

# FAITH

and Not by Sight 2 Corinthians 5:7



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## Calendar of Events

### June 4-6, 2025

Conference in the Philippines  
Pastor James & Bridgette Vaught

### June 21, 2025

2025 Marriage Workshop  
9am to 5pm  
Living Faith Christian Center  
1540 Frye Road  
Columbia, SC 29203

### June 23-27, 2025

Vacation Bible School  
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Living Faith Christian Center

### August 2, 2025

B2SB and Clothing Giveaway  
10 am to 12 Noon  
Living Faith Christian Center

### August 9, 2025

LFSOT Open House  
10 am to 12 Noon  
Living Faith Christian Center

### September 6, 2025

Rainbow Tea  
12 Noon  
Living Faith Christian Center

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

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Columbia, SC 29229  
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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

## **“Father, Flag, and Freedom”**

Sister Lashanda Harris

June is a month known for a few notable celebrations: Father's Day, Flag Day, and Juneteenth. These celebrations, both collective and individual, revolve around honoring fathers, recognizing the flag, and celebrating freedom from oppression. On Father's Day, we honor our fathers for their role as providers and protectors. Proverbs 20:7(NLV) states, “How happy are the sons of a man who is right with God and walks in honor!” Flag Day reminds us of the flag's significance as a symbol of independence, representing the unity of land and the patriotic colors of red, white, and blue. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, has gained prominence in recent years as a significant commemoration of African American history, marking the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. John 8:32(NIV) reassures us, “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” Hence, June holds considerable significance for many people impacted by these celebrations.

As we reflect on the month of June, it brings more than the arrival of summer and the long, sunny days. It is a time of honor, as we recognize our earthly fathers, the flag's representation of the United States, and the freedom celebrated on Juneteenth. Each of these celebrations has its place on the calendar, signifying importance and providing the nation with a moment to pause and reflect. Psalm 33:12(NIV) states, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”

However, upon deeper reflection, the significance of these days, although relevant and arguably necessary, pales in comparison to the light of Christ, who embodies and represents every day and celebration. Understanding who Christ is and His purpose allows us to celebrate God as the ultimate Father, beyond just a single day for one man but as the creator of all he is according to Psalm 68:5(NLT), “Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy”. And in this love and protection, He offered us the greatest gift in Jesus. We can honor Jesus' sacrificial banner, not merely as a national symbol but as a representation for the entire world as John 3:16(KJV) so lovingly tells us, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. So, let us dig a little deeper and reflect on the blood that was shed not just as a sacrifice, but ultimately as a drink offering when we honor the Lord's return as with communion. In doing so we reflect on the Lord in celebratory fashion as a sign and proclamation of His great return. Furthermore, we recognize a freedom not just known for hundreds of years, but for thousands of years. Freedom that was bought with His blood. Freedom, offering us eternal life and powered by the Holy Spirit that lives within believers, providing protection beyond any worldly limits. Now, we can stand boldly on Galatians 5:1(KJV); “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage”.

## Father, Flag, and Freedom cont...

So, as we approach June and its celebrations, let us use our spiritual vision to celebrate:

God as our Father,

Jesus' blood-stained banner as our flag, and

The Holy Spirit granting us true freedom.

As we live according to 2 Corinthians 3:17(KJV) "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"! What a reason to celebrate!



*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.*

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*

**“What do you need to remove from your life that is holding you back from receiving your blessing?”**

**“Don’t let dysfunction in your life be the norm.”**

**“What you don't put a stop to, will eventually stop you.”**

**“When God gives you an idea, launch out into the the deep.”**

**“INCREASE! Speak it over your life.”**

**“Trust God. Don't lean to your own understanding.”**

**“God's "NO" may have been the best thing that has ever happened to you.”**

**“God specializes in situations that seem impossible. He'll show up and show out.”**

**“Say YES to His will and to His way.”**

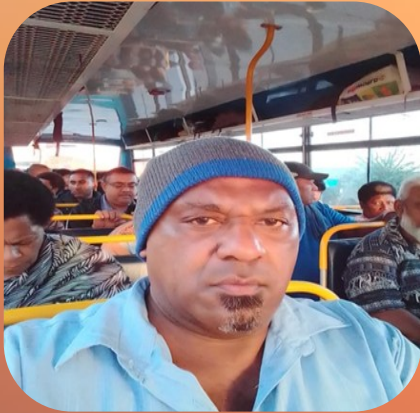
**“You are an eagle, don't soar with the crows. Spread your wings and reach higher heights.”**

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



# Fiji

## God Moving in Viti Levu (The Big Land)



Pastor Same on his way to Nadi, Fiji at 4am by ferry and arrived at the Big Land at 4pm.



Pastor Samuela preaching a powerful and anointed Word at the Big Land, three day Youth Conference.

Some of the Youth conference attendees . Total in attendance is unknown by fifty-three came by boat.



They accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and were baptized.



# Mother's Day Celebration



Reverend Dr. Michelle Guider  
"A Mother's Love"





# FAITH ALIVE CONFERENCE 2025

## Day One



*Bishop Eric Davis*  
Word of God Church & Ministries International





# FAITH ALIVE CONFERENCE 2025

## Day Two



*Bishop Herbert Bailey*  
Right Direction Church International





*Sister Kim Woodard*  
"Not My Will but Thy Will"







# VACATION BIBLE *School*



**JUNE 23-27TH**

**6-8PM**

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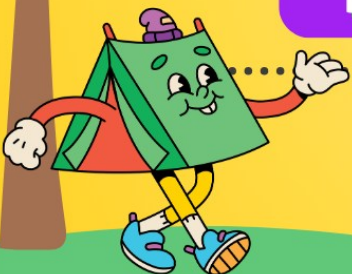
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LOVE LIKE JESUS



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**FOOD SERVED AT 5:15PM NIGHTLY**

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# 2025 Marriage Workshop!



*Presents*

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## A Couples Workshop by Connected By Purpose

Come expecting restoration, growth, & renewed intimacy

**"Strengthen Your Relationship  
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**Cost: \$50 Per Couple (Includes Lunch)**

**Saturday  
June 21, 2025  
9:00AM - 5:00PM**

**Click the QR Code to make payment  
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**Join us for a powerful, one-day workshop  
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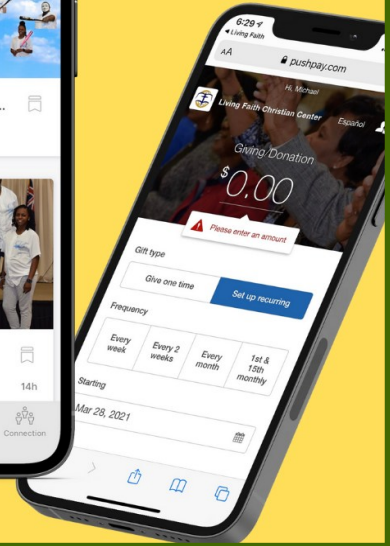
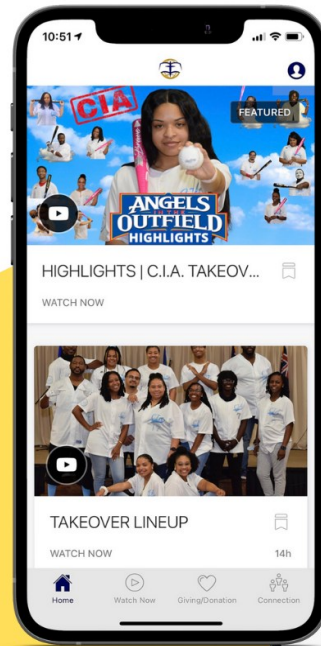
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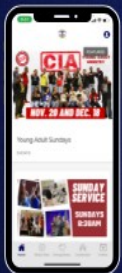


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## OUR PROGRAM

Living Faith School of Theology (LFSOT) offers the following types of Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees.

### AUDIT CERTIFICATE

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