural can do. It takes the anointing to do the supernatural.

I want you to know that God would never call you to do something that you're incapable of doing. He will enable you to do it supernaturally. In Numbers 13:25 - 33 those 10 spies brought back an evil report. They measured what they could do by their natural abilities instead of God's word and his power. They saw themselves as grasshoppers. And notice God called that an evil report. Why? Because they forgot what God had said and promised. He told them to take the land. He didn't tell them to go in and see if they “thought” they could take it. They leaned to the natural, to what their eyes saw. And they convinced an entire nation and it was destroyed, except Joshua and Caleb.

Then you have David and Goliath. The children of Israel was afraid and looking at the natural man. They looked at his resume'. They saw he was over 9ft tall. They saw his equipment and understood it was heavy and saw he had been trained for this from his youth. They saw he was a champion and they were afraid. But when David saw the same person they did, he called him and uncircumcised Philistine. David took a rock from his pouch and ran to him. Listen to what David said as he running. “You come to me with a sword and spear and javelin. But I'm coming to you in the name of the Lord Almighty (that scared name, El Shaddai The Almighty one). The God who is all-powerful, the one who controls the universe and today He will hand you over to me, I will strike you down and cut off your head, I will give your carcasses over to the birds of the air, the beast of the earth and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.” Watch this. It's time for you to see the

## SEEING THE IMPOSSIBLE, MAKE IT POSSIBLE cont...

impossible and speak to it. Don't run from it, run to it. Knowing that the God you serve will deliver you. Run to that impossible looking promotion, run to that dream job, run to it. Don't power down and say you can't do it. Power up. Don't you know who you serve. Power up. You serve the one that opened the Red sea. Power Up. You serve the one that raised the dead, Power Up. You serve the one that calmed a raging storm. Power up. He stills water. He still gives sight to the blind. Power up and start seeing the impossible and make it possible.

I remember when the Lord told me He wanted me to go back into the military. I had all kinds of things I was wrestling in my mind. Was this really the Lord? How could I quit the job I had believed Him for and He had provided? How could I leave the church that was growing? How could I leave the house He had just blessed me with and only been in it less than a year? Plus, I would be taking a cut in salary. Can I tell you something? When God tells you something, do not consult flesh and blood. You will talk yourself out of it every time or get someone to help talk you out of it. When you know its God, do as my wife once preached on..."Just Do it".

Now I'm struggling, because I am questioning things, I'm leaning to my own understanding. Therefore, I was about to place limitations and boundaries upon myself, because of what the world had placed on me. Which was the way I was thinking rather than applying the Word of God.

The more I began to meditate on the word of God and think about the desires of my heart and the prayers that I have prayed, I began to get a clear picture in my mind that this was what the Lord was calling me to do. I want you to realize it is time for you to wake up and see all the prayers you have prayed have been answered. Wake up and see all the things you have accomplished and stand in awe of everything God showed you in your heart, with your eyes and your spirit and see that they came to pass. Then you ought to shout if He did it then, He's able to do it now.

If you can see the Impossible He can make it Possible.

He can make the impossible vision...Possible

He can make the impossible debt situation that won't go away...possible

He can make that boss or co-worker that's impossible to deal with...possible

I'm telling you if you can see the Impossible, He can make it Possible

He can make the impossible millionaire...possible.

See the devil don't want you talking like that because he knows when you get there you will do more damage to his kingdom. So he has to keep you with the naysayers, with doubters or haters because they don't want you to get ahead of them. But I'm telling you God wants to do the impossible for you right before your enemies and doubters.

Isaiah 55:8-9 *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your*

## SEEING THE IMPOSSIBLE, MAKE IT POSSIBLE cont...

*thoughts*". Isaiah is letting us know that God does not see things the way we see them. He does not think the way we think. He's really saying if we are going to think and see like God does, we have to come up to another level. We got to renew our minds. We got to be able to see that with God "all things are possible." We got to see that there's "nothing too hard for God." We have got to be able to see the impossible and bring it into the realm of the possible through God's word. Because the God we serve, is a God that makes the impossible, possible. We have got to take the limits off and take the restraints off our mind. When you have restraints on your mind, you really are putting restraints on God. You're saying, I don't believe that God can do that through me or use me like that. That's the way the world and Satan wants you to think. Because as long as you do that, you will lean to your own abilities and strength. You will never achieve or get what God has for you.

Stop thinking like the world thinks. The world says you may get it and you may not. But the Word of God says, in James 4:2-3... "*you do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you asked with wrong motives*". The world says you lose some and you win some. The Word says in 2 Corinthians 2:14 "*But thanks be to God, who always lead us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him*". That you may spend what you get on your pleasures. We serve a God that still opens the Red Sea.

Write this down...don't fence God in with your limited thinking. God has always wanted to take his people into the Promised Land. In the Old Testament it was a physical land. In the New Testament our promised land consist the promises of God. He died so that we have a right to all of the promises in His Word. What are the promises? Long life well I give you. I will always be with you. I will give you the desires of your heart. Beloved I want you to prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. But most of us are not living the level of joy and happiness that He died for us to have. Why? Because some are most conformed to the world's way of thinking than they are transformed by the Word. The world and Satan are trying to keep you fenced in with lies and deception. Make you believe that you cannot escape poverty, sickness, depression, a bad temper, sexual immorality, criminal activities, failed marriages, all addictions of some kind of sort. They will try to keep you fenced in to that way of thinking. It is all a deception and a scheme to keep you from receiving all that God has for you.

But I came to announce and decree and declare that today you are no longer fenced in to the way this world thinks and operates.

I decree and declare that every generational curse is destroyed in your life. I come against every strong hold in your life and the lives of your family members, and command that they be destroyed in Jesus name.

I came to announce you are no longer fenced in and bound by a failed marriage.

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Every strong hold, every addiction regardless of what it is I command that it loose you now in the name of Jesus.

I came to announce you're free from past failures, past mistakes, past criminal activities all types of addictions and sexual immorality and from low self-esteem. I decree and declare right now you are free. And God told me to tell you, He's going to use your past to open doors for you. Bring you before others so they can be set free. Only don't forget Him and never again fence Him in.

Now see the Impossible and Make it Possible, because with God on your side **NOTHING** is impossible for you. **NOTHING!!!**

I want to share some testimonies with you:

*Praise God! We just received a check in the mail that was unexpected for over \$10,000. And about a week after that I received another unexpected check!! Praise God, He is faithful.*

*G.M.J.J.*

*Bishop, I sowed a seed for my company and within two days someone came to me with the answer to that seed.*

*V.J.G. T.*

*During Word Explosion I sowed a seed. I gave the money to Bill Winston. When I gave him the money he said "Twice Sown Seed". I repeated what he said right after he said it "Twice Sown Seed". The seed I sowed was \$20. Less than seven days later I received a a check for \$5,000. Praise God!*

*L.D.*

*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:

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P.O. Box 291808

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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](http://aldowningministries.org). All contributions are tax deductible.

# *Lady Downing Thoughts for the Month*

**“If things didn't work out like you thought, Praise God in spite of how you may be feeling . He has a wonderful way of turning negatives into positives.”**

**“What ever you are going through don't lose hope! When you are down to nothing, God is up to something. He will never leave you or forsake you.”**

**“God is about to show you something and take you somewhere you have never been.”**

**“Be a Believer and not a doubter. You may not see a way, but God Always has a way!! His way is better than ours on any day!”**

**“GOD may change your direction, but he will never change His Promises.”**

**“Watch who you tell your business to because people will try to put your dreams in their trash can.”**

**“Lord, help me to not love so hard that I'm blinded by deception.”**

**#WakeUpDiscernment**

**“Knowing the will of God and obeying the will of God are two different things.”**

**“When the enemy tells you you're going to fail at something, do it anyway. Nothing is more frightening than never changing.”**

**“You can't be who GOD has called you to be and still keep all the same friends & habits. ELEVATION requires separation.”**

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

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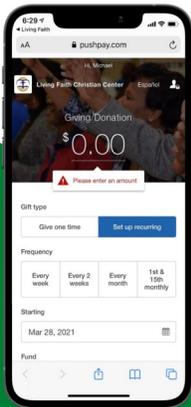
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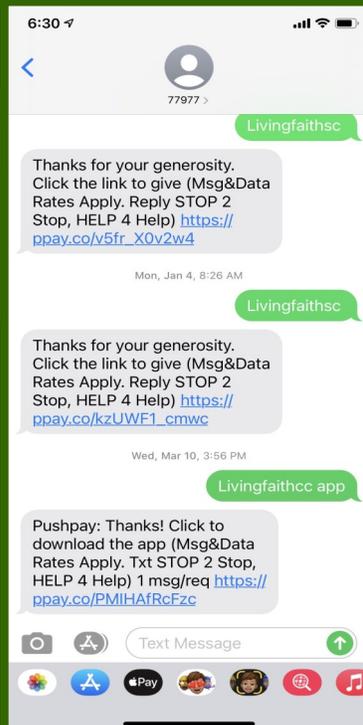
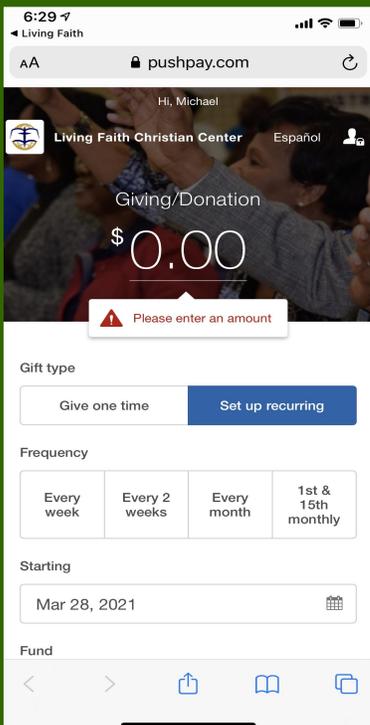
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