



Living Faith is **PASSIONATE!**

We've all been asked identity questions. Generally, they are phrased in comments such as "Tell me about yourself" or "What do you do?" or "I'd like to hear about your family." The underlying question is "Who are you?" Whenever we meet someone, our quest is to discover who that person really is. This knowledge then forms the foundation and building blocks of the relationship.



*Pastor Paul Reich
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More than vocation, family background, or personal history, I believe one key factor that accurately defines a person's identity is his passions. What does he value? What is important to her? What excites him?

This is also true for organizations. Organizations, including churches and colleges, are known for their core values. **Core values** define the distinctives and priorities of each organization. They tell what is important and what inspires them to provide the products and services that they offer. Passions and values get to the heart of identity.

Over the years, I've been invited many times, "Tell me about Living Faith." In essence I'm being asked, "Who is Living Faith?" Frequently, I've responded with an overview of our history, our purpose, our programs, and our connections. Though these are all important, I'm realizing more and more the merit of sharing our values.



The truth is that the board, faculty, and staff of Living Faith are passionate people. We are passionate about the programs and services that we provide, but more importantly we are passionate about our cherished values that inspire and shape those programs and services.

If you want to know the heart of Living Faith and who we really are, then here we are in a nutshell: Living Faith is passionate about six **core values**.



1. **Encountering God**

God delights to have relationship with His children. Jesus Himself defines eternal life as knowing "the only true God and Jesus Christ" (John 17:3). Without experiencing the reality of God's love and presence through Christ and His Spirit, Christianity is reduced to a mere intellectual creed without life and without hope.

At Living Faith, our pursuit of God is Trinitarian. We are passionate about encountering God ...

- Through loving, worshiping, and seeking the Father (*Matthew 22:36-38; John 4:23; Hebrews 11:5-6*).
- Through knowing, following, and pleasing the Son (*Philippians 3:8-11; Mark 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10*).
- Through being empowered, led, and taught by the Holy Spirit (*Acts 1:8; Romans 8:14; John 16:13-14*).

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2. Biblical Instruction

The Word of God is foundational to all of Christian faith and practice. It is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

I personally can testify to the transforming power of God’s Word. The Word of God coupled with pouring out my heart to God in response to His Word and allowing that Word to penetrate my life has brought victory over anger, bitterness, and sinful practices. God’s Word has changed my thinking, my values, my moral standards, and my priorities. It has shaped my relationships, my family, my purpose in life, my world view, and my work ethic. It has given me hope, comfort, and encouragement. God’s Word has brought the convicting light of the Holy Spirit to the deepest recesses of my soul. It has dispelled the darkness of Satanic lies and faulty thinking, and as a result freed me from guilt, depression, and fear. God’s Word has fed me, taught me, and equipped me. It has been one of the primary instruments used by God’s Spirit to literally transform my life.



At Living Faith, we have seen the power of God’s Word at work in the lives of students for more than 43 years. We are passionately committed to the accurate and relevant teaching of God’s Word enabling students to be grounded and to grow in their faith.

3. Authentic Community

The Christian life is not a solo affair; it is a life lived in relationship. Christ has called believers to belong to His family and to walk in love with others (John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14). It is in the context of authentic and caring community that human selfishness is challenged and spiritual growth takes place. It is only in relationships that we truly learn to love, forgive, be patient, show deference, and serve (Philippians 2:1-11).

At Living Faith, we cherish and intentionally cultivate a family culture of acceptance, grace, honesty, and accountability. Our family culture provides a safe place for students to be vulnerable and experience the healing and transformation that an authentic community can provide.

4. Life Transformation

God’s intention is that His children will be conformed to the image of Christ, reflecting His character in all they think, say, and do (Romans 8:29). Christ came to set us free, not only from the penalty of sin, but also from the power of sin and Satan (Romans 6:1-14; 1 John 3:4-10).

At Living Faith, we are passionate about students finding healing and freedom in Christ. We encourage life transformation ...

• Through the transforming, healing, and delivering ministry of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit effectively applies the work of Christ to heal the brokenness of the soul and set us free from sin’s power (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:12-14; Galatians 5:16-25).



• Through the practice of spiritual disciplines

The practice of spiritual disciplines (such as prayer, Bible reading, fasting, meditation, confession, repentance, listening, and journaling) gives opportunity for regular personal encounter with God, renewing the mind, and the transforming work of God’s Spirit.

• Through relational discipleship and mentoring

Living Faith provides weekly one-on-one mentoring for every student. Based on relational trust, students and mentors form a Maturity Action Plan (M.A.P.) to assist the students in personal growth and help them reach their God-given potential. Prayer, dialogue, resourcing, and celebration fill these times shared by mentor and student while meeting in an office, on a walk, or going for ice cream off campus.

5. Ministry Preparation

Jesus has gifted and called all believers to some level of service within His body (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11). He has also called us to do good works that bring glory to His Father (Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 2:12). Though some are called to full-time vocational ministry, all are called to serve Christ through serving others.

At Living Faith, we are committed to equipping students with knowledge, skills, creativity, and hands-on experience for effective ministry in the church, workplace, artistic community, and in the world.

6. Outreach & Missions

Jesus has commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations and to lovingly minister to those in need (Matthew 25:31-46; 28:19-20). As Christ’s body, we are His mouth and hands to bring His message, His ministry, and His love to a needy world.

Living Faith is passionate about preparing and mobilizing laborers for the fields that are “white for harvest” (John 4:35). We are committed to impacting the world with the Gospel of Christ through both serving action and evangelistic proclamation.

As you can see, Living Faith is passionate! We are passionate about God, His Word, and His purposes. It is these passions that compel us to do what we do. I invite you to join us and **share our passion!**

2015 SPRING COURSE SCHEDULE

	January			February		March		April		May
1 st Years	Communication (Jan 6-14)	Life Management (Jan 15-23)	OT Survey (Jan 26- Feb 13)			Personal & Corporate Renewal (Feb 23-27)	Gospel of John (Mar 23-Apr 9)		Romans (Apr 14-30)	
	Ministry Basics									
2 nd Years	Hermeneutics (Jan 6 – 23)		OT Survey (Jan 26 – Feb 13)	Concentrated Tour Preparation (Feb 17-20)		Personal & Corporate Renewal (Feb 23-27)	Gospel of John (Mar 23-Apr 9)		Romans (Apr 14-30)	
	Ministry Logistics									
3 rd Years	Electives (Jan 6-26)		Homiletics (Jan 27- Feb 27)	Concentrated Tour Preparation (Feb 17-20)		Homiletics (Jan 27- Feb 27)	Systematic Theology II (Mar 23-Apr 17)		Pentecostal Theology (Apr 20-30)	
	Greek II					Greek II	Greek II		Greek II	
4 th Years	Ministry Supervision			Concentrated Tour Preparation (Feb 17-20)		Ministry Supervision	Spring Ministry Tour (Mar 4-15)		Spring Break (Mar 16-22)	
	Church History II (Jan 6-26)	Electives (Jan 27- Feb 27)				Electives (Jan 27- Feb 27)				
CCA*	Song writing (Jan 7-16)	Project Production (Jan 19-Feb 10)		Concentrated Tour Preparation (Feb 17-20)		Corporate Worship Lead. (Feb 11-Mar 2)	Spring Ministry Tour (Mar 4-15)		Spring Break (Mar 16-22)	
	Music Lessons - Wednesday					Music Lessons				
	Music Theory			Concentrated Tour Preparation (Feb 17-20)		Theory	Spring Ministry Tour (Mar 4-15)		Spring Break (Mar 16-22)	
	Same as 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th Years					Same				
Trades	Same as 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th Years			Concentrated Tour Preparation (Feb 17-20)		Same	Spring Ministry Tour (Mar 4-15)		Spring Break (Mar 16-22)	
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* CCA = Clearwater Creative Arts



LYFE

April 10-12

Theme:
Walking and Living
in Freedom

Back by Popular Demand!



Speaker: Alan Smith

Alan Smith and his wife Nancy are the Senior Pastors of Catch the Fire DFW, a new church in the Dallas/Fort Worth area that launched Spring 2014. They married in 1994 and have three brilliant and beautiful children. Alan formerly served as Pastor of Freedom Ministry at Gateway Church in Southlake, TX. Alan is the author of *Unveiled: The Transforming Power of God's Presence and Voice*. Together he and his wife co-authored *Finding the One: Thinking Differently About Choosing a Spouse*.

Cost: Early Bird: \$65
 Regular: \$85
 Sponsors: half price

Ages:
13-18

Needed at LFBC

Following is a list of needed items that would greatly assist us in being more effective in ministry and campus stewardship.

- An economical car for promotional travels
- Several vans for ministry tours (8 passenger maximum) Even a loaned van during March tour is much appreciated.
- A wood chipper
- A diesel generator
- Library books (especially commentaries & resource books)
- A 3/4 ton long box 4x4 truck would be ideal for the maintenance vehicle
- Several good condition push lawn mowers
- Heavy car hauler (flat deck trailer)
- Good condition white gas domestic kitchen range with oven
- SKILLED VOLUNTEERS! If you are a tradesman and would like to use your talents for Kingdom work, consider blessing us at LFBC.

“Gifts in kind” can often be receipted for the fair market value of the goods.

For more information go to www.lfbc.net



Nagaland: Here We Come!

The Lord has been doing amazing things in Nagaland. Revival continues and the invitation has come for Pastor Cliff & Donna Stalwick together with Pastor Paul & Lynn Reich to come and conduct crusades and train leaders. They will also teach in the new Living Faith Bible College extension campus in Wokha and take part in the college year-end activities. Their trip is slated for February 22 to March 13, 2015.

The ministry that the Stalwicks and Reichs bring is highly valued by the local pastors and believers. They find that it leaves a long-term impact, generally with many being saved and healed and later baptized and assimilated into local churches.

Please consider supporting the Stalwicks and Reichs so they can bring valuable ministry to this remote part of India. Common mission trip expenses include flights, taxis, crusade costs, gas for in-country travel, meals, benevolence giving, and more. Projected expenses are \$4,000 per person.

Cheques may be written to Living Faith and designated to Doulos Vision—India Mission Trip. Enclose a note stating that the gift is “for the mission expenses of” either “the Stalwicks” or “the Reichs” and the gift will go toward the mission expenses of the couple you have chosen to support

The new LFBC college in Wokha is receiving inquiries by interested students from throughout Nagaland, Asam, Myanmar, and as far away as Delhi. To accommodate these students, they would like to add two floors for a dormitory on top of their current building. For \$17,000 per floor they can build dorm rooms to



New LFBC extension campus awaiting second and third floors to serve as dorms for students

house new students. The goal is to have one floor completed by June 2015. Though this very expensive for them, it is cheap for those living in North America. If you would like to give toward this project make your gift to Living Faith and designate it to Doulos Vision—Nagaland Dorms.

Thank you for your very kind support!

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