



**Letter from the Youth Ministry Director
April 2024**

*Unwavering
..... Faith*

is what comes to mind when describing the three "Hebrew Boys" of the book of Daniel. In chapter 3 they are self-confessed to be "...not careful..." (16) to answer King Nebuchadnezzar, telling him point blank, that they "...will not serve thy gods, nor

worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (18). In his rage to their protest, the King resorted to his own law and had Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into a fiery furnace for their punishment. And not just any fiery furnace, but in verse 22 it states that the fire was of "exceeding" heat that was so hot, it slew the men that threw the three boys into it. Once thrown in, to the King's astonishment, not only were the boys unscathed by the fire, but he also saw a fourth man walking about the

fire that in his words, "...and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." After witnessing this the King later called them to come from the fire and said "...Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego..." (28) and also made a decree that any people, nation or language that speaks against their God will be exceedingly punished. They were then promoted by that same King because, of their unwavering faith put into action, it caused a great display of God's power and might.

This month of April, our church's theme is "Growing Strong". And when fully committed, 'Growing' would mean putting forth an action on our part, indicating something to presently take place. Just like the three Hebrew Boys, **believing God in the midst of their 'fiery trial'**, let's us exercise our faith in ways to strengthen us spiritually, and connects us more deeply to the Father. Christ states in John 10: 27-28; "My sheep hear my voice,



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace.

and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Isaiah 40:31 states "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength...". Zechariah 4:6 states, "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." So, in this season of spring - this period of renewal and regeneration **let us as Christian parents believe, listen, wait, rely and follow with unwavering faith in God - and watch our strength grow and continually increase in Him. Amen!**

Let us see all that the month of April has in store for us.

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ISAIAH 40:31 KJV



Harvest Life Kidz in Motion Dance Team after their Palm Sunday Performance.



Coming up, Saturday, April 13th at 12:00 pm is our Parental Empowerment Fellowship, with the theme "Growing a Strong Generation". Don't miss this powerful empowerment session with life-changing impartation from our Senior Pastors, Bishop Lyle Dukes and Pastor Deborah Dukes. Parents, come get equipped with biblical principles, wisdom and parental strategies you can apply to get Kingdom results in your home. You will also learn of opportunities to get your youth actively involved in ministry! **Doors open at 11:30 am.** Come, get a good seat!

Enjoy light refreshments and expect to be

EMPOWERED, ENCOURAGED and RECEIVE what you need to help you be the Kingdom parent God has called you to be!

This event is free and childcare will be provided for youth age 3 - 5th grade.

Visit harvestlife.org or the Harvest Life App to let us know you're coming as well as sign up your age-applicable youth for childcare! **[SIGN UP TODAY!](#)**



REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR OUR HARVEST LIFE YOUTH MINISTRY ACADEMIES, YOUNG WOMEN OF POWER AND YOUNG SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST!!! Our youth academies are life-changing and impactful for our young men and ladies. The cost is just \$45 per person. The deadline to register is Sunday, May 26th. The academies will take place every Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, beginning June 1st - ending June 29th



Our Young Soldiers for Christ Academy (YSFC) is open to young men in grades 4 - 12, and our Young Women of Power Academy (YWOP) is open to young ladies in grades 6 -12. Both are a dynamic 5-week program with 20+ powerful empowerment sessions, countless activities, amazing events including a Graduation Banquet and a SPECIAL POWER SESSION by

Bishop Lyle Dukes for YSFC and Pastor Deborah Dukes for YWOP.

YSFC is designed to help develop young men to be strong Christian leaders, confident young men of God, and to make a positive impact in the church, their family, and their communities through the power of Jesus Christ – as Young Women of Power Academy, is designed to help young ladies understand their purpose and worth, social media influence, positive relationships, exercise & nutrition, etiquette, fashion, and so much more!

The Academies will also enjoy a joint immersive team building field trip to “Beat The Bomb” adventure park in Washington, DC. for an additional fee.

Parents, you DO NOT want your youth to miss out on this grand time of impartation, instruction, fellowship and fun – [REGISTER THEM TODAY](#) before they are sold out!

Also, **Saturday, April 27th is our Harvest Life Spirit Saturday!** All youth (age 3 - 12th grade), will be serving through various outreach initiatives to make a Kingdom impact in our / their church, their community and for Jesus Christ. Specific details regarding youth activities and your youth’s participation in Spirit Saturday is forthcoming!

Parents, **GET YOUR YOUTH INVOLVED!** We have our amazing Harvest Life Kidz Children’s Church, every Sunday at 11:30 am, for youth age 3 -5th grade as well as our Wednesday Night Live session, every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, for youth in grades 6 – 12th grade - and don’t miss our Sunday School classes for all age groups! Let’s have an amazing APRIL!!!

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