

Life Church

OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



September 2016 Sundays

Worship Service (English)
9:00 am
11:00 am
6:00 pm

Worship Service (Spanish)
9:00 am

Children's Church
9:00 am
11:00 am
2:00 pm

Blaze Young Adults
7:30 pm

Wednesdays

EMPOWER
Discipleship Groups
7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study
Spanish Bible Study
Blaze Young Adults
4 Life Youth Service
Girls Ministries
Royal Rangers

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"**G**ROUPS WILL GET YOU THERE"

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship...and all that believed were together, and had all things common...and they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house..." - Acts 2:42-45

We see the pattern for the church in the book of Acts. The believers gathered together in the temple to worship together, but, also they gathered together in small home groups to fellowship, encourage one another, and to study God's Word. The focus on the early church's small group gathering was not just to meet for coffee and eat a doughnut, but the early church's small groups had spiritual habits that helped form the hearts and lives of believers in spiritual growth.

You see, healthy small groups are an intentional gathering of people who agree to share life together, meeting on a regular basis for the purpose of fulfilling God's mission for the church and for making disciples of Christ. While every church has its own culture, God gives us some specific guidelines for growing healthy groups. What are the keys to healthy small groups?

Key #1: Koinonia

Koinonia is the Greek word used for fellowship; however, Biblical fellowship is more than having cake and cookies in the church's fellowship hall. The word means a "sharing in common, communion". Christian fellowship is an important part of the Christian life. It is coming together to share the joys and sorrows of life encouraging in love, faith and prayer. That is the essence of true koinonia.

Key #2: Bible Study

The Early Church continued in the study of the apostles' doctrine or God's Word. The Bible is God's manual for life. As Christians, many of us know why we should study the Bible, but why should we study the Bible in small groups? First

and foremost, our groups must have an upward focus. A group that is not focused on God and His Word is just a bunch of people getting together to have fun. While fun is important, small group Bible study offers a safe place to grow, ask questions, and learn. Most importantly, small groups will help you apply God's Word as we encourage one another in handling life issues.

Key #3: Community

Acts 2:42 says the early believers devoted to "fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers". Small groups are a place where people can find help with their spiritual needs. They are a place where members pray for each other, encourage and edify one another. Ecclesiastes 4:10 says it this way "for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

Key #4: Outreach

Acts 2:47 says, "and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved". Reaching out to the world around us is a vital part of serving Christ and the mission of the church. It is of great value for every believer to do something to contribute to the broader ministry and mission of the church. Serving makes for a wonderful marriage between groups and the church as we serve in the church as well as away from the church.

I am excited that during September we are launching Life Groups-small home groups at Life Church- as well as our Empower small group classes. I encourage you to join a small group whether meeting on Life Campus or at a home. These groups will help you to connect with the Life Church family, build friendships, strengthen your walk with God, as well as be an encourager in serving God and others. You see, "Groups Will Get You" where you need to be in life's journey.

Until then, let us continue...
Changing Lives for Eternity!

*With Love,
Pastor Terry & Tina
Richardson*



COMING SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 4th: 9 & 11 am Services

“Groups Will Get You There” Series

“Why We Need Each Other”



Pastor kicks off a new sermon series entitled “Groups Will Get You There”. In this message Pastor seeks to deepen your fellowship within Life Church and help you reach out to the community beyond our church, both with small groups as the catalyst. The Scripture tells us that two are better than one. We need each other to fulfill God’s purposes because we fellowship, worship, grow, serve, and reach out better together.

6 PM: Encounter Prayer



Encountering God changes not just the individual but the home, church, and community. Coming together with your spiritual family in corporate prayer brings unity and harmony within the body of Christ. Bring the entire family and join us as we encounter with our Heavenly Father.

September 11th: 9 & 11 am Services

“Groups Will Get You There” Series

“How We Help Each Other”



Pastor teaches in this second sermon in the “Groups Will Get You There” series on the importance of being connected in order to grow spiritual together. Four ways that we can accomplish this through small groups are to affirm each other’s worth, pray for each other’s growth, admit our mistakes, and encourage each other’s commitment. This message will encourage you to get connected to a small group and the importance of a small group in your life.

6 PM: Pastor Terry Richardson



Pastor Terry Richardson will minister during the evening service. With an open heart, you will receive an anointed ministry of the Word. You will not leave as you came!

September 18th: 9 & 11 am Services

“Groups Will Get You There” Series

“Serving Together”



In this third message of the “Groups Will Get You There” series Pastor teaches that we serve God better when we serve as a team. To build a strong ministry team we need to earn the trust of those we serve with, have empathy and be interested in others, be accommodating and easy to get along with, and share the mission of our ministry team. You will be challenged to find your place in a small group as well as the ministry God planned for you as you discover the joy of serving.

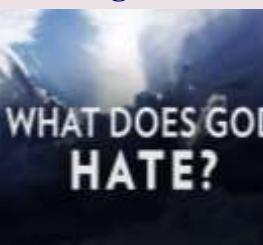
6 PM: Pastor Paul Watson



A product of Teen Challenge, Paul has served in youth/young adult ministry for 24 years. He and his family have attended Life Church since November 2008. Paul serves as Life Church’s Young Adult Ministries Coordinator and Youth Pastor. Pastor Paul’s hope and prayer is to reach young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to see them delivered at the Cross and disciple into their God given destinies.

September 25th: 9 & 11 am Services

“Hating What God Hates”



Hate is a very strong word. Should Christians hate anything? Solomon in Ecclesiastes 3 mentions that there is a time to hate. We are called to love what God loves and we are called to hate what God hates. We are very good in the body of Christ of loving what God loves, most of us don’t have a problem with loving what God loves, but we have a weakness to hating what God hates. In this message Pastor will share with you how to love what God loves and learn to hate what God hates.

6 PM: Pastor Terry Richardson



Pastor Terry Richardson will minister so bring the entire family to Sunday evening service. He will have an anointed message that will minister to you!

Domingo 9:00 am

(Estudio de la Biblia en el salón de ministerios Hispanos)

Servicios:

Miércoles a las 7 pm



Del Escritorio del Pastor Ruiz

²⁵Grandes multitudes iban con él; y volviéndose, les dijo: ²⁶Si alguno viene a mí, y no aborrece a su padre, y madre, y mujer, e hijos, y hermanos, y hermanas, y aun también su propia vida, no puede ser mi discípulo. ²⁷Y el que no lleva su cruz y viene en pos de mí, no puede ser mi discípulo. Lucas 14:25-33

¿Acaso Tienes la Marcas de un Verdadero Discípulo?

¿Qué es ser un discípulo? Ser un discípulo literalmente se traduce como “**un aprendiz**”... denota.... “**el que sigue las enseñanzas de alguien**”....

En términos bíblicos, un “**discípulo**” es un creyente que sigue las **enseñanzas** de **Cristo** y **sigue** Su **ejemplo**.

Así que el discipulado no es simplemente una decisión de creer en un solo momento, sino un **proceso continuo** de **seguir** y **obedecer**.

Algunos definen el discipulado en términos de ciertas capacidades o características de un comportamiento o reglamentos dictados por hombres tales como el: asistir a la iglesia (*aunque no debemos dejar de congregarnos como muchos tiene por costumbre Hebreos 10:25*)

El servir, ofrendar y dar el diezmo fielmente, o decidirse por un estilo de vida que sea saludable, o ser respetado en la comunidad, evangelizar o trabajar en una organización o institución cristiana.

Estos atributos pueden estar presentes en la vida de un discípulo pero no necesariamente lo convierten en un...**Verdadero Discípulo**.

La verdadera llave para definir a un verdadero discípulo está en su **relación** con Jesús. Un verdadero discípulo de Jesús es el que **aprende activamente** a través de observaciones e interacciones de primera mano. Un verdadero discípulo de Jesús es alguien que lo **sigue** y está siendo **moldeado** por Él para hacer la obra que él mismo realiza.

En *Juan 8:31-32* “Dijo entonces Jesús a los judíos que habían creído en él: Si vosotros permaneciereis en mi palabra, seréis verdaderamente mis discípulos; y conoceréis la verdad, y la verdad os hará libres”

Esto significa que debemos **leer Su palabra** con mucho cuidado y no solo **leerla** sino **aplicarla, vivirla** en nuestra vida diaria y **compartirla** siendo un **ejemplo**.

El Apóstol Pablo dijo en: *1 Corintios 11:1* “**Sed imitadores de mí, así como yo de Cristo**” *Filipenses 3:17* “**Hermanos, sed imitadores de mí, y mirad a los que así se conducen según el ejemplo que tenéis en nosotros**”

Pastores Ruiz

Serie: “Las Marcas de Un Verdadero Discípulo”



“Y el que no lleva su cruz y viene en pos de mí, no puede ser mi discípulo” Lucas 14:27

Este mes de Septiembre seremos desafiados a vivir una vida plena del Espíritu, una vida llena de Dios. Y para lograr esto debemos ser “**VERDADEROS DISCIPULOS**” No hacer excusas porque no podemos cambiar, amar y servir a nuestro Señor Jesucristo. **¿Amas más a Dios o al mundo?**

No améis al mundo, ni las cosas que están en el mundo. Si alguno ama al mundo, el amor del Padre no está en él. **1 Juan 2:15 “LAS MARCAS DE JESUS”**



SALVACION, RECONCILIACIÓN, LIBERACIÓN MILAGROS, SANIDADES, PRODIGIOS Y SEÑALES TODOS LOS DOMINGOS POR LA MAÑANA ..9AM..

E N E L G I M N A S I O D E F E



El Ministerio Pan de Vida esta para auxiliar y Bendecir a familias necesitadas es un programa de benevolencia que ministra y ayuda con comida básica a toda persona y familias, especialmente aquellas personas que no conocen de Dios si conoce de alguna familia o familias necesitadas favor de ponerse en contacto con el Pastor Ruiz llamando a la oficina de la Iglesia para mayor información al (210) 674-6784.



GET EMPOWERED

*Wednesdays nights beginning
September 21st at 7pm*

John Bevere DVD Series Relentless: *The Power You Need to Never Give Up Sanctuary*

Flee or Fight? You experience adversity. You know what it is like to endure hardship. You hold on, buckle down, and ride the wave of bad fortune, praying you will make it out alive. You just do what it takes to survive. But what if these trials had the raw potential to change your life? What if the challenges you face could propel you to the next level of faith and maturity? What if you were designed to thrive in adversity, not merely "get by?" In this dvd series, John Bevere wants to take you on a journey to unlock your tenacity. As he recounts the stories of Jesus and John the Baptist, as well as those of many contemporary believers, he presents a powerful pattern: These pillars of faith do not just hang on and survive troubles. They look adversity in the face and stare it down. Armed with the truth in the Word and the power of prayer, you, too, can join the determined ranks of the army of God. Will you fight relentlessly? Learn today how to fight, never give up, and enjoy all God has for you.

"Fight, Girl, Fight" - Fellowship Hall

PRISCILLA SHIRER
The Armor of God

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this bible study is for you. The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. Join Pastor Tina each week as she leads this amazing ladies bible study on The Armor of God.

Talk Now and Later – Room #8

It's a challenge to be a parent today. It's an even greater challenge to be a Christian parent. In this book series, Talk Now And Later: How To Lead Kids Through Life's Tough Topics, author Brian Dollar share insights and answers to the questions about how to influence your children for Christ. He reminds you that you are not parenting alone – you can rely on God's wisdom. Join Armando and Linda Saldivar each week for this outstanding class. Parents, you will feel encouraged and equipped to guide your child through challenging conversations about topics such as Sex, Self-Image, Death, Divorce, Bullying, and more. Don't wait until something big happens to talk to your kids — start now!

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH - Room #3

The purpose of this class is to help you learn the foundational truths of Christianity. A buildings foundation is what keeps it from being shaken. If we want an unshakable faith we need to know what core truths to believe and stand on. Join Craig and Laurali Lemon each Wednesday as they study the book of 1 Corinthians, and look at many truths that are central to Christianity. If you want to learn the basics and core beliefs of Christianity, then this is the class for you.

Diseñados para ser como Jesús– Salón Hispano

La palabra de Dios dice en *Génesis 1:26 Entonces dijo Dios: Hagamos al hombre a nuestra imagen, conforme a nuestra semejanza;* El diseño de Dios es ser como Él. Hay tres cosas cuando menos que podemos hacer para ser como Él. 1.-Enamorarse de Dios 2.-Ser libres de todo pecado 3.- Crecer, madurar espiritualmente. Así, que debemos de buscar a Dios con pasión: “Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, y con toda tu alma, y con toda tu mente” Mateo 22:37 Todos los miércoles a las 7pm en el Salón Hispano - Docente Pastor Ruiz

**THERE'S ALSO CLASSES FOR ROYAL RANGERS,
GIRLS MINISTRY, AND YOUTH**

Life groups

Starting the Week of
September 18th

Host Homes:



Brittany Allen



Brian & Brittany Boet



Peter & Tina Irvin



Michael & Priscilla Kelly



CJ & Jennifer Morales



David & Elizabeth Sanchez



Robert & Frances Sanchez

Stay tuned for more Host Homes, times, and dates to be announced...



Adults ages
50 and over

Breakfast Fellowship at Cracker Barrell

Tuesday, September 13th, 9:00 am
(HWY 151 @ Ingram Rd.)

Game Day Fellowship

Tuesday, September 27th, 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.



RATED M FOR MARRIAGE

Friday,
September 9th 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.



Saturday,
September 17th
at 10am-12pm
Multipurpose Room

Brunch Sports for Single Parents whose children are joining Sports this year. It will be a Pot Luck Brunch Style so bring your best brunch food to share!
For questions contact: Ruth or Randy Peak 210-316-2923, Maryann Alonzo 210-833-6103 or Teri Chapa 210-241-1805

upcoming EVENTS

LIFE CHURCH **CREATIVES**

New Opportunities at Life Church

Thursday, September 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, September 29th, 6:00-6:30pm

Life Church Creatives Open House

On Thursday Evening, September 22nd 6:30-8:30pm in the main sanctuary, Life Church Creatives will be hosting their first Open House. If you sing, play an instrument, or wish to be involved in graphic design, sound, lighting, or media, this is your opportunity to come "try us out." We will have a dessert fellowship afterwards. For more information contact Pastor Michael at michael@lifechurchsa.com or call the Life Church Creatives Offices at 210-674-6784.

Life Church Drama Troupe

On Thursday Evening, September 29th from 6-6:30pm we will have our first informational meeting for the new Life Church Drama Troupe. This group of actors and actresses will minister through periodic skits during our main services. Although not every skit will have parts for everyone, the Troupe is open to all ages. Come hear Pastor Michael's vision for this awesome ministry!



Ladies Alive

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Alive Luau Party

Friday, September 23rd at 7pm
At the home of Milena Cox

Please sign at the
Information Center beginning
September 11th.

More info to come in the
weekly bulletins and Sunday
video announcements.

I Believe...

Life Church Women's Retreat 2016

October
21st -22nd

Camp Young Judaea
near Wimberley, Tx



Hosted By:
Tina Richardson
Women's Pastor
Life Church
San Antonio, Texas



Guest Minister:
Susan Nordin
Associate Pastor
Life Church
Houston, Texas



Guest Worship Team,
New Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

\$70

Includes Dinner and Brunch
Activities Include: Rock Wall,
Kayaking, Ropes Course, Zip Line, and Hiking

Bring an unchurched friend for free!
Register online lifechurchsa.com.

Spark Kidz Church

Sundays at 9 & 11 am



Post-It Notes are one of the greatest inventions ever. They are so useful in our every day lives. We use them to remind ourselves of things that we don't want to forget. We use them to send little messages to others just to let them know how we feel about them.

There are SO MANY uses for **Post-It notes!** But, you know—we started thinking—what if God used **Post-it notes?** Really! **Post-It Notes** are perfect for giving a short message to someone that you don't want them to ever forget, right? Well, there are all kinds of things that God wants to tell us that He doesn't want us to forget. What if God were to write each one of us a **post-it note?**

Well, that's what we are going to explore in this series, "**Post-it Notes From God.**" We are going to look at the Bible and see several very important messages that God NEVER wants us to forget. If God wrote us a **Post-it note**, what would it say?

We think your kids will really enjoy this series that explores these important messages from God! By the time the series is over, they will never look at **Post-It Notes** the same way again. We pray they will always remember the messages that God has for them!

September 4th - "You Matter"

September 11th - "I Have A Plan For You"

September 18th - "Take Out The Trash"

September 25th - "Slow Down"



Girl's Ministry & Royal Rangers **Celebration Night of Achievement**

*October 9th, at 6:00 P.M.
Life Church Sanctuary*

They've been faithful every Wednesday, memorized their scriptures, read their Bibles, worked on their badges, and done much more this year. Come support our kids as we celebrate all of their accomplishments on this special night. We have four amazing young ladies who will be crowned Honor Stars that night. A light reception will follow the service.



Royal Ranger's it's time to Charter again for the upcoming calendar year. The cost is \$16.00 per boy. The money is due no later than Wednesday, September 28th. For more information contact your child's commander.



Ranger Kids Day Camp
Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 A.M.
(Leaving Life Church at 8:30 am)

Phil Hardberger Park
*(8400 N.W. Military Highway,
San Antonio TX 78216)*

The cost of the event will be \$16 for leaders and boys. The cost includes a limited edition patch, as well as, material for each activity and lunch.

Life groups

Coming to Life Church in September

Join us for Sunday mornings in September for Pastor Terry's sermon series "Groups Will Get You There".

4424 SW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78227



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