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# FAITH

and Not by Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

Living Faith Christian  
Center Newsletter



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## Calendar of Events

**December 7-16, 2023**

Youth Conference in Nadi Fiji  
w/Pastor David and Pastor Naituku

**December 31, 2023**

Watch Night Service  
4pm to 6pm  
Living Faith Christian Center  
1540 Frye Road  
Columbia, SC 29203

## Living Faith Christian Center Mission Statement

The mission of Living Faith Christian Center is to empower people to live successful lives through the teaching of the Word and Faith principles that will transform their thinking and impact future generations, teaching them to live independent of this world system and to have dominion over it.

## Service Times & Contact Information

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 8:30am

Tuesday Night Bible Study @ 7:00pm

Web Address: [aldowningministries.org](http://aldowningministries.org) and [livingfaithsc.com](http://livingfaithsc.com)

Phone: (803) 609-5714

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## Speaking Engagement Request

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

A.L. Downing Ministries  
P.O. Box 291808  
Columbia, SC 29229  
Ph: (803) 609-5714



**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

## **“TO YOU! IS BORN A SAVIOUR”**

Bishop A.L. Downing

As we think back over the past year there are some things that stand out in our minds that were exciting. Good reports such as getting the job you wanted, getting married, buying a new home, promotions, and relationships restored. But none of this changes the struggles and the pain that we and the rest of the world faced even as we celebrate the day set aside to acknowledge the birth of Christ, Christmas. Today, people are hurting everywhere in the world and in our local community.

It was into this kind of world that Jesus was born into. People were poor, oppressed and killed by the Romans; many children died before their first birthday; children were killed by the soldiers of their own king – King Herod. Do you ever wonder if Mary and Joseph ever pondered why God would send a child and such a special child - into a place like Israel – a place where there was so much oppression, violence, death and poverty? There is a reason, it was for you. Luke 2:11 “To you (its personal, for you) is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord”. Through Jesus, God is reaching out and touching us and saying: “I know your life. I know how it can be. The things you love and that make you happy, and the things you struggle with and how hard it is”. He’s saying, I know your hurts, pain and frustrations. But, more than that, God says: to you is born this day, a Saviour, Christ the Lord. There is no doubt to whom He is speaking when He says, to you is born this day, a Saviour. He is talking to YOU!!! He isn’t talking about the person you may be thinking of. He is talking to You!!! He’s talking to YOU and me, in-spite of all our imperfections, our faults and weaknesses, to YOU to US a Saviour is born, Christ the Lord.

This child whom the angels announce is the one who will save you from the guilt that weighs you down and stops you from moving on with life. He saves you from that nagging feeling that somehow you have to measure up, but knowing that there is no way you can meet God’s standards. He saves you from a meaningless existence. If all there is to life is being born, growing, learning, working, getting, achieving, dying - stop! To you is born a Saviour who says, “Your guilt is gone and YOU have a PURPOSE in life and your life is worth living”. Why? Because, to you is born a Saviour who allowed his hands to be nailed to a cross to rescue you and me from sin.

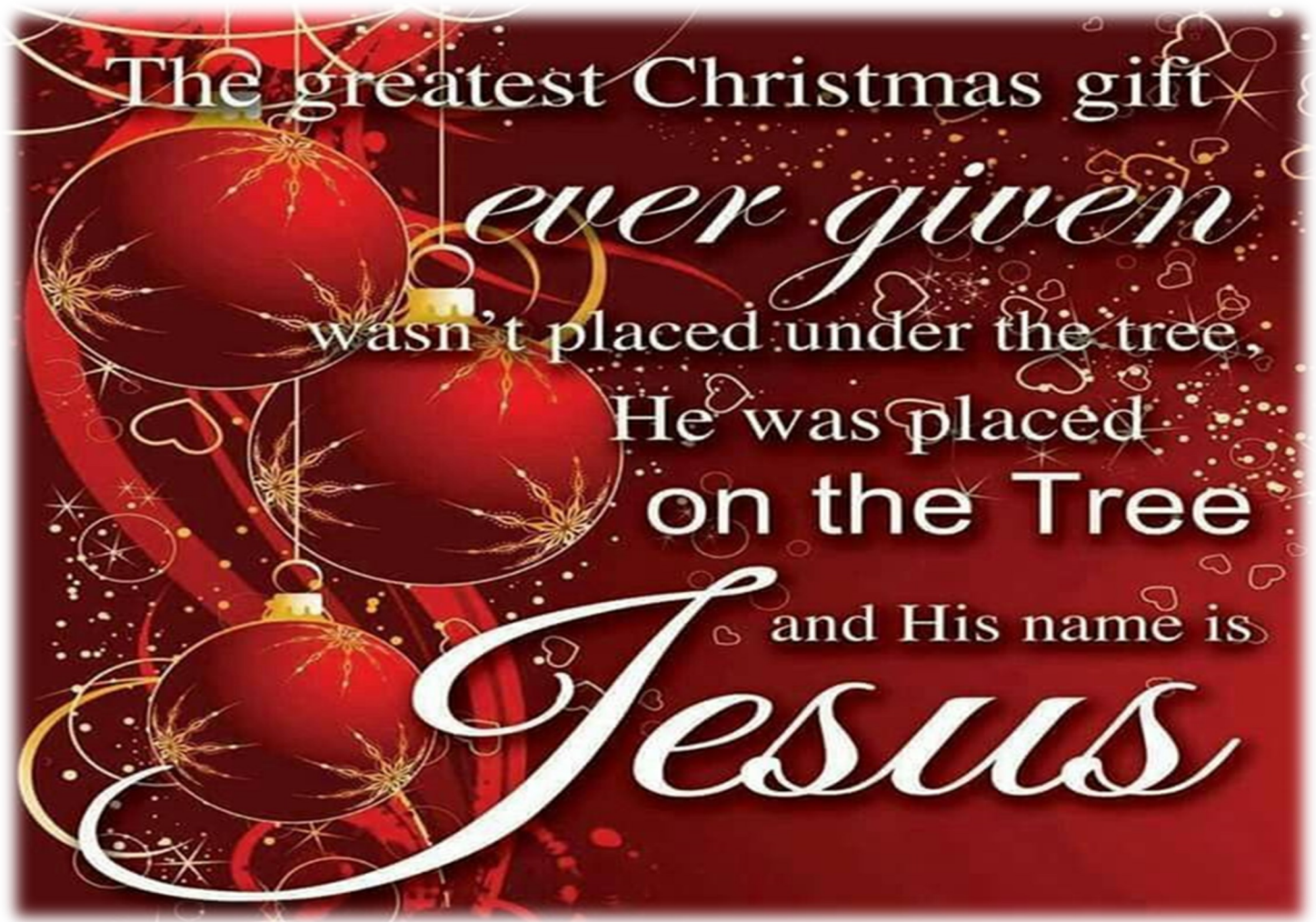
When you look at the baby that was born in a manger you may wonder why God would go to such extreme lengths for you and me. There is only one answer – God’s love. Jesus is God connecting with you, wanting to give your life purpose, wanting to help you when it seems life is tearing you apart, wanting you to know He’s there for you when you feel lonely and lost. “To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord”.



## “To You! is Born a Saviour” cont...

Enjoy the celebration of the birth of Jesus, but remember, we need Jesus all year long and not just once a year for a couple of days. Let Him heal the hurts this year.

Blessings from my family to your family.



*Inza and I want to say to you and your family have a **BLESSED and JOYFUL CHRISTMAS**. And we want you to know we are praying for you and your letters and your 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 for our upcoming events.
  - 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](http://aldowningministries.org). All contributions are tax deductible.





# *Lady Downing* *Thoughts for the Month*

**“Stop waiting for others to celebrate you. Set goals, Achieve them, and Clap for yourself! ”**

**“God created you to be full of joy, happiness, love and peace. So why are you carrying all that other baggage?”**

**“Don’t speak defeat over your life. Think and speak positive over your life and situations.”**

**“You are victors not victims. You are the head not the tail. You are the apple of God's eye!”**

**“The enemy doesn’t fight you for where you are. He fights you for where you are going.”**

**“In case you're wondering how long you should hold on, the answer is: Hold on until  
YOU WIN!”**

**“GOD opens doors for us but sometimes we never walk through them.”**

**Be Blessed,  
‘First Lady Downing’**



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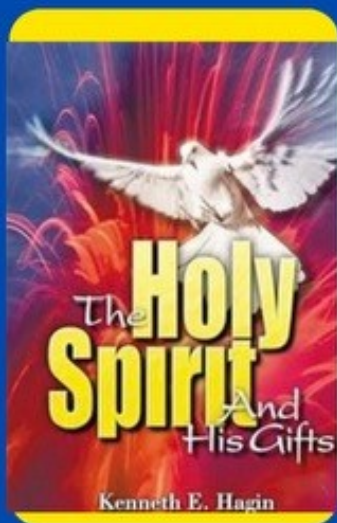
**JANUARY 3, 2024**

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**DOCTORAL CANDIDATE  
MICHELLE GUIDER**



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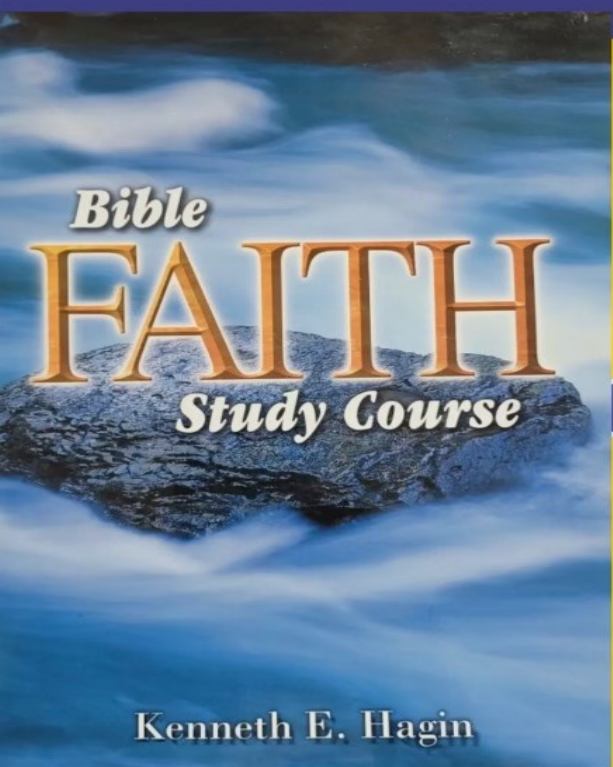
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**Class Starts  
January 4, 2024**



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**Doctoral Candidate  
Curtis Hamilton, Sr.**

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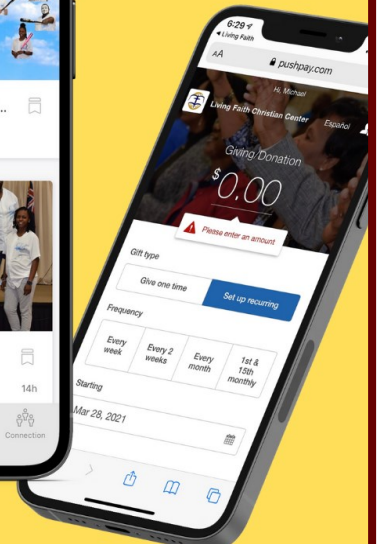
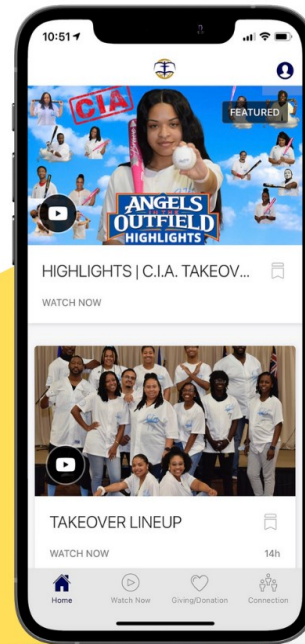
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**Teaching...Equipping...Developing**

## OUR PROGRAM

Living Faith School of Theology (LFSOT) 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. Audit students may later convert their audit credit to an academic degree credit by completing additional work requirements (tests, papers, and labs) and paying the additional tuition for the degree program.

### DIPLOMA PROGRAM

A Diploma in Biblical Studies is awarded to students who successfully completes their designated first-year program for academic credit (30 credit-hours total).

### ASSOCIATES DEGREE PROGRAM

An Associates Degree in Biblical Studies is awarded to students who successfully completes their designated second year program for academic credit (60 credit-hours total).

### ADVANCED ASSOCIATES DEGREE

An advanced Associates Degree in Biblical Studies is awarded to students who successfully complete their designated third-year program for academic credit (90 credit-hours total)

### BACHELORS DEGREE

A Bachelors Degree in Biblical Studies is awarded to students who successfully completes their designated fourth-year program for academic credit (120 credit-hours total).

**Classes are held at the main campus of**

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**1536 Frye Road**

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**For more information call 803-609-5714**

**Enroll now, Winter Semester begins January 2024**