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2 Corinthians 5:7

Living Faith Christian
Center Newsletter



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Calendar of Events

LIVING FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!

October 2nd & 3rd, 2025

Guest Speaker: Dr. Todd Foster

Oak Hill Cathedral of Glory, Bassett, VA
Start Time: 7pm each night
at Living Faith Christian Center

October 5, 2025

Guest Speaker: Pastor German Wright

Daily Living Ministries, Cayce, SC
8:30am at Living Faith Christian Center

October 18, 2025

Sunrise Prayer

6am at Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29229

October 18, 2025

Fall Festival

12 Noon to 2 pm
Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29229

November 22, 2025

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

10am at Living Faith Christian Center
1540 Frye Road
Columbia, SC 29229

Speaking Engagement Request

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

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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

“Harvest Season: A Time for Growth, Change and Celebration”

Sister Kimberly Woodard

September is the ninth month of the year. As the month rolls in, you can feel things shifting. Summer is winding down, the air gets cooler, and you start seeing fields ready for harvest. It's not just about gathering crops; it's a perfect reminder of all the changes and new beginnings happening in our own lives.

This time of year feels like a time to make a fresh start. Kids head back to school, farmers work hard to bring in their crops, and everyone gets a chance to try something new. Just like a farmer trusts the whole process from planting to harvesting, we also go through seasons in life that call for patience and faith.

The Bible talks a lot about sowing and reaping, showing us that what we do today shapes what's ahead whether it's in friendships, goals, or growing in faith.

There's so much good advice in Scripture about harvest:

- **Galatians 6:7-9:** Keep doing good and don't quit-you'll see the results in time.
- **2 Corinthians 9:6:** The more generous you are, the more blessings come your way.
- **Matthew 9:37-38:** We are all invited to help spread hope and love-there's always room for more helpers.
- **Deuteronomy 28:12:** God's ready to bless us when we stick with Him.
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1:** There's a right time for everything, so don't stress if things change.
- **Psalms 107:37:** God is faithful to provide physical abundance for those who trust and obey him.
- **Leviticus 26:5:** The reward for obedience to God's command is agricultural abundance and land security.

It all boils down to this: if you put in the effort, stay true, and keep the faith, good things will come your way.

This is a great time to think about your own “harvest” – the results of everything you've been working on:

“Harvest Season: A Time for Growth, Change and Celebration” cont...

- **Welcome Change:** Don't be afraid to try new things, because it helps you grow.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

- **Set Small Goals:** Take it step by step and celebrate each win.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans”. Proverbs 16:3

- **Positive Vibes Only:** Hang out with people who lift you up.

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones”. Proverbs 17:22

- **Take Care of Yourself:** Mental health matters. Make time for self-care.

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- **Celebrate Your Progress:** Look back and appreciate how far you've come.

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles.” Isaiah 40:31

- **Stay Curious:** Learn something new every day-you never know what will inspire you.

*“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed.”
2 Timothy 2:15*

Just like a farmer doesn't see results overnight, we need to be patient and keep moving forward. Fall isn't just about cozy sweaters and pumpkin spice; it's a signal to pause, reflect, and get excited for what is next.

Remember, your life matters. The most important harvest is the impact you have on others. Share kindness, hope, and the message of faith because everyone deserves a chance at something great.

So, as the fields turn golden and this year's harvest wraps up, take a moment to appreciate your journey, look for new opportunities, and step boldly into your own season of abundance.

Be Blessed
Sister Woodard

More Words of Encouragement

“The LORD (Yahweh) is My Shepherd: Living and Resting in the Covenant Care of God”

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

Bishop A.L. Downing

Few lines of Scripture bring such comfort as the opening of Psalm 23. David’s opening words in this Psalm are among the most cherished in Scripture. Yet, when we pause and consider the original Hebrew, the verse shines with even greater brilliance. David begins not with a generic title for God, but with His covenant name: **Yahweh**.

Unlike a title or role, Yahweh is the personal covenant name of God, revealed to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:14). It speaks of the eternal, self-existent One who was, who is, and who will always be. This is not a distant deity or impersonal force but the God who binds Himself to His people in faithful love. When David declares, “Yahweh is my shepherd,” he is proclaiming that the eternal God of covenant grace has taken personal responsibility for his life.

When David proclaims, “Yahweh is my shepherd,” he declares something astonishing: the King of the universe stoops to take on the lowly role of a shepherd. In the ancient world, shepherds lived among their flocks, guiding, feeding, and protecting them. To call God “my shepherd” is to confess His personal involvement in every detail of life—His care is not abstract, but intimate and constant. It is also to confess that the Creator Himself bends low to lead His sheep with intimate care and watchfulness. Therefore, the shepherd imagery is no accident.

For Christians, this verse reaches its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, who boldly declared, “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11), identifying Himself with the Yahweh of Psalm 23. In Him, the believer experiences the same covenantal care David described. Christ knows His sheep by name, walks with them through valleys, and leads them beside still waters. In Christ, Yahweh Himself walks among His people, laying down His life for the sheep. The Shepherd of Psalm 23 is the Savior who knows us by name, leads us through dark valleys, and brings us to eternal pastures. His sacrificial death on the cross proved the ultimate act of shepherding love.

The result of such shepherding is profound: “I shall not want.” To live under Yahweh’s shepherding is to live without lack. This does not mean a life free of trials, desires, or hardship, but rather a life free of ultimate lack and anchored in the sufficiency of God’s presence. With Yahweh as shepherd, the Christian has every essential need supplied...guidance in confusion, provision in scarcity, comfort in fear, and hope in uncertainty. His presence is the answer to our deepest longings.

“The LORD (Yahweh) is My Shepherd: Living and Resting in the Covenant Care of God” cont...

Lacks nothing essential for life and godliness. His guidance replaces confusion with direction, His provision meets needs before they overwhelm, and His presence turns fear into confidence.

Psalms 23:1 is not mere poetry; it is a declaration of identity and security. To say, “Yahweh is my shepherd,” is to rest in the assurance that the eternal God personally tends to His children. For the believer, this truth transforms life’s uncertainties into opportunities to trust the Shepherd who never fails. It also calls believers to rest in the sufficiency of God’s care, to live in quiet confidence that the One who is eternal and unchanging is also personal and present. To say, “Yahweh is my shepherd,” is to stand in the assurance that the covenant God of Scripture is leading us home.

Reflection: Living Under the Shepherd’s Care

- **Guidance:** He directs my steps when the path ahead is uncertain.
- **Provision:** He meets my needs before they overwhelm me.
- **Protection:** He defends me in danger and walks with me in fear.
- **Presence:** He is near, even in the valley of shadows.

Rest today in this truth: With Yahweh as your shepherd, you are never abandoned, never overlooked, and never without hope.

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. All contributions are tax-deductible.

PRAISE REPORT!!!

I received an email at work that I was nominated for an award and the award came with a \$1,000 bonus. The same day I received an unexpected check in the mail for a settlement I knew nothing about. Praise God!!!

CJ

My middle schooler is very smart. He takes high school courses in middle school and some of his teachers usually help him along the way. That was not the case this past year. One of his teachers was giving him a very hard time even stating that it was by accident he was in the advanced program. I tried to help him but nothing was working. So I sought the Lord asking what to do, what I heard kind of caught me off guard. I heard to pray them out of that position. So I asked the Lord to give me the words to pray. It came out like this, "Lord I thank you for allowing my son to be in this program. I ask that you remove this teacher from this position in Jesus name Amen." While I was praying that prayer, this same son got in trouble with another staff member at this same school. What was something simple was taken to district and I had to wait to see if he could get back into school. Now as I'm waiting for the other prayer to be answered, the Holy Spirit said, "I want you to pray that this staff member is removed as well." Now this prayer came at the end of the school year for both situations and I was expecting for something to happen. My son would have had to take this same teacher again this year for another class and deal with the same staff member. However, the Lord saw fit to remove both people from their positions and now my son has a brand new teacher that actually helps and there is a new staff member. God cares about his children and when He gives you the words to pray, it may sound a little weird to you. Pray the words anyway because when God moves He provides a way for you.

RS

The coolant hose was leaking on my vehicle. Took it in for repair and the cost was to be \$2300. I spoke to God about it and said you have a bill. We don't have the money for this expense. Give us the money to pay your bill. We do not want to charge it, or have to make payments. We don't want to owe man anything. I'm your child. I'm a tither. You have a bill Lord. I'm giving it to you.

They called me back and said they are taking \$700 dollars off. And then my husband called back and he said "Tell them to go ahead and fix it. We will pay the entire bill no payment plan". Praise God!!!

This all happened within a matter of minutes We went from having no money to pay it to having enough to pay it all at once!!!

DL

Lady Downing *Thoughts for the Month*

“Knowing the will of God and obeying the will of God are two different things.”

“When the enemy tells you you're going to fail at something, do it anyway. Nothing is more frightening than never changing.”

“God never promises the absence of storms. He just promises to walk with us through them!”

“You can't be who GOD has called you to be and still keep all the same friends & habits. ELEVATION requires separation.”

“A thousand times we have failed, still his mercy remains. God loves us in spite of our faults.”

“No Dream is TOO BIG when you understand ABUNDANCE is your birth-right.”

“God doesn't care what you're not. He cares who you are. You are His.”

“When God adds His Super to your natural, expect Supernatural things to happen in your life.”

“God has it all figured out. He will make a way where you don't see a way.”

**Be Blessed
'First Lady Inza Downing'**

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



Sister Josetta Guider

"I Am Set Apart"





LIVING FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

Evangelism Outreach

Saturday 20th September 2025 | 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: Greenview Area

**Event for Members of LFCC
Everyone meet at 1540 Frye Rd.
Columbia, SC 29203**

Ministry Leader: Deacon & Rev. Ham

For more details: 803-609-5714



Living Faith Christian Center



Host

Bishop A. L. Downing
&
Dr. Inza Downing



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

1540 Frye Rd., Columbia, SC 29203

Thursday, October 2, 2025
Friday, October 3, 2025
7:00 PM



Dr. Todd Foster
Oak Hill Cathedral of Glory
Bassett, VA

Theme

"One Church, One Mission, Nine Years Strong"

Scripture

"There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith,
one baptism." — Ephesians 4:4-5



Sunday, October 5, 2025
8:30 AM

Pastor German Wright
Daily Living Ministries
Cayce, SC



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12-2pm

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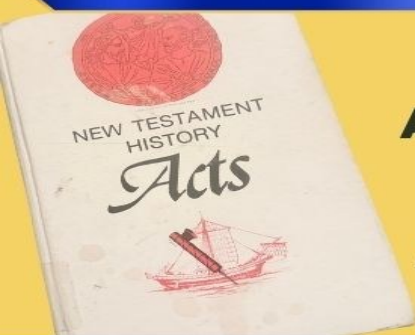
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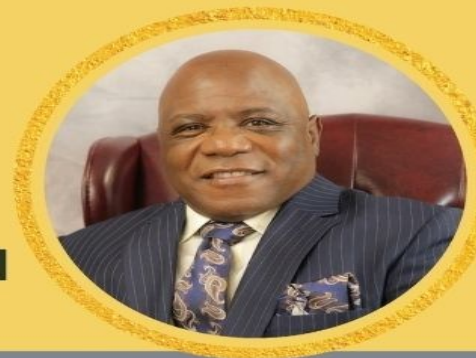
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Sept 3rd – Sept 22nd

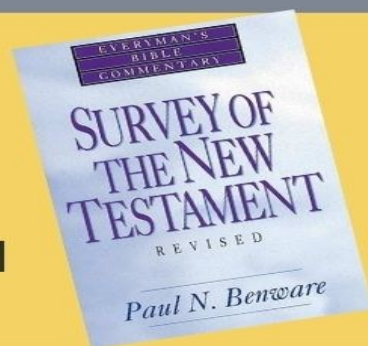
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES II
Oct 1st – Oct 29th



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New Testament Survey I
Nov 5th – Nov 19th

New Testament Survey II
Dec 3rd – Dec 17th



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student wanting
to audit.

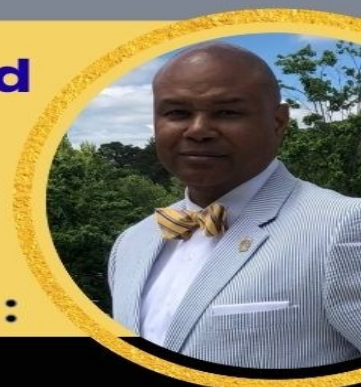
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Rev. Anthony Woodard

Biblical Counseling
Dec 3rd – Dec 17th

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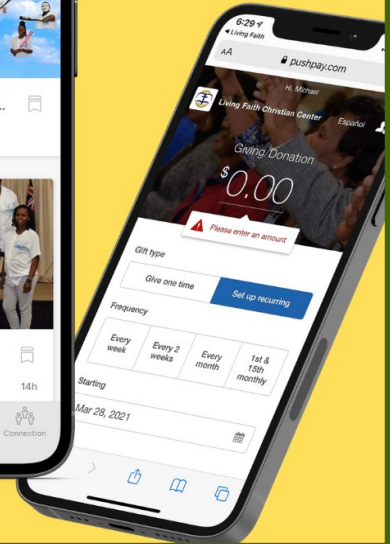
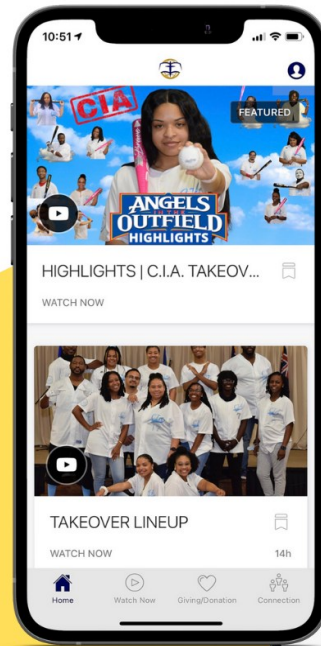
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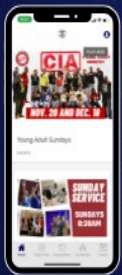


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