



April 2017

Sundays

Worship Service (English)

9:00 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm

Worship Service (Spanish)

1:00 pm

Children's Church

9:00 am

11:00 am

2:00 pm

Wednesdays

EMPOWER

Discipleship Groups

7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study

Spanish Bible Study

Blaze Young Adults

4 Life Youth Service

Girls Ministries

Royal Rangers

"PERPLEXED AT THE TOMB"

"And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel." Luke 24:2-4

On Sunday morning, the women who followed and loved Jesus decided to go to the tomb where He was buried. When they arrived at His burial place they "expected" to find a big stone covering the grave. Instead, to their utter confusion, the stone was rolled away and the grave empty. The Bible says, **"they were perplexed."**

Have you ever found yourself **"perplexed"** by circumstances in life? I know I have. I expected one thing, but got something totally different. You work hard to do a good job. You expect a promotion and a raise, but instead the boss puts a friend in the position that was promised to you. Or worse, you get let go. You are confused, perplexed and extremely upset.

We can all identify with the **perplexity** of the women who made it to the tomb. They had just two days prior buried a friend in a tomb, and returned 48 hours later to find the body gone. When the women told the disciples that Jesus' body was missing, they were confused.

The ladies were emotional and grief stricken; the men doubted their story because it was confusing. In fact, Luke tells us that the *"words of the women seemed to the apostle as idle tales, and they believed them not."* Not only was everyone perplexed and confused, but the apostles thought the ladies made the whole story up.

There's a big lesson for you and me. When things don't meet our expectations, we all can be confused. And confusion leads to distrust. At the tomb, we find two men sent from Heaven, reminding the perplexed women of Jesus' words: *"In three days I will rise."* But, sadly, fueled by false expectations and overwhelming disappointment, the women became confused and forgot Jesus' words.

The women weren't the only ones to forget what Jesus said. When Jesus' disciples heard their story, they too, forgot Jesus' words and decided not to believe what the women said.

To the point, that hours later when two of Jesus' followers were headed home to Emmaus, they were still in such a confused state that they not only forgot all the words in Scripture Jesus told them, which pointed to his death, they forgot Him. When Jesus joined them on their journey— their perplexity and confusion blinded them so much they didn't recognize He was right by their side. I think we all can admit that in life when we face disappointments it can lead to sorrow, confusion, grief, and regrets.

The apostle Paul, in writing to the Christians living in Corinth during very trying times, has heaven's answer to the perplexity and confusion we face.

Paul points out that in our lives we may be **"afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair."** (II Corinthians 4:8) Why not? Because He says, even in our "earthen vessels" we can show God's transcendent power. We may be confused and perplexed by difficult circumstances we face, but when we do not let these tragedies make us lose our grip on God, we are showing His power working in us. If it's our power we're trusting, we do get confused. We think that the news of Christ's resurrection is nothing but an "idle" tale. But when we remember Jesus' words, we are empowered by the Source that is greater than our disappointment, sadness, or confusion.

When you are on your "Emmaus" roads of life questioning, confused or perplexed, be grateful and thankful that Jesus never leaves you or forsakes you, but walks with you step by step even when you can't feel or see Him. There may be times in your life that Jesus is silent, but He is never absent! In perplexities when you do not know what to do or understand what is going on, be patient and calm by the thought that "what is hidden from you is not hidden from Him." Until then, let us continue. . . Changing Lives for Eternity!

With Love,
Pastors Terry & Tina Richardson

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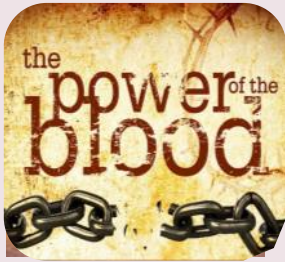
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COMING SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April 2nd: 9 & 11 am Services "The Power of the Blood" Series



"Redeemed to be Blessed"

In this third message of the series, Pastor will give you several principles on how God has purchased you to bless you. In that blessing comes the privilege to bless others.

6 PM: Reverend Randal Baird



Missionary to Ireland

The journey for Randal and Kendra Baird began in 2001 when they served as Children's Pastors in Southwest Houston. It was on a trip where God opened the doors to the next journey in Ireland. God spoke the word "home" into Randal's heart on a Mission's trip in 2006. Their family then began a journey of

seeking God and His timing. It is their desire to return to Ireland and help with church planting. They desire to see the local church encouraged and fulfilling God's purposes. The Baird Family is excited about the journey ahead that God has already planned out.

April 9th: 9 & 11 am Services "The Power of the Blood" Series



"Total Restoration"

Pastor will share through this series the power behind the shed blood of Jesus on the cross and the power behind His blood. In this final message you will see how through Christ's atoning death that we are totally restored. At one time we were alienated and separated from God, but

through Christ's blood the gap is bridged between humanity and God.

6 PM: Ladies Alive Service



Reverend Tina Richardson

Pastor Tina will be delivering a message on mentoring. Mentoring is a biblical relationship in which a more experienced or knowledgeable person helps guide a less experienced or knowledgeable person. Titus 2 expressly speaks to mentoring. Every Life Church lady is invited to attend

this special service. There will be a time to sign-up for *Secret Sisters*, door prizes, anointed Praise & Worship and delivery of the Word. Bring your girlfriends, too, as we gather to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ—the best Friend of all.

April 16th: 9, 11 am Services Easter Service



Join us Easter Sunday for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this message Pastor will share with you three areas that Christ's resurrection speaks to us. It speaks to our yesterday—our past failures and bad choices; our today—giving us power to live; and our tomorrow—security for

tomorrow and eternal life. Jesus conquered death, hell and the grave and through His victory, we have victory for yesterday, today and tomorrow.

6 PM: Evening Service Dismissed



April 23rd: 9 & 11 am Services "A Cup or A Well?"



Perspective is a powerful thing. Often our trails are magnified and our blessings, minimized. This is exactly the way the enemy wants you to see things. But God's truth tells us differently! In this message you will learn to look past your *cup* of trails and tap into God's never-ending *well* of blessing!

6 PM: Pastor Terry Richardson



Pastor Terry Richardson will minister during the evening service. Bring the entire family to Sunday evening service as you will not leave the same way as you came.

SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April 30th: 9 & 11 am Services

"Choosing To Grow Up"



Are you growing up or down? The truth is, you better be doing both! In this message you'll learn how to be firmly planted and rooted in faith in order to grow to your full potential and achieve the heights God has planned for you.

4 PM

Life Church at the Park



Join us for our Life Church Picnic at OP Schnabel Park (Pavilion #1) from 4-8pm. The Church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs for the event. We are asking each family to bring a side and dessert. Bring your own chairs, games, and drinks. The park has plenty to offer our church families. The park has baseball fields,

basketball courts, and several walking trails. Also the pavilion is adjacent to a playground for your children to enjoy. Get ready for some church family fun time!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Are you new to Life Church? Would you like more information about Life Church or how to get involved? Join Pastor Paul on Sunday, April 2nd and April 9th at 10 am upstairs in the Multipurpose Room. We would love to get to know you and help you get connected to our Life Church family.

Membership Sunday

April 30th

We will receive new members into our church family, Sunday, April 30th, during our Sunday services. If you desire to become a member but have not joined, complete a membership card and return it to an usher or leave it at the Information Center.



BBQ PLATE SALE

APRIL 22nd, 11 am - 3 pm

\$7.00 per plate



We are **EXPECTING MORE** for our Potranco Campus. BBQ Plate tickets are on sale at the Information Center.

Life Church Child Development Center

DAY CAMP

June 5, 2017—August 11, 2017



Monday-Friday: 8 am-6 pm
(Early Bird Hours available for additional cost)

For School Ages : 5-12 years old
10 Weeks of Summer Fitness Fun!
Includes: Exercise, Dance, Basketball, Bible Lessons, Water Activities, Nutritional Classes, Field Trips, Fun Games and more...

\$25 Registration Fee/ \$500 Monthly Tuition
Only 25 Spots available. Call now to register!
For more information please call the Child Development Center office at (210)674-6784



Girls Ministry Nursing Home Outreach

Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm

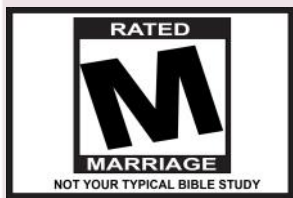
Life Church Girls Ministry will be participating in an outreach ministry at Legend Oak Nursing Home on April 12th at 7pm. The girls are need gently used or new small stuffed animals, sugar free candy or donations to help with their outreach. There will be a box available in the foyer and near the gym beginning March 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact our Girls Ministry Coordinator, Debbie Valdez at 210.674.6784.



"Marriage Encounter" Weekend *San Antonio*

March 31st– April 2nd

Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway for couples who want to see their marriage move from good to great. *Marriage Encounter* allows couples an opportunity to sign off, get away, and examine their lives together in a real and realistic way. It is based on the belief that marriage is the most significant relationship on earth. If you believe that, too, *Marriage Encounter* is for you. To register or for more information visit Marriage Encounter's website at www.agme.org.



RATED M FOR MARRIAGE

Friday, April 21st at 7 pm

at the Home of
David & Lyn Thomason

1339 South Flores Street # 202/ 210.317.3403

Designed specifically for married couples, Rated M is a group that meets monthly to discuss the tough issues in marriage. From communication to addictions, this study will dive into God's Word to see what He has to say about marriage's most difficult subjects. Because of the subject matter of this study, we ask that only married couples (without the kiddos) attend.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 22nd at 9 am

The Men's Breakfast will meet on April 22nd for a time of fellowship. The men will be assisting with the church BBQ Plate Sale. Grab a buddy, and join us for a time of godly, manly fellowship while helping our church! For information, contact Steve Colman at (210) 316-8659.



**Senior Adult
Ministry**
Adults ages 50 and over

Breakfast Fellowship at The Egg and I

Tuesday, April 11th, 9:00 am
(HWY 151 & Ingram Rd.)

Game Day Fellowship

Tuesday, April 25th, 12 pm

Join us for a great time of games and fellowship at Airforce Village I. Lunch (optional) will begin at 11am and games will begin at 12pm. If you would like more information about Prime Timers events, please call the church office at (210) 674-6784.



Connect2 Single Parent Ministry

Saturday, April 15th
10am - 12pm

Connect2 Single Parent Ministry will meet at the church on *Saturday, April 15th* for an egg hunt for the Single Parent kiddos. We will meet from 10 am—12 pm so bring the family to this wonderful time of church family fellowship. Call Teri Chapa at (210) 241-1805 or Maryann Alonzo at (210) 833-6103 for more information about our Connect1 Single Parent ministry.



Ladies Alive



presents

"My Sister . . . My Friend" *A Friendship Celebration*

Friday, May 5, 2017; 7:00 p.m.
Life Church Gymnasium

More information coming in your Sunday bulletin. Reserve your seat at the Information Center. There is no charge for this event.

Del Escritorio del Pastor Ruiz



“Y me dijo: Profetiza al espíritu, profetiza, hijo de hombre, y di al espíritu: Así ha dicho Jehová el Señor: Espíritu, ven de los cuatro vientos, y sopla sobre estos muertos, y vivirán”. Ezequiel 37:9

Estas fueron las palabras que salieron de la boca del Profeta Ezequiel cuando Dios le dijo que profetizara estando en medio de ***EL VALLE DE HUESOS SECOS***.

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Todo comenzó con una pregunta que Dios le hizo al profeta cuando le dijo: Hijo de hombre ¿Vivirán estos huesos? Y el dijo: Señor, solo tú Jehová los sabes.

Jehová llamó a Ezequiel, un profeta del Antiguo Testamento a un valle que estaba lleno de huesos secos que ya tenían mucho tiempo de estar ahí.

Estos huesos por mucho tiempo habían aguantado el calor del sol y poco a poco se fueron secando, quedando solamente un montón de huesos.

Es triste que la Iglesia de nuestra generación en los últimos tiempos, la cual Dios espera que esté llena de vida y vigor, llena de amor y deseo de servicio este hoy igual que estos huesos: ***SECOS Y MUERTOS***.

Que tremendo que una Iglesia pueda estar llena de personas, pero de gente sin vida, sin espíritu dentro de ellas; gentes con vidas secas y vacías, sin motivo por el cual congregarse... El valle representaba a ***Israel***, y hoy deseamos hacer un paralelismo con la Iglesia de los últimos tiempos. el Señor: Espíritu, ven de los cuatro vientos, y sopla sobre estos muertos, y vivirán. Y solo así, podremos ver a un ejercito levantarse si el ***Espíritu*** esta en las personas.

Pastor Juan Manuel Ruiz 2 Crónicas 16:9 a)

SERIE: “ESPÍRITU SANTO SOPLA”



Necesitamos con desesperación un Despertar Espiritual que sacuda nuestras vidas y nos desafíe a seguir buscando a Dios de todo corazón.

¿Cuanta hambre y sed de Dios tienes? Sera lo suficiente para alcanzar a otros y crear unidad.

Jesus dijo en su palabra en: **Mateo 17:21**
para que todos sean uno; como tú, oh Padre, en mí, y yo en ti, que también ellos sean uno en nosotros; para que el mundo crea que tú me enviaste.

“OREMOS JUNTOS”

Por un **AVIVAMIENTO**, un **DESPERTAR ESPIRITUAL** individual y corporativo...Busquemos a Dios apasionadamente. Así, ***“Como el ciervo brama por las corrientes de las aguas, Así clama por ti, oh Dios, el alma mía.” Salmo 42: 1***



¿TE GUSTARIA ALABAR A DIOS? músicos, cantores, solistas y salmistas. Si sabes tocar o cantar y te gustaría ser parte de un equipo ungido que sabe adorar a Dios en espíritu y en verdad. Bien ya es tiempo de **ADORAR** con todo el corazón y entregarle a Dios tu talento y tus habilidades musicales. Para más información favor de contactar al Hno. David Ruiz Líder de Alabanza de Iglesia Vida. (281) 915-8317





SPARK CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

9, 11 AM & 1PM SERVICES

If you've ever seen an episode of the TV show, "24," then you've seen special agent Jack Bauer go through all kinds of incredible difficulties in order to eventually save the day. The show is filled with twists and turns. You are left thinking, "Is it really possible for someone to go through SO MUCH in just **24 hours**?" Well, Jack Bauer doesn't have anything on Jesus. In the last **24 hours** of Jesus' life, He went through so many twists, turns, and difficulties. Jesus was betrayed by a friend, arrested, put on trial, convicted, beaten, mocked, and sentenced to death by being nailed to a cross - all in only **24 hours**. Jesus went through all of this for a reason...US! We are the reason that Jesus gave His life. He died on that cross in order to provide a way for every person to receive forgiveness of their sins. He paid the price for you and me. The last **24 hours of Jesus' life** was most definitely "**A Day That Saved The World!**" This series will take the children on a journey through the last **24 hours of Jesus' life**. From the Last Supper to Gethsemane, and all the way to the Cross - the children will learn all about why we celebrate Easter in this series. We pray this series is a blessing to you and your children.



April 2nd - "**Time To Pray**"
April 9th - "**Tough Choices**"
April 16th - "**The Price Is Right**"

There are so many different kinds of **doors**: revolving doors, sliding doors, doors you pull, doors you push, doors that open automatically, doors that fold, big doors, small doors, car doors, garage doors, **doors** that are massive pieces of artwork, and **doors** that just keep you safe. In this series we are talking about **doors**. No, not the kind of doors we walk in and out of every day. We are talking about a different kind of door. We are talking about a **door of opportunity**: opportunity to share God's love. There are a lot of countries around the world. Every country has a door. Those **doors** are either open or closed to hearing the Gospel of Jesus. Several countries have their doors open, and people are allowed to freely go in and out sharing the love of Jesus. But, some countries have their **doors** closed. They don't want anyone to come in that might share about Jesus. They want nothing to do with Christians and will do anything to keep them out! This means that there are a lot of people who have never heard about Jesus and have no idea how much He loves them. In this series, we are going to be talking all about these **doors** and what God is ready to do about them. We are going to learn that God is not intimidated by closed, locked **doors**. He can bust through any door!



April 23rd - "**Door Breakers**"
April 30th - "**Closed, Locked Doors**"



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If you are on Facebook, Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/sparkkidzsa/>



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Great News!

Parents and students you can now subscribe to Remind and receive text messages on upcoming events in Spark Kidz or weekly reminders. To receive messages via text, just text **@sparkkidz** to **81010**.

LIFEGROUPS

HOST HOMES



**Jennifer &
CJ Morales**
Fridays at 7PM
In the area of 78227



**Frances & Robert
Sanchez**
Tuesdays at 6:30PM
In the area of 78251



Brittany & Brian Boet
Tuesdays at 6:30PM
In the area of 78250



**Rita Colman
& Tina Irvin**
Fridays at 7:00PM
**In the area of
78252**



**Allen & Michelle
Martin**
*Thursdays at
7:00PM*
**In the area of
78245**

Starting the Week of April 2nd

In April we are launching Life Groups-small home groups at Life Church- as well as our Empower small group classes. We encourage you to join a small group whether meeting on Life Campus or at a home. What is the Purpose of Life Groups? The Scriptures indicate that the Christian life is to be lived out in community with other believers. Within that community, we are instructed to encourage one another, serve one another, rejoice and weep with one another, correct, instruct, build up, accept and love one another. Life Groups provide a wonderful context to facilitate involvement in one another's lives. Our Groups come in all shapes and sizes – married couples, singles, men, women, kids, no kids, under 20, over 40 – the list goes on. No matter where you are in life, there's a group for you. You see, "Groups Will Get You" where you need to be in life's journey. Ready to dive in?

Sign up today at the Life Group Information Table in the foyer or send an email with your desired group & information to allen@lifechurchsa.com.

He Has Risen!

Join Life Church
for a special Easter service
Sunday, April 16th
at 9 & 11 am
y en Español a las 1pm

4424 SW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78227

