

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

August 21, 2022

Activate the Holy Spirit

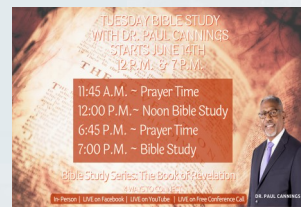
There is no question that in a church or in a home we may experience emotional pain because of what someone may say or do. Our response can either be one of restoration or we can focus on destroying the person who hurt us. One response can activate the ministry of the Holy Spirit who is stimulated as a result of our commitment to the Word (Ephesians 4:17-24) or we can respond naturally which is led by the flesh (Galatians 5:16-21). To be led by the flesh allows satan to get a foothold, which stimulates more destruction (Ephesians 4:26-27).

When I was growing up I enjoyed coming home from school and looking at cartoons. I remember seeing a cartoon where a big fly flew into a man's home and was making a lot of noise and was landing in all the wrong places. At first the man tried swatting the fly but the fly was too quick. So the man opened the windows in his house and waited for the fly to leave, but the fly started flying around even more and kept landing on the man's head. The man got tired of it and became very angry, so he got his gun and began shooting at the fly. The fly finally left, but the man's house was a wreck.

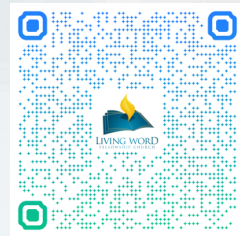
When our emotional pain leads us to function in the flesh, we may never destroy the other person more than we destroy ourselves (Matthew 6:14-15). Emotional pain is harder to heal than physical pain, and this is why God has given the church the gifts of encouragement and mercy. This is why the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to comfort us and be our peace (John 14:16,18,27; 16:7). Let's intentionally allow our relationship with Christ to regenerate the needed strength and insight we need to direct our relationship with others (1 John 2:3-6, 9-11; 4:7-13).



UPCOMING Events



**BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY
12 NOON & 7 P.M.**
Join Dr. Paul Cannings for Bible study on the Book of Revelation. There are three ways to join: in-person, Facebook or on YouTube. Prayer times are on Free Conference Call from 11:45 a.m.—12 noon and 6:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Call (978) 990-5374 Access Code: 1165799
Bible study notes are available at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/bible-study-notes



**APPLE IPAD/LAPTOP/MOBILE PHONE/SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY TRAINING
SAT. AUG. 27TH 10:00 A.M.**
Join us for a FREE basic technology training that will cover the basics of how to use Apple iPads, laptops, mobile phones and social media including privacy settings and how to keep yourself safe online and on social media channels. This training will feature our very own Sharon Daniels from the Prairie View A&M Computer Science Department & School of Engineering. Register here <https://bit.ly/3Pi10vs> or by scanning QR Code to the left. For more information email Shani Smothers at shani.smothers@lwfellowshipchurch.org



**YOUTH MONTH 2022
ALL GOOD ROMANS 8:28**
Our LWFC Kidz and Legacy Youth are excited about ministering this month, so please join us every Sunday in August at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services for special presentations. Stay connected for more information on the events page of our website.



**LWCA BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL
SPECIAL LIMITED PRICE—\$35-\$55 PER WEEK**
The Living Word Christian Academy is having a Back to School Special for Before and After School Care of \$55 per week and only \$35 per week for either After or Before care. Yes, that's right only \$35 per week! Transportation included from select schools. For more information, call (713) 686-5538 or register at www.lwcaacademy.org



CHURCH BAZAAR— SUN. OCT. 2ND
Living Word Fellowship will be hosting a Church Bazaar on Oct. 2nd to showcase church ministries, services, and all of our volunteer opportunities. Leaders, coordinators and all who want to serve during this incredible event, scan the QR Code to the left or contact Jeffrey Allen for more information at jeffery.allen@lwfellowshipchurch.org



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"On Display"

1 Timothy 4:11-12, 15-16

Min. Jordan Washington

Click on the "Resources" tab and click "Sermon Notes"

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Infants—6th grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL
2:30 4:00 & TUESDAY NIGHTS
EFFECTING TODAY FOR TOMMORROW
youth ministry of LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY 2:30 PM

On Display
1 Timothy 4:11-12, 15-16

I. Look Up vs. 11-12

- A. Take charge in the midst of disruption
1. Be bold 1 Tim. 1:7
 2. Be disciplined 1 Tim. 1:7
 3. Be humble 2 Tim. 2:25
- B. Don't give anyone a reason to discount you 2 Tim. 2:22/
 Ecc. 9:11
1. Leverage your perspective and your circumstances for heavenly gain
 —Leadership is based on spiritual development, not age
 2. Remember your spiritual responsibilities 1 Thess. 5:22
- C. Reflect on Christ, reflect on greatness:
1. In what you say Eph. 4:29
 —Speech is a revealer of character and heart posture
 —Holy Spirit's influence and purifying of the heart produces godly speech
 2. In how you conduct yourself Col. 1:10
 3. By loving God and your neighbor as yourself 1 Cor. 13
 4. Keep faith in adversity Gal. 6:9
 —Be confident in Christ and what He has done
 —Build your life on the truth of His word
 5. Preserving your purity 1 Cor. 6:19
 —Your body and mind are sacred;, honor God with them
 —Impurity destroys our reputation, influence and fellowship with God

II. Deliverance Through Perseverance vs. 15-16

- A. Persistence in self-examination saves you from destruction
1. Watch your heart and doctrine closely Prov. 4:23
 2. Hold yourself accountable and invite others to as well Jam. 5:16
 3. Intentionally and consistently invest in your walk
 4. The disciplined will be preserved through danger



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 SAT. AUGUST 27TH 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
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Featuring Our Very Own Sharon Daniels, Prairie View A&M University, Computer Science Department, Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

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BRING YOUR TECH QUESTIONS & GET ANSWERS!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Jenny Dangerfield & family, Joyce Newsome & family, Pastor & Bobby Lawrence & family, Doris Myles & family, and Wesley Buckner and family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptists, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Barbara Gordon, Eric White, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Lakessia Davis, Rutha Patrick, the Tillis family, Betty Goode, Joseph Brown, and Kevin Carey.

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