

# FAITH

## and Not by Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7



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### Calendar of Events

**November 23, 2024**

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway  
10am to 12 noon  
Living Faith Christian Center  
1540 Frye Road  
Columbia, SC 29203

**December 31, 2024**

Watch Night Service  
6pm to 8pm  
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)

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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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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

## “IF MY PEOPLE”

Bishop A. L. Downing

This is my first time writing a message like this, but this scripture has been stirring in my spirit for the past few weeks. *“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 I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and restore their land.”* (II Chronicles 7:14, NIV).

Israel had sinned and strayed from God. The Lord appeared to Solomon and said those words to him. If my people, the people that are being referred to in the text are the Jews. God had entered into a covenant with Israel and promised to take care of the Jewish people and bring them prosperity, just as long as they continued to obey Him. He calls the Jewish people, His people who are called by His name. He calls for them to humble themselves, to pray, to seek His face, and to turn from their wicked ways, then will they hear from heaven, and He will forgive their sin and restore their land.

In II Chronicles 12:6-7 *“The leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, “The Lord is just.” When the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, this word of the Lord came to Shemaiah: “Since they have humbled themselves, I will not destroy them but will soon give them deliverance. My wrath will not be poured out on Jerusalem through Shishak.”* And verse 12 *“Because Rehoboam humbled himself, the Lord’s anger turned from him, and he was not totally destroyed. Indeed, there was some good in Judah.”* When they did what God had asked them to do, we see the Lord did not destroy them or their land.

In the immediate text “my people” refers to the Jewish nation, however, in a typological way it refers to the church at large. We are His people, the born-again believers. I believe God is saying the same thing to you, to me, and His church today.

I’m not political, but I have noticed about every four years we allow politics to creep in and separate us and destroy relationships. I was watching as one pastor said, “If you’re a Democrat you need to get out of his church. You’re a baby killer, get out” ...if my people (the church). Another pastor said, “I can’t vote for a party that permits the killing of babies and endorses homosexuality and lesbianism” ... if my people (the church). Yet another said, “I can’t vote for someone who is a felon, a womanizer, and lies all the time” and he went on and on. Yet another said, “You just can’t vote for a party, because they have their flaws.” The Republicans are against abortion and Democrats permit abortion, yet you have individuals in both parties who are pro-abortion and those who are anti-abortion...if my people (the church). I realize that just because a person may belong to a particular party does not mean they agree with nor endorse all the “party” platform stands for. We should not allow politics or anything else to enter into our lives to the point that we are misrepresenting our God our Lord

## If My People...

our Savior....if my people.

I can hear that clarion call coming down through the corridors of time, if my people (from every Nation in the world), the church, the born-again believers of God, who are called by His name, will humble ourselves and pray and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways (not just during election, but for all times). I believe we will hear from heaven, and He will forgive our sins and restore America to what He has called it to be. A land of freedom, a land of hope, a prosperous land, and a land full of His glory. It's time for us as Americans, especially God's people to seek His face and allow Him to lead us how to vote. Both parties as well as their candidates have some good qualities and some flaws.

The church is supposed to be the most powerful force or government on earth. The government should be looking to the church for answers, but the church is looking to the government for solutions...if my people. I believe that if we would take time to search ourselves and put aside our differences, turn away from the noise and rhetoric we would see God's hand move mighty in the land. I believe that God would do just what he did for Israel, He will forgive our sins and heal our land.

Listen, regardless of who wins the election we still need to join in praying, I Timothy 2:1-4 *"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

We all must remember, the God of Glory, does not ride on a donkey or an elephant, but He does walk on water.



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

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.

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## TESTIMONIES

*Bishop, I want you to know that after you prayed for me. I had an appointment with three doctors, one for allergies, a heart doctor, and blood pressure. I want you to know that all three said I'm fine and in good health. They took me off medications. The heart doctor ran several tests because he couldn't explain what had happened, but I know, and I praise God for it.*

*N.B.*

*I want to share that I was praying and asking God for a certain amount of money to do something for my church. Well, within an hour of praying that prayer, someone called me and told me they wanted to sow a seed. I picked up the check and it was more than enough for the project I was working on for the church and the remainder went into the seed account for the church. Praise God for His faithfulness.*

*D.J. F.*

*Bishop, today I went to pay our water bill at the Water Authority Labasa. When I went inside, the cashier asked me my meter number. I replied I don't know it. So, she said okay give me your phone number and I did. She said, your bill for the next THREE months is \$1.50. I looked at her again and asked her to recheck it. Then she told me, the answer she gave me was the right one. I turned around and left and thanked my Father because He heard my prayer.*

*Testimony from Fiji*

*Bishop, I want to share, that I had a palm tree in my yard that was dying. The branches had dried and turned colors. I saw the tree pointed to it and said, "Just as Jesus spoke to the tree and it withered away. I speak to you and command you to live and have healthy branches." I don't know when it happened, but it wasn't long. I looked out the window and saw a nice, beautiful healthy tree with all the color on the branches!!!!*

*J.S.*

*Bishop, during the church anniversary Pastor Foster began to pray about healing in your legs, knees, ankles and hands. He said you need to make a demand on your healing. I began to make a demand on my healing at that very moment. That night when I went home I walked up the stairs and down the stairs without the use of steadying myself with the railing. I have been walking in my healing ever since. Praise God!!!*

*R.L.D.*



# Lady Downing

## Thoughts for the Month

**“Don’t put God in a box and expect a miracle.”**

**“GOD opens doors No Man can close! But we have to be willing to take the first steps.”**

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

**“God is going to restore everything the canker worm ate up.”  
#believe**

**“Complaining never caused anyone’s Faith to grow.”  
#GetYourFaithUp**

**“Prayer is an attitude. Do you EXPECT when you pray?”**

**“Worrying won’t help Any situation. Speak the word over your situation”**

**“Prayer is an attitude.”**

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

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



# HAPPY 8 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LIVING FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER!!!

10/3/24

Dr. Todd Foster, Oakhill Cathedral of Glory Church, Bassett, VA

*"Moving From Poverty to Prosperity, Doing it Gods Way"*



10/4/24

Dr. Todd Foster

*"Moving From Poverty to Prosperity, Doing it Gods Way" Part 2*



10/6/24

Reverend Reggie Harris

*"The Power in Your Uplifted Hands"*





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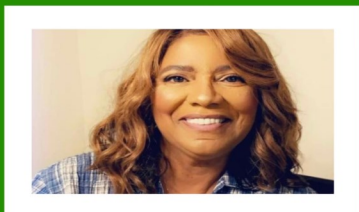
**September 4th - October 30th, 2024  
Principles of Faith I & II  
Dr. A. L. Downing**



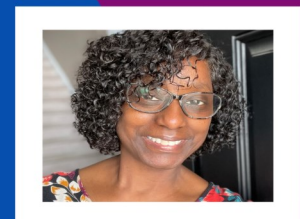
**September 4th - October 30th, 2024  
Homiletics I & II  
Dr. William Woodard**



**November 6th - November 20th, 2024  
Between the Testaments  
Doc. Cand. Rev. Inza Downing**



**November 6th - November 20th  
Training For Service  
Doc. Cand. Rev. Michelle Guider**



**December 4th - January 29th, 2025  
Old Testament Prophets I & II  
Dr. Darryl Hollowell**



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TODAY**

**All classes are open to any student who wants to audit the above courses. The cost for auditing a course is \$75 per month.**





*Thanksgiving*

10 am to 12 pm

# Turkey Giveaway

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 23RD

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## DECEMBER 4-18TH

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS I

Dr. Darryl Hollowell



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Doctoral Candidate Rev. Michelle Guider



## JANUARY 8-29TH

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS II

Dr. Darryl Hollowell



THE SIX TRIALS OF JESUS I

Doctoral Candidate Rev. Curtis Hamilton



## FEBRUARY 5-26TH

GOSPELS I

(COMBINED WITH LIFE OF CHRIST)

Dr. A. L. Downing



THE SIX TRIALS OF JESUS II

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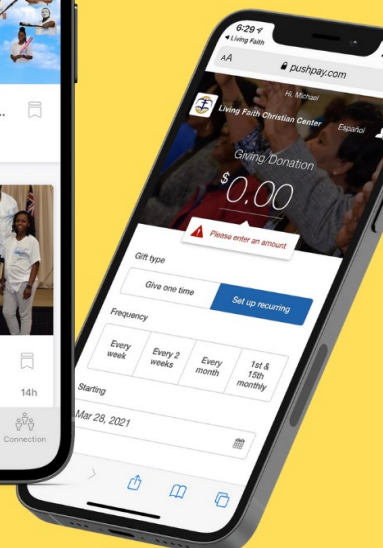
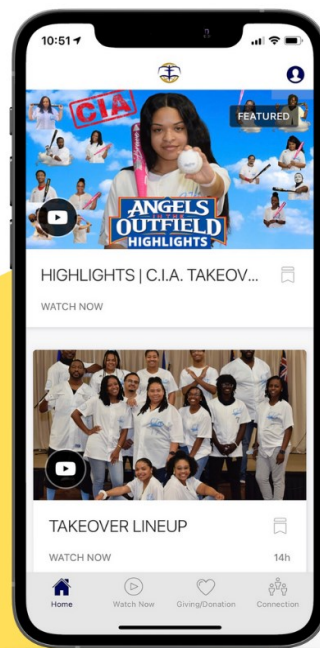
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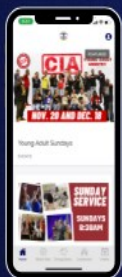


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