



LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

30TH

ANNIVERSARY

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Dr. Paul Cannings

30 Years of God's Faithfulness

I was told that I become nostalgic every five years. VERY TRUE! Starting a church was VERY intimidating, and it seems like every five years I'm reminded of those early days when Living Word was planted in my heart.

Even though I had served many pastors in Houston and across the country in my roles at the College of Biblical Studies and at the Urban Alternative under Dr. Tony Evans, pastoring a flock was still a battle. I had the best job coming out of seminary as a manager of Urban Alternative offices in three different cities. Our boys, Paul and Pierre, were eight and six years old. My accent was thick, (my wife's was even thicker!) and of all the places in the world, I am originally from Guyana where Jim Jones led over eight hundred to their deaths - (as a matter of fact, a person once said to me, "I'm not drinking no Kool-Aid," LOL!!). On top of that, I felt led to plant the church in the heart of the urban community even with my accent that sounded like I came from anywhere but the community. All this spelled failure.

Paradoxically, I felt an overwhelming need to start Living Word, so I reached out to two people, George Burrell and William Roque, and then two others joined us at KHCB studios. Because of what kept pouring out of me for vision, strategy, leadership, and discipleship training, I soon realized that this was the Lord's agenda, therefore the church must be built on His Word. I remember sensing an enormous desire to name the church Living Word Fellowship Church. From this point forward, all the way to a Bible study where people just kept showing up, (Mary Wheatley, Pat Crawford, Lyndia Tarkington to name a few) I realized that this was the Lord's place. To reflect back, once twenty years passed, each five years brings me back to a place of amazement at what the Lord has done; and the fact that He would use a person from Guyana to lead His kingdom agenda is mind-boggling. I feel like the Apostle Paul who would say; "I have made a fool of myself, but you drove me to it. I ought to have been commended by you, for I am not in the least inferior to the "super-apostles," even though I am nothing." (2 Corinthians 12:11-12; NIV; 1 Corinthians 15:8)

Over the last thirty years, we've seen people healed from major diseases, marriages restored, and the community blessed through our Christian Outreach Center. We've seen people come to Christ through our evangelism ministry. Our school has reached so many children, and our missions ministry now stretches around the world! It is a constant reminder of what God does when His vision spreads to the hearts of many. Just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Living Word, keep the faith (1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8). The vision has never made sense to everyone, but God has always made it become clear to all those who choose to believe (1 Timothy 4:11-16).

I am honored to serve my Lord and to be your pastor these thirty years!

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As a child, Pastor's son, Youth Pastor, and now your Assistant Pastor, watching God's faithfulness at Living Word Fellowship Church for 30 years has been an intimate experience. What an honor and privilege to have a front row seat at God's sustaining power and favor on our LWFC family!

As a son, God has graciously allowed me to see the necessary sacrifice of a father and mother to the glory of God and body of Christ. As a child, I watched the late nights and early mornings of prayers, tears, and worship, offered up by my mom and dad, while still loving their children and each other. I remember watching my dad shed tears for the people he was called to shepherd, and going to Living Word Christian Academy and seeing my mom wax the floors for the new school year. Now, as a father, I know what it means to sacrificially love my family and God's church.

Growing up in the church, I experienced strangers becoming my brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers. As a 9-year-old, this is the only church family I remember. My friends from youth ministry are still my brothers and sisters today. Although LWFC has grown significantly, it still feels like a family to me. I now know what it means to weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice. I have seen the loss of family members, and I have seen our family grow.

As a Pastor, I follow the example provided by my father, and love members as family. I know that leadership here at Living Word will require sacrifice, but it is worth it for the body of Christ. I am confident there will be times of suffering and celebration. Today is one of those days to celebrate God's faithfulness. A day that we all can remember God's favor as a family. My prayer, as we continue in God's faithfulness, is that we all can look back 30 years from now, and celebrate God again as one big family.



Dr. Pierre Cannings

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Events

30th Anniversary Sunday.....January 14, 2024 8 am/11am

Wall of Remembrance Dedication..... March 31, 2024 10 am

Family Reunion Sunday..... June 30, 2024 9:30 am

LWFC Game Sunday.....September 29, 2024

30th Anniversary Concert..... December 29th or 31st TBD

Order of Worship

Praise & Adoration

Communion

Praise & Worship

Silent Voices Of Praise

LWFC Mime Ministry

30th Anniversary Video Presentation

Offering

Introduction of the Speaker

Special Music

Serenity Praise Dance Ministry

The Word of God

Pastor Rodney Maiden

Providence Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH

Call to Discipleship

1st Time Visitors Invitation

Benediction

Sermon Notes

“Celebrating the Faithfulness of God”

Lamentations 3:21-26

Pastor Rodney Maiden, Guest Preacher

Providence Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH

21 - But this I will call to mind; therefore I will hope:

22 - The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent;

23 - They are renewed each morning- great is your faithfulness!

24 - The Lord is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him.

25 - The Lord is good to those who trust him, to the one that seeks him;

26 - It is good to hope in silence for the Lord's deliverance.

Meaning of Faithfulness:

I. vs. 22a God is Faithful in His _____

a. _____ (Eph. 2:8; Eph. 2:1-4)

b. _____

II. vs 22b-23 God is Faithful in His _____

a. _____ (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20)

b. _____ (Eph. 3:20)

c. _____ (Phil. 4:19) (Job 13:15)

d. _____ (Heb. 13:8) (Mal. 3:6)

God's gifts are fresh according to verse 23a. (Matt. 6:34)

III. v. 24-26. God is Faithful in His _____

a. _____

b. _____ (John 6:37; John 10:28)

c. _____ (Romans 10:9, 13; Rev. 20:17)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Announcements

KEEP
THE
DREAM
ALIVE

MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY



Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

In celebration of the life and legacy of the Civil Rights leader and activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our church offices will be closed tomorrow, Jan. 15, 2024.

Covenant Keepers Marriage Ministry
Annual

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday January 27
9AM-11AM



\$5 PER PERSON - ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
<https://bit.ly/MarriageBreakfast2024>

For more information contact Sherri or Terry Randle
at lwfcmarriage@gmail.com



Marriage Ministry Prayer Breakfast

Join us at the Marriage Ministry's Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 from 9 - 11 a.m. in Legacy Sanctuary. Cost per person is \$5. Registration required. Register online now at <https://bit.ly/MarriageBreakfast2024>

 **VOLLEYBALL**
SATURDAYS

 **LADIES 1ST SATURDAY** 
 **CO-ED 3RD SATURDAY** 

12:30 PM

AGES 12+ **LWCA 6601 ANTOINE DR.**

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FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
ALLISON PRYOR AT AEPYOR1@GMAIL.COM







Volleyball Saturdays

Living Word family, its time for Volleyball Saturdays! Ladies join us 1st Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. and every 3rd Saturday everyone is welcome to attend Co-ed Volleyball at 12:30 p.m. at LWCA 6601 Antoine Dr. Houston, TX 77091

700 Club

700 FAMILIES  **503 FAMILIES**

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700 FAMILIES **\$200 PER MONTH** **5 YEARS** **MAIN SANCTUARY PAID DOWN**

TO GIVE VISIT THE GIVE TAB ON LWFELLOWSHIPCHURCH.ORG AND CHOOSE 700 CLUB

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE CHURCH AT (281) 260-7402

700 Club

The 700 Club still needs you! We value our children and young adults. We want to provide a space for these groups to develop and grow. Our goal is for 700 families to donate \$200 per month, so we can pay down the mortgage in 5 years and acquire more funding to build better spaces. Join the 700 Club today. For more information contact the church at 281-260-7402.

Elders & Deacons

Elders

Paul Cannings, Sr.
Pierre Cannings
Anthony Johnson
Alonzo Mims

Family Deacons

Curtis Sanders
Donald Edwards
George Washington
Jesse Austin
Joseph Sharpe
Leo Banks
Nuell Nichols
Prentice Smith
Reginald Parker
Robert James

Administration Deacons

Byron Pope
Curtis Wiley
John Andrado
Marcello Ramos
Oscar Davis
Reese Times
Reginald Mitchell

Deacons in Training

Davin Williams
Ellis Bonton
Arthur Latham
Jesse Randle
Nathaniel Ryans
Aray Williams

Ministry Opportunities

Shepherding

Comfort/Care
New Members
Leadership Development
Associate Ministers
Prayer Ministry
Widows Ministry
Grief Ministry
Special Events
Deacon Family Care

Worship

Drama
Service Team
Ushers
Greeters
Lord's Supper
Praise Dancers
Music
Mime Ministry
Media Ministry

Administration

Accounting Control
Count Team
Security
Maintenance
Human Resources
Print Production
Construction
Information Services
Marketing
Staff

Family Life

Marriage
Parenting
Finance Ministry
Family Advisors
Men's Ministry
Women's Ministry
A.N.E.W. Ministry
Young Adult Ministry

Christian Outreach Center

Community Programs
Food Pantry
Outreach
Economic Development
Restoration & Recovery
Anger Management
Social Services
Prison Ministry

Discipleship

Spiritual Gifts
Life Application
Adult Education
Titus Ministry
Small Groups
Discipleship Training
Resource Ministry

Children & Youth

AWANA
Children's Ministry
Pre-Teen Ministry
Youth Ministry
Teacher Training
Community Outreach
Puppet Ministry
Children's Choir

Fellowship

Food Service
Annual Events
Silver Stars
Sports Ministry
Faith & Fitness Ministry
Singles Ministry

Evangelism/Missions

Missions
Urban Missions Team
Evangelism
Evangelism Training

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Ministry
College Ministry

ABC WORD ACADEMY

Christian Childcare
Before/ After School Program
Day Crae Director
Pre-School Staff

*Special Thanks to all Committees and Individuals Who Consistently Gave
and Served to Make This Celebration a Great Success!*



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Focus for 2024

A lot of times when we experience intense challenges, these incidents may make us feel God is silent or slow to provide us a response (Psalm 28). Sometimes, we may engage our natural instincts to achieve what we believe is best. We may instinctively respond based on past experiences, educational backgrounds, or logical processes. We tend to pray when our accomplishments do not bring about the results we expect or desire. We sometimes only lean on God as the only remaining option (it may seem). This may be compounded when it seems like God is taking a long time to respond, or He does not respond in the manner or time frame we desire. God has demonstrated throughout the years that no matter what His church experiences, He is always there, working things out for the good of those who keep walking in His ways. (Matthew 28:20) ("Love Him" Romans 8:28, John 14:15). He proves that He is never silent or absent, because His purposes are unshakable; His power is incomprehensible, so there is no reason for God to be discomposed. This is why He seems quiet. It is because there is no reason for Him to think His purposes will not be accomplished; after all, He is the Lord God, Almighty. He proves that all we need to do is to demonstrate our trust by remaining faithful in our obedience to Him, no matter the circumstances we may encounter (John 15:1-15). When we are committed to trust Him (demonstrated by our faithful obedience to Him), we allow ourselves to become immersed in His results because "GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS!!!"

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore, I have hope in Him." The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation for the Lord."