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and Not by Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

Living Faith Christian
Center Newsletter



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

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Calendar of Events

December 2-3, 2022

Word of Life Church Global
Sydney, Australia with Apostle Ronnie Fynn

December 11-16, 2022

Conference with Pastor Serevia Naituku
and Pastor David in Nadi, Fiji

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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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

“GOD IS LOVE”

1 John 4:7-21

Bishop A.L. Downing

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.** ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. **God is love.** Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. 1 John 4:7-21

I don't have a lot to say, but as I sit and reflect and meditate upon those verses and topic, **God is love.** Those are some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible. Because, everything that God did, he did it out of love. When he created the heavens and the earth it was out of love. When He placed the sun, the moon and stars in their rightful places, He did it out of love. When He created the mighty majestic oceans and the seas, He did it out of love. When he created the animals and plants, He did it out of love. When He created man, He loved him so much that He created him in His own image and likeness. He did it out of love. And when He put man to sleep and made the woman by using a rib from his side, He was demonstrating that just as He made man in His own image and likeness, which was out of love. He's taking that rib so man would love her just as God loved him. He did it out of love.

The rib taken from man's side has an object lesson as well. Notice, it was taken from the side and not from the feet, so man would not walk over her. It was taken from the side and not from the back for her to walk behind him. But from the side, close to the heart for man to love. From the side under the heart for man to hold and to protect.

“God is Love cont...”



The scripture tells us *“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believers in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16 KJV). And *“But God demonstrates his own love for us, in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8 NIV).

I want us to realize just how powerful God love is towards us and towards you. That he would give his only Son to die. And that while we were still sinners doing whatever we wanted to do, Christ was on the cross dying for us.

I would like for you to re-read those scriptures slowly, and then meditate upon them. I want you to realize just how much the Father loves you. You haven't done anything so terrible that the Father cannot love you. You haven't done anything so evil, that the Father cannot forgive you. No matter what you have done or the sin you have committed, I want you to know that once you repent and ask for forgiveness, the Father will forgive you and He still loves you. You may be a drug addict, a prostitute, a liar, but the Father still loves you. You may be an alcoholic, be involved in pornography, or molestation, but I want you to know the Father will forgive you. You may be a Christian, Deacon, preacher, elder, and may have some sin or shortcomings in your life, but I want you to know that even if family, friends and others have given up on you, God has not given up on you and that if you will repent and ask for forgiveness He will forgive you. Why? Because, He still loves you and He wants you to fulfil the call He has placed on your life. And He wants you to know that He still loves you and that love is unconditional. Why? Because **He is love**.

Inza and I want you wish you and your family a Blessed Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year. 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.



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.

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Fiji Is Ready!!!

Everyone is continuing to prepare for the conference. They are ready and excited. They are completing the extensions on the church. The villagers from remote islands are making preparations to be in attendance. God bless you ALL...Pastor Naituku and Pastor David.





Lady Downing

Thoughts for the Month

“GOD didn’t lock that door, you just never turned the knob...Faith.”

**“God is about to give you some “first times” in your life.
It will be far greater than you ever imagined.”**

“Prayer is your communication with God. Have you talked to him today?”

**“Whenever the enemy tries to remind you of your past, remind him of his future
DEFEATED!!!”**

“Problems are never going to stop coming so we should never stop having Faith!”

“God does not want us to go backwards only forward . He has increase on His mind.”

“In spite of the thousand times we have failed, Gods mercy remains!”

**“Never argue with the enemy. He doesn't deserve your time or energy. Use God's Word
against him and he will flee.”**

**“Let God change the things He needs to change within you and not just the things you
feel comfortable giving up.”**

**Be Blessed,
‘First Lady Downing’**



Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

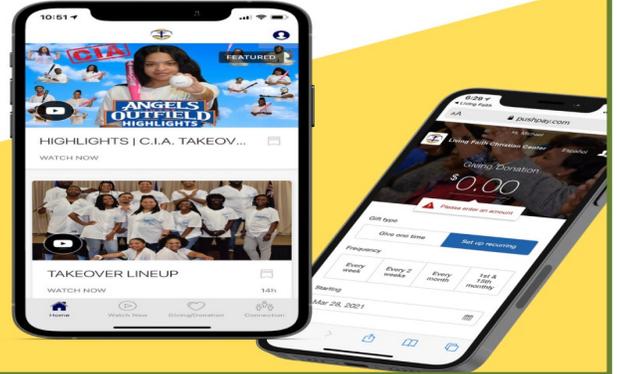


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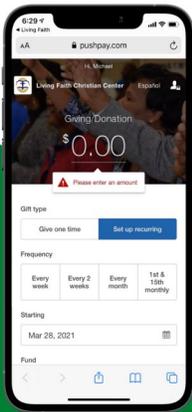
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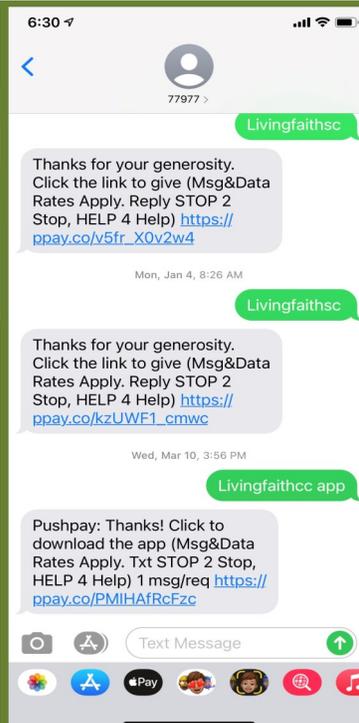
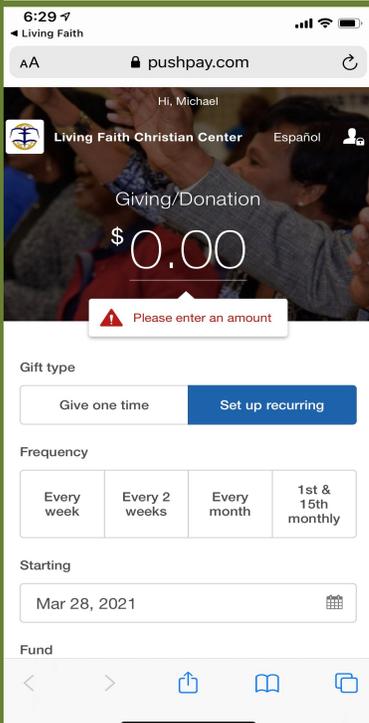
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AUDIT CERTIFICATE

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.

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