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Living Faith Christian Center Newsletter



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"Reaching the World"
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Calendar of Events

November 13, 2022

LFCC Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Guest Speaker: Pastor Bryan Wright of Boomerang Church, Albemarle, NC at Living Faith Christian Center
 1540 Frye Road
 Columbia, SC 29203

December 11-16, 2022

Conference with Pastor Serevia Naituku in Nadi, Fiji (if you are interested in joining us please call the church phone at (803) 609-5714

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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Social Media

Happy Thanksgiving



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

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Words of Encouragement

“SAY IT...SPEAK IT”

Job 22:28 (**Decree it**)

Bishop A.L. Downing

KJV *“Thou shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.”*

NIV *“What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways.”*

NLT *“You will succeed in whatever you choose to do and light will shine on the road ahead of you.”*

AMP *“You will also decide and decree a thing and it will be established for you. And the light of God’s favor will shine upon your ways.”*

To decree means - to order an official order edict or command.

In each one of those versions of the Bible and that particular scripture, it’s saying you must decree, you must decide, you must speak. It’s up to you to make the compass based on the word of God. You decide. A lot of people say, “I’m waiting on the Lord to tell me this or tell me that.” “I’m waiting on him to show me this or that”, but in these verses it’s saying, you decree, you decide. I heard Brother Jesse Duplantis say he was talking to the Lord about something and waiting for a reply from the Lord, but He never answered. So he asked the Lord why he had not received the answer and that he had been waiting for him. He said the Lord told him, “Jesse, you make a decision and I’ll back it.”

During these challenging times we have to start, if you haven’t already, to decree and confess what the Word of God says about our circumstances. This is the time for us to stand on the Word of God and intercede on the behalf of the world. I believe and know that we as God’s people have the answer to the solution. *“If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* (II Chronicles 7:14 NIV). It’s time for all of us to pray. To seek His face, turn from our wicked ways, and ask God’s forgiveness for all our sins, and then He will heal the land. He is waiting on us.

This virus has caught many by surprise. But you know it wasn’t a surprise to our God. He already knew it was going to happen and He knew when it was going to happen. But you need to know that He has already defeated every attack the enemy will send your way. It was defeated back at Calvary over two thousand years ago. It’s only a matter of time before this thing is out of here. But in the meantime, we have to do our part and pray. We still have to intercede for those on the front lines, for our nation and the world.

“Say It, Speak It cont...”

During the “Pandemic” outbreak, and pandemic means an outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographic area and affects an exceptionally high proportion of the population, it spread globally and caused a lot of panic and fear in people. I want you to know what the Word of God says, *“for God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”* (II Timothy 1:7). Satan, like the Pandemic, operates by fear and wants you to panic over any and everything, the job, the promotion, the mortgage or rent. But God has not given us the spirit of fear. We have no fear. We recognize what’s going on and where the attacks are coming from. But we know a name that is above every name, every situation, every circumstance, every problem or challenge you may face and at that name, which is the Name of Jesus, it has got to bow.

Remember what He said to Joshua, *“have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”* (Joshua 1:9 NIV). Joshua was about to lead the children of Israel across the river Jordan and into the land the Lord was going to give them. The Lord gave him a command. Those that have been in the military know that a command is an order that must be carried out and failure is not an option. There was no way that Joshua would fail. Because the Lord had told him in verse 5, no man would be able to stand before you and I will be with you as I was with Moses. So, there’s no way he could fail. Then he reminds him in verse 9 *“for the Lord your God will be with you”*.

The Lord is saying the same thing to us, he has given us a direct order to be strong, to be courageous. So when you look at that situation don’t be terrified or discouraged. WHY? Because, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Your God has got this.

I have notice and I’m sure you have as well, whenever we’re about to do something and it’s wrong or we’re not sure, there’s a check or knowing in our spirit. That knowing or check in our spirit is God’s way of telling us not to do it or it’s not the right time.

In II Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat was facing a vast army that was coming to attack Judah. Verse 3 says, “and Jehoshaphat feared”. But, I like what he did, he sought the Lord and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. He stands in the midst of the assembly and reminds God of his relationship with the people and what He did for their ancestors. Finally, in verse 12 he declares “...we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.” The thing or things that you’re facing may seem overwhelming to you. You may be at the point of giving up. You may have lost all hope and don’t see any way out. But I want you to keep your eyes on the Lord. Whatever you’re going through it cannot destroy you, it will only make you stronger (Psalms 84:4-7) if you keep your eyes on Him. He will raise up someone to tell you...“the battle is not yours, it’s the Lord” (verse 16). You’re fighting a battle that’s too big for you. You’re fighting a battle that’s not yours. Let it go, you already have the victory.

“Say It, Speak It cont...”

I want you to start decreeing and speaking over your life!

Speak over that sickness. It has got to go in the Name of Jesus!

Speak over your family, your job, your community!

Speak over your situation!

Speak over your finances!

Stop complaining. You have been given a command. You have command authority. Speak with authority! Thy shall decree a thing, and it shall be established.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving



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.

Words of Encouragement cont...

Testimonials:

Pastor Downing, I want you to know I came to church wearing a hearing aide. I could not hear in my right ear. However, as I sat in service and towards the end of service, the Lord told me to take out my hearing aide. I did. My hearing has been completely and miraculously restored!!! I had been visiting a lot of churches and nothing happened. But today, I received my healing and I know I'm supposed to be here with you and this ministry.

Columbia, SC

Bishop Downing has been speaking on utilizing the authority inside of you. A few weeks ago I was faced with a situation in which I was going to have to pay over \$24,000.00 because of an agreement that had been signed several years ago. The company was adamant that I was to be held accountable for the amount owed. This devastated me, I was already paying bills left and right and money was getting low. And this hit hard. I began to cry uncontrollably and the person on the phone tried to calm me down but I just couldn't take it anymore, I just kept on crying. I got off of the phone and continued to cry. I felt I needed to let those tears fall. Once I finished crying I wiped my face and I began to talk to the Lord. I said "okay Lord what are we going to do about this?" Immediately God reminded me of a live Facebook feed that Bishop Downing had done a few weeks back. In that live feed he talked about having command authority and using that authority, commanding it into action. He said that we had power...dynamite power and we should use that power. At that very moment I began speaking to my situation. I said "they do not have control over this situation, I have control over this situation. I command this situation to change in my favor and I have all the power...dynamite power in Jesus Name. They can send me the contract and whatever else they want to but when they come back they are going to say that I have a zero balance in the Name of Jesus. I will owe them nothing, In Jesus Name Amen! It is done. I am not going to think about this or worry about this anymore. And devil your on notice right now. Don't try and seep in my mind trying to make me think I'm still going to have to owe this money. Because I am not. I going to my Father on you so you better leave me alone." The devil did try and mess with me but every time he did I would call on my Father to take care of him. The very next morning I had an email to pop up in my mailbox. It was from the company about the upcoming bill. There was an attachment I am assuming it was the contract. I did not even look at it. I said okay Lord you ready to do this. He said lets do it, open it up. I opened the email and it started with apologies for upsetting me and making me cry. It went on to say after checking some things out we found out that the person that did your exit interview did not have all of the correct information. They were not fully informed on what needed to be discussed with the client at the time of an exit interview. Because of this we are going to waive your last payment. You will have a ZERO BALANCE!!! Please disregard all future bills and statements. You do not owe anything else!!! Praise God! I activated the authority inside of me from my Heavenly Father and changed the situation in my favor. I decreed it and it came to pass! Thank you Father!

L.D.

Blessings and Favor

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Fiji Is Ready!!!

Bishop Downing received word that the people of Fiji are ready and excited for the conference in December. He has received reports of healing, people being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. The villages in remote areas are making preparations to be at this year's Conference. To attend the conference many will have to travel by bus, then by boat and then by bus again. It will take them nine hours to two days to arrive. There is also a group coming from Sydney Australia with Pastor Jim Newton. God Bless you ALL...Pastor Naituki and Pastor David.



Water baptisms being done by Pastor Samuela. All were baptized and are planning to attend the upcoming conference at Nakurakura, Nadi.



Fiji cont...

The outpouring still continues from December Conference



Sister Makereta Ranadi and all continue ministry, even crossing a river to carry the gospel to a remote area.

The expansion of Pastor Naituku's church due to the preparation for the upcoming conference this year.



Lady Downing

Thoughts for the Month

“The enemy will speak a negative thought into your mind with hopes that you'll entertain it. Don't fall for his foolishness!”

**Don't listen to what your situation is telling you. Listen to what your God is telling you and only speak what you hear Him say!
You know the authority you have as a believer.”**

“You need people in your circle who help you magnify the Lord and not your problems.”

“Anytime something dies in your life, God is birthing something new. Stay focused and keep honoring God.”

“We are wired with power. Why are we not switching on the power?”

“You may be going through a storm. But don't let the storm get in you.”

“Guard your heart. Don't use your energy to engage in battles that have nothing to do with GOD'S plan for your life.”

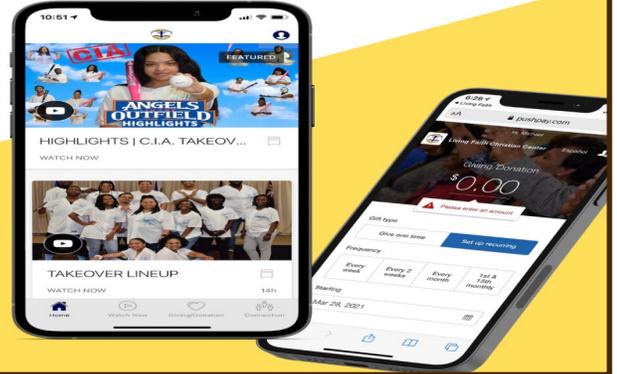
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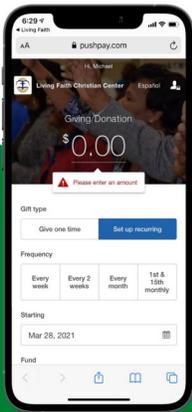
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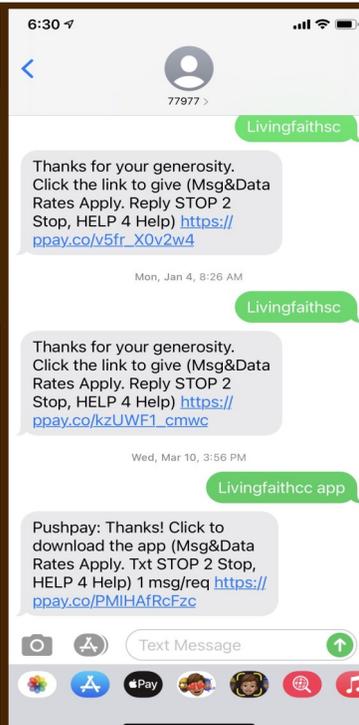
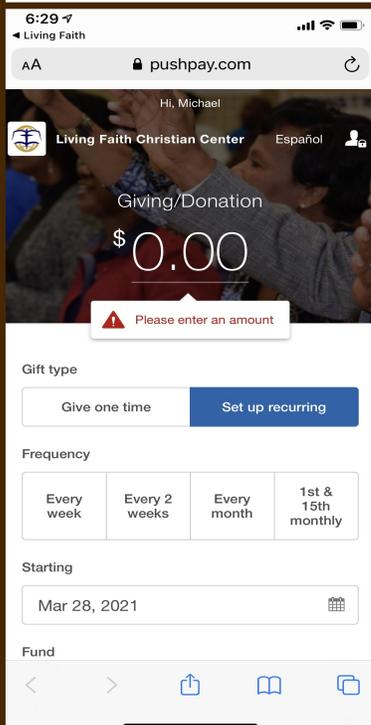
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OUR PROGRAM

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).

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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.

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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