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2 Corinthians 5:7

Living Faith Christian Center Newsletter



Living Faith Christian Center
"Reaching the World"
Teaching...Preaching...Healing

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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.

Calendar of Events

August 13, 2022

Back 2 School Jamboree
5pm to 7pm
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29203

October 3, 2022

Living Faith Christian Center
Six Year Anniversary Celebration
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29203

December 11-18, 2022

Conference with Pastor Serevia Naituku in Nadi, Fiji (if you are interested in joining us please call the church phone at (803) 609-57014

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

A.L. Downing Ministries
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Columbia, SC 29229
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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

“CREATING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER”

Bishop A.L. Downing

Prayer is our most effective weapon that we use against the enemy. It is most effective when we use it on a daily basis and not every now and then. One of the greatest setbacks to many Christians is that they don't know how to pray or have never been taught how to pray. Many see prayer as a last resort in hopes of receiving a solution to their problems. But I believe that when we are faced with any situation that we are unsure or sure about we need to PRAY FIRST and not last. Prayer must become an intricate part of our daily lives and not seen as something that is prayed in desperation.

To create a lifestyle of prayer it must be cultivated. You have to be intentional when you pray. Focus in on what you're praying about and use the scriptures when you're praying to support your petition. Keep in mind at the center of it all is the fact that God wants to spend time with you. He wants to have that personal, close, and intimate relationship with you. Once that personal relationship is established, you will realize what a privilege and honor it is to be able to come to God in prayer. You will understand, “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16 (NLT).

Someone asked a Monk, “how long and how often do you pray?” He replied, “I don't pray a long time, but I do pray all the time.” He was saying, I may not pray for hours, but I do pray throughout the day. He was saying, I may pray short sentence prayers throughout the day. God is not interested in how long we pray, but the consistency in our praying.

So when should you pray? I like what Pastor Chris Hodges said, “once you learn how to pray, prayer can become a part of your everyday life. And then pray...

Before the day begins

Before you go to bed

Before you go to school or work

Before you send that text or email

Before you eat, drive or travel

When bad things happen

Before bad things happen

In every situation...PRAY FIRST!

In Daniel 3:19-25 Nebuchadnezzar the king was enraged against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and had them thrown into the fiery furnace, because they refused to bow down and worship the golden image.

“Creating a Lifestyle of Prayer cont...”

The furnace was heated seven times hotter than it normally was heated. But these young Jewish men, were men of prayer, commitment and were devoted to God. After some time the king looked in and saw four men loose walking around in the furnace. They had developed such a relationship with God through their prayer life that they were not afraid of going into the furnace.

In creating a lifestyle of prayer, it's importation to:

Have A Certain time

Have A Certain Place

Have A Certain Plan

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Mark 1:35 (NIV)

We have to be willing to make the commitment and take the time to invest in spending time with God. He will defend us and watch over us. Let me share a quick story. I was driving down interstate 81 on my way from Fort Drum, New York to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. It had snowed and there was the possibility that the roads had some ice on them. As I was looking down in my car, I heard within my spirit a voice saying, “look up you're about to lose it.” I looked up just as my car hit a patch of ice and started to slide. As the car was sliding from side to side I said, “Lord don't let it flip.” The car landed perfectly in the median pointing back to the road. There were two other cars in the median and I saw another one slide into the median from the other side of the road. However, within 10 minutes I was pulled out and back on the road. I'm saying, pray at all times because what's in you will come out of you.

I believe it's time for us to have a lifestyle of praying. To have a lifestyle of fellowshiping with the father, which enables us to have a LIFETIME relationship with our Father.

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.

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.

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

Words of Encouragement cont...

Testimonials:

Pastor, I want you to know what you're preaching about the blessing overtaking us, it's happening NOW! Not only did my boss come to me saying, I'm putting you in for an award and asked me what do you want money, days off or step increase? I said a step increase, and I received a step 5 increase. And then my spouse received a \$1000.00 performance award. But NOW my business is growing more and more as I received a call from a pastor asking me to do some work for him. I have a signed contract with him and his son. But wait, then God sent an older Jewish gentleman from Israel, who is now a Christian. He shared his story with me and then asked if he could take my business card to his church to share. I give God all the Praise!!! Our God is AWESOME!!!

C.S. J.N.C

Pastor, I want to just share that the blessings have already begun for us. We got a house not long ago. And we were able to get another car!!! Praise God, blessings just keep happening for us.

C.V.K.

I want to share this young lady's testimony in its entirety...

I want to start off by saying, Happy Anniversary to you and First Lady. I wish you many many more years of strength, blessings, and happiness.

I was talking to Mama (Bridgette) and realized that I should probably share directly with you exactly how you have changed my life. I have attended exactly one church service with you. It was May 12, 2019. That was Mother's Day and Mama's birthday. The service was, "Women, know your worth."

Bishop, at that time I was in the worst shape emotionally and spiritually I had ever been. I was on a precipice, and I was afraid that there wasn't any direction for me but further down the depression and self-loathing spiral I was in. I tried hard to put on a good face, but my light had been all but snuffed out inside. That sermon, that encouragement, that love, it stuck with me. All the way back to Minnesota. It wouldn't leave my mind. A few days later, I was driving home from work and I started praying.

You see, I hadn't prayed in a long time. I fell out with conventional churches because of the experiences I had growing up. I saw people saying one thing and doing another. I know from Mama and Daddy both that you are a man of your word. So to hear the message from you, it stuck. Back to that day, I started praying and I prayed and I cried myself all the way home. I cried out, "Lord send me someone to love me for me. Someone who will give me what I need."

Two days after that, I started chatting with Steven. Steven has been the man that everyone prayed into my life. He is home for me. He allows me the comfort, care, courtesy, and safety to have a relationship with God and to heal.

Words of Encouragement cont...

Speaking of healing. I mentioned that you had changed my life. While Steven is amazing and my life has changed for the better, you started well before that. When God gave my Mama to you to guide, he helped you give me the greatest gift of all. You gave me a relationship with her. Before she became a member of your church, she was not a person I could tolerate. We were like oil and water.

From a distance, I can see the guidance that First Lady and you have given to her. I also believe wholeheartedly that your prayers touched her and every generation of her line. It is in thanks to you Bishop that I not only got my mama back, and my wonderful husband, but that I found my worth.

Since that day, I have healed so much emotionally that I have peace for the first time. Please know that you are a blessing. You are full of the light of the lord and it has such a far reaching effect that you're not even aware of it. Thank you a thousand times over, thank you.

A note for First Lady as well.

First Lady,

You are the epitome of grace and class. Thank you for showing Mama that she can be a woman. That she doesn't have to be tough all the time. She's still coming into it, but I'll work on her from this end as well.

I apologize for this being so long. I just feel like you absolutely needed to know exactly how much of an impact you've had on one life. You saved me. I was ready to be done with this world and God used you to save me. You can feel free to share this with whomever.

Thank you,

Brandi





Lady Downing

Thoughts for the Month

“Don't run ahead of God. Let Him direct your steps. His plan is perfect! His clock is never early & never late. It always strikes on time!”

“You're Enough!

You're Favored!

You're Blessed!

You MATTER!!!

YOU BELONG TO GOD!!”

“You're STRONGER than what's trying to make you weaker.” Phil 4:13

“Failure is not an Option. Stay focused. Keep pressing toward the mark.”

“Walk in forgiveness, if the other person accepts your apology or not it's to free you not them.”

“The reason your life has been stuck on that same channel is because your feelings have been holding the remote. Let it go and move forward with your life.”

“Don't measure yourself with others. Be an original.”

Be Blessed,

‘First Lady Downing’

Chaplain (Retired) Javon Seaborn



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Dr. Christopher S. Wilson
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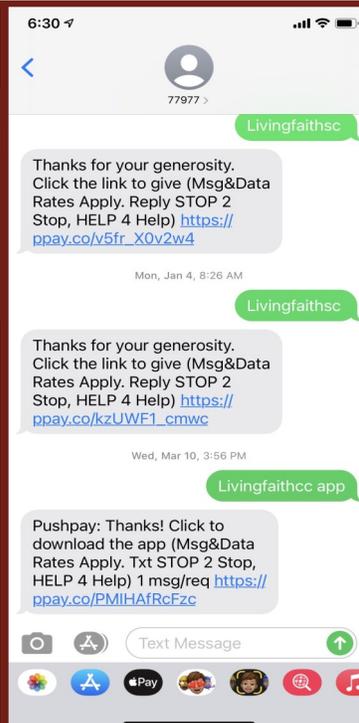
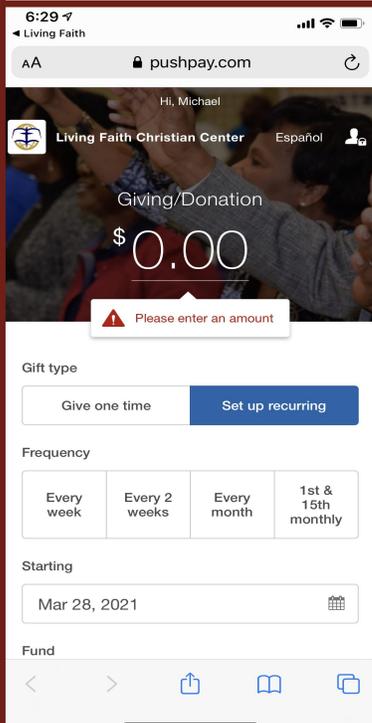
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OUR PROGRAM

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).

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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)

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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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