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"Reaching the World"
Teaching...Preaching...Healing

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Calendar of Events

April 12-15, 2022

Celebrate Passion Week
Services Begin @7pm each night
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29203

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:30am
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29203

May 12-13, 2022

Joint Coalition Prayer Conference
Speaker: Dr. Tony Evans
May 12th @ 7pm
May 13th @ 11am & 7pm
Columbia Convention Center
Columbia, SC 29201

May 15, 2022

Sunday Worship Service
Pastor Ronnie Fynn
Word of Life Church Global
Sydney Australia
@8:30am Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29203



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.

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

“How to Receive the Supernatural Into Your Life”

Bishop A.L. Downing

The first thing you must have is vision. What is the vision that you have or that you want to do? If you don't have a vision, you're just wandering and hoping that something will happen. Without a vision you don't have any guidance or direction. In Habakkuk 2:2 from the KJV...it says, *“And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets that they may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry”*. The Messenger Bible says, *“And then God answered: Write this. Write what you see. Write it out on big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming-it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on the way. It will come right on time.”* But you need to write it down. Have a vision of where you are going and what you want to accomplish. Proverbs 29:18 says, *“Where there is no vision the people perish”*. Where there is no vision, you perish. Be specific. Oprah Winfrey over 30 years ago was talking about vision and writing it down. She had what she called a “Vision Board.” It is where she wrote down her visions for her life and what she wanted to do and accomplish. And now she's a billionaire. Steve Harvey heard about it and he wrote down his vision and developed a vision board and now look at him. All I'm saying is write the vision down.

The second thing you must do is understand what the Supernatural is. The supernatural is not natural. It's not normal. So if it's not natural and it's not normal and it's supernatural then it's something beyond natural abilities. It's something you can't do with natural abilities. It is beyond your scope of operation. We have defined it as God's SUPER on our natural giving us Supernatural abilities to do what we could not do before we got His super on our natural. But what is God's SUPER? It is God's Creative POWER demonstrated in Genesis chapter 1:26ff...when He created everything that was created out of nothing. When He called the light into existence. When He made the sun, moon, stars, and the Garden of Eden. Its God's SUPER shown when He made man from the dust of the earth. And He made man watch this...in His image and likeness. And watch this...gave him man, dominion over the fish of the sea, and the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and watch this...over ALL the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God's SUPER is God's POWER. His UNLIMITED POWER and ABILITY engulfing you, covering you to give you His ability to do what you can't do with your natural ability. It's God's Super on your natural giving all the power and ability to do whatever He has called you to do. The thing you have to do is move yourself out of the way. Because this is beyond you. This is SUPERNATURAL. You can't do the supernatural with natural abilities. There is nothing natural about what God has called you to do. Watch this, God has called you to do the extra-ordinary. Don't be afraid. Don't run. Your God is well able. Just move you out of the way and know God is doing a New and Bold thing with you and in your life.

Words of Encouragement cont...

God's SUPER IS His Natural. We had that before the fall of Adam. Adam walked in the garden with God. Adam and Eve walked naked and did not know it. When Adam and Eve sinned that is when the fall happened. But everything that was lost was RESTORED when Jesus came and defeated death, sin and the grave. Man was put back into a right relationship with God.

The third thing you must do is ASK. The scripture says, Jabez called on or cried out to the God of Israel, saying or asking, *"Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory. Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain. And God granted his request."* Jabez made a BOLD request of the Lord. Jabez realized he didn't have anything to lose by making such a request. His name already meant pain. The Bible says he was more honorable than his brothers. Why? We don't exactly know, but it's reasonable to think or say that he asked for something and believed God for something that his brothers didn't. God didn't create you to be like everybody else. He made you unique and special. He designed you for a purpose. What if you're not receiving from God because you haven't ASKED God. Look at James 4:2-3 *"You want something but you don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. **You do not have, because you do not ask God.** When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with the wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures"*. It's not that God don't want you to have it. He says, first you don't have because you don't ask. And then when you ask you ask with the wrong motives. Why are you asking for the things that you are asking for? If it's because of desires it's ok. He said He would give you the desires of your heart. But it's not to be flaunty in the face of others. What if you're not receiving because you're not asking? You want to play it safe and ask for the small things. And not the **BIG BOLD** things. Not the big homes that's for the Jakes, Dollars, Tyler Perry or movie stars. But my Bible tells me in Matthew 7:8 *"For EVERYONE who ASK receives; the ones who seeks find; and to the one who knocks, the door will be open"*. I think I'm **EVERY-ONE**. God is waiting for you to ask. In James 4:2-3 they didn't receive because they didn't ask, and because their motives were wrong. Not because God couldn't and wouldn't give it to them. He was waiting on them to ask. What if He's waiting on you to ask. Because He said in Psalms 84:11...*"no good thing will I withhold from those who walk upright before me"*. And we just read...to everyone who ask they receive. I read where the man of God prayed and asked God to let the sun and moon stand still and the moon stopped until the battle was over. You got to ask.

When you ask God for the SUPER for Him to bless you and to enlarge you, you have to leave it to Him and TRUST Him in how He's going to get you where He's taking you. Let me encourage somebody. See you have your vison and it's ok. But He may not take you the way you think He ought to take you. The Word says in Isaiah 55:8 *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."* Let me give you some examples:

He gave Joseph a dream, a vision...but He had to let his brothers turn on him. They put him in a pit. He was sold into slavery and taken into Egypt where they worshiped other gods. He worked as a servant in Potiphar's house and he was lied on by Potiphar's wife. Then He was placed in a prison. **DO I HAVE ANY JOSEPH'S OUT THERE?** You feel like you been sold out and abandoned?

Words of Encouragement cont...

When He got ready to bless Abram, He told him to LEAVE. Leave his father's house. Leave from the familiar and go to a land that He would show him. Abram left. The Bible says not knowing where he was going, but He trusted God. All Abraham had was a Word from God. But he was fully persuaded what God had promised him He would fulfil it even in his old age. **DO I HAVE ANY ABRAHAM'S OUT THERE?** You feel like you're on a journey and wandering and all you have is a Word and a Promise.

And what about Job? When God got ready to increase him, his sons and daughters were killed. His servants were killed. His livestock died. He had sores from his head to his feet. His wife told him to curse God and die. His friends told him he must have done something wrong to be in that condition or that situation. **DO I HAVE ANY JOB'S OUT THERE?** You're feeling lost and alone and wondering if you done something wrong? I stopped by to tell you, stop blaming yourself and know that your steps are being ordered by the Lord. It may not look like it but I'm telling you you're on your way to fulfilling God's call on your life. If others had to deal with what you're dealing with they would have lost their minds a long time ago. But the reason you're able to hang in there is because God has put his SUPER on your natural and you don't have your strength and might. You have the SUPERNATURAL on you. So you can say, it's not by power or by might but by the Spirit of...God. Because God has enabled you, He has empowered you. You may feel like Joseph. But can I tell you Joseph rose to be 2nd in Command. You may feel like Abraham, but can I tell you what they said about him...“the Lord has blessed my master greatly, men and maidservants, cattle and all livestock.” You may feel like Job, but can I tell you when it was all said and done the Bible says, the Lord gave Job twice- say twice- as much as he had before.

Write the vision down. Make your vision **BIG and BOLD**. Jabez wasn't afraid to ask. Joshua wasn't afraid to ask. And what about Jesus? He spoke to the storm and told it to “Be still”. He went to the grave and told a dead man to get up. He went to a pool where a man had been for 38 years and told him to get up and take his mat and walk. He told another woman that had spent all her money and was still bleeding, after she touched him, your faith have made you whole. Don't you be afraid. You have His super on your natural. You're made in His image and likeness and the Bible says, the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is in you. You have that anointing. You have that power. You have to use it. Don't you run from the devil. Don't run from the fight. Don't you cower down. Don't move backward another step. It's time for you to stand your ground and know whose inside of you. The Lord of Lords is in you. The King of Kings is in you. You have Yahweh, Elohim inside of you. The Great I AM is in you. Your battles have already been fought and won. You already have the victory. Don't you be afraid, besides the battle is not yours. You just stand still, watch and see the salvation of the Lord.

God is telling you **BE BOLD** and let His **SUPER** operate in your life.

Let His Super be manifested in your home, on your job, in your community. You got to open your mouth and decree a thing!

ASK for it...**BELIEVE** for it...**RECEIVE IT**...**BE BOLD, BE DARING**...God got this!!!

Words of Encouragement cont...

Testimonials:

Pastor Downing has been declaring that people would get unexpected money in their accounts. Last week I had to use my debit card to pay our cell phone bill but I didn't have the money in my account so I was in the negative \$769.05. So this morning I was saying my prayers and asking God to fix my account so I will be able to pay my bills next month and I was checking my account a few minutes ago and there was a deposit for \$2,153.40 put into my account unexpectedly. So now I can pay my car insurance, the light bill, cable bill, two credit card bills, water bill for my daughter. and get the air conditioning fixed. Praise God for His faithfulness

M. R. from Columbia, SC

Pastor I want to share that since I have become a member of Living faith Christian Center my faith has really grown. I want to share that about two weeks ago my uncle was bad off sick. He had a stroke. I went to see him and prayed for him. Before, I would not have been able to do that. But I prayed and thanked God. He's walking and talking and you can't tell he had a stroke. The Lord healed him and he's fully recovered.

W.M. Columbia, SC

Pastor, you have been preaching and teaching about the Supernatural and blessings and blessings. My husband and I filed our taxes for ourselves and the business. Normally we have to pay back quite a bit of money. But Praise God, this year we don't have to pay anything and we will receive a substantial amount back! The accountant told us, it was because we are tithers. I thank God. Because He's allowing the tithes to work for us and the accountant recognized it as well.

MGJ, Columbia SC

We 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.

I want you to know that Inza and I love you and are so thankful for your support and that you're a part of this ministry.

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](#) or go to the ministry's website: aldowningministries.org. All contributions are tax deductible.

Lady Downing Thoughts for the Month

“Don't reattach yourself to someone who you asked God to detach you from. Some people are not suppose to move when you move. So don't feel bad when you're moving and they aren't!”

“Don't let anyone diagnose you as a failure when GOD has already labeled you more than a CONQUEROR!”

**“Rehearse the Victory in your mind!
Declare the Victory with your mouth!
Live in VICTORY with your life!!”**

“No matter how you feel speak the word over your life! Life and death are in the power of the tongue. You may feel like ten pounds of run over road but the word says our God is a healer. We have to have faith that however we feel, whatever report we get from the doctor, we are going to believe the word of God and stand on it. That by His stripes we are healed. His word is always true...TRUST and BELIEVE.”

“The enemy is hoping you take his advice again and throw in the towel. But your faith has grown since the last time. Stay focused on the word of God. My sheep hear my voice not the enemy's.”

“Stop trying to figure out why someone STOPPED talking to you. God is just removing DEAD WEIGHT out of your life!”

**Be Blessed,
‘First Lady Downing’**

JOINT COALITION PRAYER CONFERENCE

Columbia Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street
Columbia, SC 29201

May 12-13, 2022

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 7pm

Friday, May 13, 2022 @ 11am and 7pm

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ALOFT: (803) 445-1900

Hilton Downtown: (803) 744-7800

Hampton Inn: (803) 231-2000

Sheraton: (803) 988-1400



Guest Speaker
Dr. Tony Evans



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Sunday Service



SPEAKER

Pastor Ronnie Fynn

*of
Word of Life Church Global
Sydney Australia*

15 May 22

8:30 AM

1536 Frye Rd.

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*In person service
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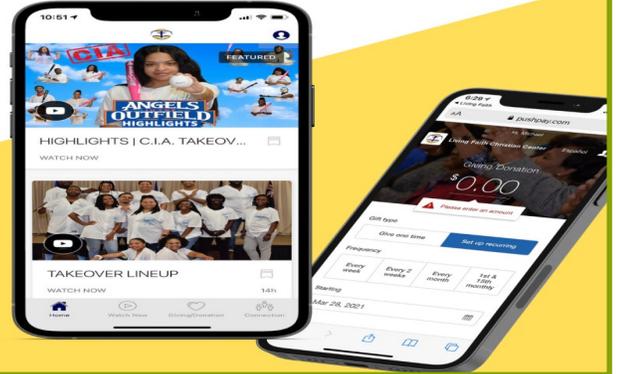
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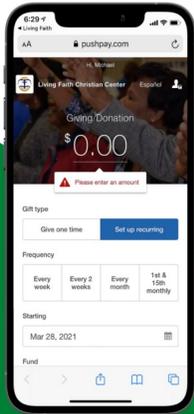
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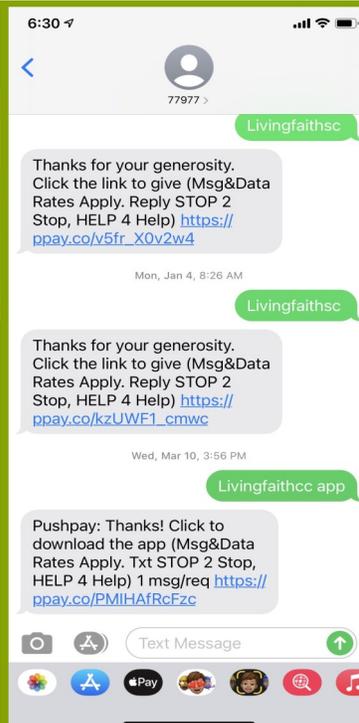
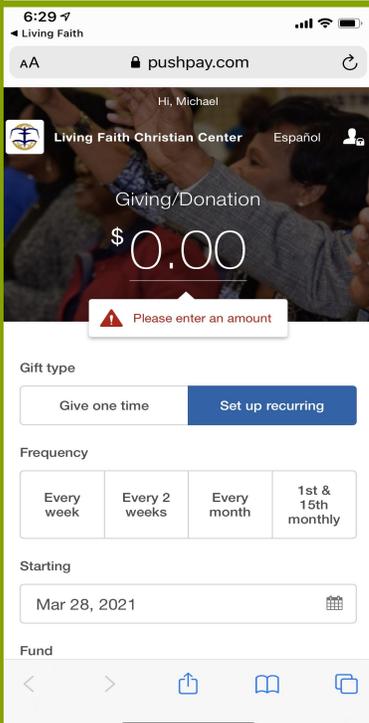
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OUR PROGRAM

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.

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).

BACHELORS DEGREE

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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