

FAITH

and Not by Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7



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Calendar of Events

April 9-11, 2025
Oak Hill Cathedral of Glory
Martinsville, VA
Pastor Dr. Todd Foster

April 19, 2025
Easter Egg Hunt
12 Noon
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29203

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunrise Service
Start Time: 7am
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 2920

May 15-16, 2025
Faith Alive Conference
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia SC 29203

June 4-6, 2025
Conference in the Philippines
Pastor James & Bridgette Vaught

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

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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: Our Father ”

Isaiah 63:16, Exodus 4:22, and John 3:16

Reverend Liliane Delva

Isaiah 63:16 NASB: For You are Our Father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not recognize us. You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Your Name

Isaiah 63 is a prayer of Mercy from a people to their God, with a God who is both a judge and a Savior, but what is even more interesting is the explicit mention of God as a Father to His people in this text. This is not the first time God is mentioned as a father.

In Exodus 4:22, when God is talking to Moses and coaching him on what to say during his interaction with Pharaoh, God says, ‘Then say to Pharaoh, “This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, ‘Let My son go, so he may worship Me.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.’”

This is the first instance in the Bible where God establishes a fatherly relationship to His people. God felt so greatly about it that He made it into a law (Exodus 13:2; 12). But what does it mean to be a father according to the ancient Israelites, and how does that relate to God? In order to truly understand God as a father, we must understand what the Hebrew word for father, *ab*, means:

Table 1: Hebrew Paleo and Classic symbols of AB or Father

"Word Picture"		Classical Hebrew	
Pictograph	Meaning	Hebrew	Meaning
	Strong Leader		Name for God; "Strength." Used 250 times in the <i>Tanakh</i> .
	Strength (of the) house		Father

1. **Aleph:** means a strong leader like an ox; one who takes care of and leads those under his leadership. The first and strongest leader of the home, the First ancestor or patriarch. The source of strength, provision, and direction...
2. **Bet:**...of your Home or House. In Jewish culture, the foundation of a house starts with the family that is housed or enclosed within that home. The family unit then extends to become communities, extended families and nation like the House of Israel. Everyone in that home or house spiritually and physically has elements of the Father in them because they all came from him: He is in them, and they are in Him (His seed)

God has always had a strong desire to dwell among and in His people, which is the reason that He placed His tabernacle at the center of the Israelite camp in Numbers. God’s desire was to abide in the midst and among

God: Our Father cont...

His people, never separated, and He has always sought to establish a home for His people that He can dwell in as well. God desired to create a home called Earth that would house His special creations: living beings that were created in His image, embodying His Spirit within them; Beings that could communicate and love LORD God of their own free will. He would be their father or first ancestor and leader, and they would be His children and descendants, a part of the Beth El (The House of God).

This is evident in Genesis, when God creates Adam and Eve's home first. God created the garden in Eden first, and then He put the man, or the first Adam in it (Genesis 2:8). In that home or dwelling, God abided with Adam and walked with Him (Genesis 2). In Genesis, we see God, a strong leader and Father, who teaches Adam how to be a strong leader and steward of the home and creations God provided him. However, after the fall of Adam and Eve, God was not able to establish a multi-generational family or house until Abraham and Jacob or Israel, the ancestors of the Jewish people.

However, Isaiah 63 reveals that God did not want to only limit His House to Israel but He wanted to extend an invitation to a group of people who did not know Him (Isa 65) and one that Jewish ancestors did not know or acknowledged. But God wanted and saw them. Because God's love and desire for this creation was so great that He sent His Only Son, Jesus, to die for anyone that believed in Him would not die from their sin. God would also ensure that His creation did not perish from the sins of their ancestor, the first Adam, but would have everlasting life through their new spiritual ancestor, Jesus, the Second Adam. In this way, God as a Father would continue to have a home within all His children and they would have a home with Him.

Prayer: Our Father who lives in Heaven, thank You for the gift and joy of being Your creation and Your child. Abba Father, I thank and Praise You on this day. The Hebrew Word for Father truly embodies all that you are: Our God and our Strength. Thank you for making Yourself known to a people who did not know You (Isaiah 65:1) and for drawing us to You with loving kindness (Jeremiah 31:3). I praise and magnify Your Great Name, for You are my strong leader, My faithful Father. I humbly submit to Your leadership, wisdom, and direction Father. Help me to edify Your House and to help invite more people to be a part of this amazing House and Your kingdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen!



Happy Easter

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



Happy Easter

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, 2 years ago at Living Faith Christian Center we had the church payment burning ceremony and we brought the loan agreement for our parents house to burn off as well. The Lord has worked it out that today their house loan was paid off 10 years earlier than what was agreed upon. "My God shall supply ALL our needs according to His riches in glory!" We are rejoicing and celebrating with my mom as all she's able to say is "whew, and Lord I thank you."

Bishop we asked you to pray for a cousin of ours. She was to have open heart surgery. You said you would pray for her and ask your congregation to agree with you that she would not have to have the surgery. Well, I want to report the doctors will NOT have to do open heart surgery. They will be able to clear the blockages and insert a stint. We are so thankful that she will not have to have the surgery.

Bishop, about two Sundays ago during the service, you said, "someone in here your supervisor is giving you a hard time for no reason. But, don't you worry because if he's not careful, he will be moved quickly. Well, about two weeks later out of nowhere, I got the word he was gone.

Pastor, my supervisor had been giving me a very difficult time. It was too the point I was crying, but not in front of him. He refused to give me my bonus money, well he gave me \$53.00 when others were getting thousand or more. In addition he only would give me 3 for my job rating. Yet, I was the one he was always asking to work overtime and to do other assignments to help out the team. But he gave me a 3 so no other department would interview me for an opening in their department. I remember you saying, God can promote you and don't need man's approval. You also said don't allow a negative report stop you from applying for jobs, promotion or a home etc. Well, I applied and interviewed for another position in another department and Praise God, I received the position and I will start within a week.

TESTIMONIES cont...

Seed testimony 2025

So, Christmas 2024 I received a small bag of mustard seeds with the Scripture Mark 11:23-24. And instructions on it was to pray daily over it and believe what ever I was believing God for.

Well, Jan. 1st I started praying over the pack of seeds. But, as I was praying God told me to take the seeds out and placed them on exactly what I was believing Him for. He told me a certain amount to place on each item.

So, I first started placing the seeds on tithing envelopes, my mission envelopes first and writing down an amount that I was believing in my heart I wanted to give. Also My bank statements, a small bag a seeds in my purse. My business and business plan. Bank and credit cards.

Then , I started placing them on all the items on my vision board, on bills to be paid off and debt. On my prayer confessions I pray daily. Truly trusting and believing God for them all.

Well, I am happy to say money has been coming in, I called the agencies about bills that needed to be paid and I was told that they don't exist. Money I believed to give to missions I received in one day!

Several things on my vision board has has come to pass. God is Truly answering prayers in this season. Now another season is beginning and I am still praying and believing it's going to HAPPEN TRUST GOD!



Lady Downing

Thoughts for the Month

“Sometimes things happen in life that shake us up. Man may disappoint us. But Thank God we have a Father that will never leave us or forsake us.”

“God will only allow a test He knows you can pass.”

“If you are willing to change your thinking God is willing to change your life.”

“God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.” James 1:12

“We must stop chasing God to get more "Things" & start chasing God to get more of HIM.”

“Some relationships are only for a season and then they fade away. Our relationship with GOD is for Forever and will never fade away!”

“Never let people who are sitting still in life make you feel bad for moving forward.”

“You deserve All the Blessings GOD has for you. Don't let your past or anyone from it make you think you don't.”

“GOD has forgiven you, now forgive yourself and receive what He has for you!”

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

LFCC Youth Ministry



Ms. Josetta Guider



*Youth Ministry
Director*



Prophet Alford



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ACTIVATE YOUR
FAITH



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"My Strong Tower"

"A Miracle Worker"

"My Refuge"

"My Peace"

"My Strength"

"My Source"





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2025 UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE



MARCH 5TH - MAY 28TH

**GOSPELS II
(COMBINED WITH THE LIFE
OF CHRIST)**



DR. A.L. DOWNING

MARCH 5TH - 26TH

MINISTERIAL ETHICS

APRIL 9TH - MAY 28TH

THE SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP



DR. INZA DOWNING

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BACK**
in 2025
CONFERENCE

APRIL

9th – 11th

7PM Nightly



Bishop A.L. Downing



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EASTER
EGG HUNT 2025



SATURDAY
19 APRIL 2025
12 PM



**REGISTER
NOW!**

FUN GAMES. FOOD

**FRIDAY
SERVICE**

**April 18th
7 PM**



Hosts



*Bishop, Dr. A. L. Downing
&
First Lady, Dr. Inza Downing*



*Reverend
Reginald Harris*



Special Guest Speaker

**SUNDAY SUNRISE
SERVICE**

**April 20th
7 AM**



Breakfast After Service

1540 Frye Rd.
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2025



FAITH ALIVE

MAY 15TH
BISHOP ERIC DAVIS

7 PM



Bishop A. L. Downing
&
Dr., First Lady Inza Downing

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MAY 16TH
BISHOP HERBERT BAILEY

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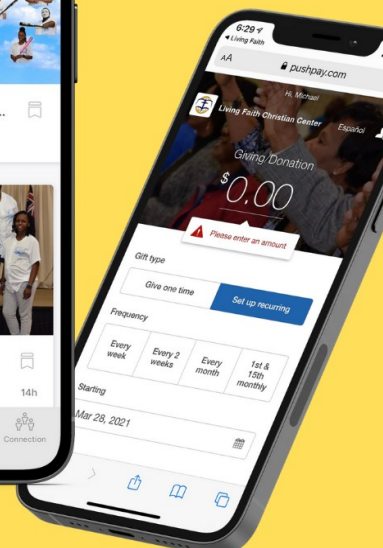
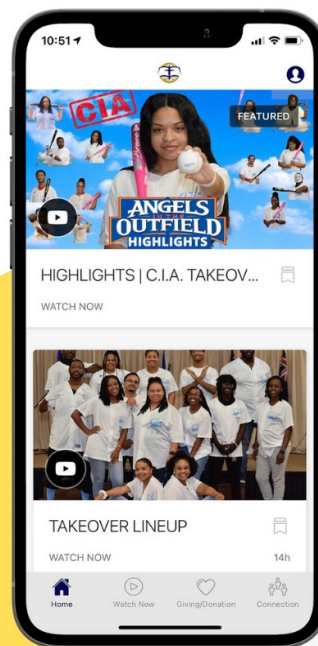
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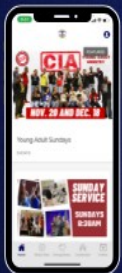


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A Bachelors Degree in Biblical Studies is awarded to students who successfully completes their designated fourth-year program for academic credit (120 credit-hours total).

April 9th –28th Class

“The Spirit of Leadership” will be offered online.

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