

# LIFE

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# Changing



The Church has always evolved throughout the years to becoming a vital part of our community. From the very first day of its foundation, the Church is an essential contributor of the world's culture. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended on 120 believers who were praying in the upper room. They had an experience which was the birthing of the Church, and it has been transitioning from that moment. Even now in the face of this pandemic, the Church remains a pillar of our community which encourages and supports those in need. The doors of Churches have been closed for some time but not its message. Churches everywhere are using social media to convey weekly or bi-weekly messages of hope. These anointed messages of the Kingdom of God are what set the captives free from the bondage of the curse of the law.

The Church's approach of communicating the gospel's message to parishioners has changed. The traditional approaches

as we've known in the past that we are accustomed to will never return. And because of this, I began to contemplate on what the Church must consider in order to move forward. The Lord spoke to me and said that we should reset everything. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word reset as to set again or anew. An example of this would be to update a computer's system. For in-

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stance, when a popup window appears on your computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile device indicating software updates are available to enhance the performance and proficiency of the device, we automatically click the update button. Resetting the Church is similar. It isn't taking anything away from what has already been established. The doctrine of the word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the fundamental principles of our faith remain in tack. However, I believe there are downloads

from God that requires us to reset for the next move of God.

The Joshua generation who crossed the River of Jordan is an example of resetting for the next move of God. While they were in the wilderness, God supplied them with manna from heaven. This happened for 40 years. But now entering the Promised Land where the land was rich and ready for planting and harvesting, God provided food for them from the land itself (Joshua 5:12), and therefore the previous way of doing things in the wilderness were made anew—resetting the history of the Jewish nation. Joshua and the Israelites had to reset their way of life if they were to survive and conquer their enemies. Like the Joshua generation, if today’s Church want to experience the next move of God—that is, a move of the Holy Spirit demonstrated—then, the church must be willing to make the necessary changes.

### RESETTING OUR PERCEPTION

Resetting our perception is an important aspect in being prepared for the next move of God. It has everything to do with understanding the message of the Kingdom of God which is the same assignment of Jesus’: to destroy the works of darkness. “God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength and ability and power;... he went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him” (Acts 10:38, *Amplified Version*). The church, in Acts chapter 8, was persecuted by the religious leaders of that day. (If you were a believer of Jesus you were subject to prison, beatings and even death). The religious leaders who condoned such behavior could not perceive the move of God. Their perception was not in alignment with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The traditions of their core values were being shifted, and they felt threatened. Therefore, they were not prepared for what God was doing during their time. Jesus’s mission he had on earth has now been conferred on the Church. Our assignment as the Body of Christ is to hold true to what Jesus commissioned the Church to do—to preach the Kingdom of God everywhere. “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15, *New International Version*). If we are to be a part of the next move of God, we must be willing to comply fully with the Holy Spirit’s leading.

### RESETTING OUR FOCUS

Resetting our focus is the other vital aspect in being prepared for the next move of God. Focus causes everything around us that’s blurry to disappear—revealing only important priorities—to give us a clear path. On the other hand, a lack of focus is an endangerment to the Body of Christ going forward. If we aren’t prudent the fundamental philosophy of eternal salvation can be lost. So, like a wheel that continues to roll forward, our focus should continually move toward our destiny. The mindset of Body of Christ should be focused on the Kingdom that it extends beyond the era of the Covid-19. The Church’s pursuit is to please God with a focus of eternal life. This next move of God will call for individuals that have their focus on living eternally in the Kingdom. They will

seek a path that has the truth of life. Luke 13:24 says, “*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, many will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*”



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**In Conclusion:**  
We are resetting our perception because it is an imperative

part for the next move God. Many will not transition to the position of resetting their perception and will result into their demise. The world will crave for true justice, but no justice will be found. The world will wish for emotional peace, but if no relationship with God has been established, then there will be no peace. (Peace only derives from having a relationship with God). The next plague will cause the world to be in an economic, social, and political famine and all will appear to be lost. But on the other hand, the reset Church will have a resurrection of power, and dominion. We are on the course of a new era and if we are to be used by God we are to reset for the next move of God.

People of God if I can, I'd like to share my heart with you. First of all, I want you to know that God loves you with an everlasting love. A love that's un-failing and nothing can change that. Knowing that God loves us despite our failures and shortcomings, speaks volumes of the God we serve. Second, God promises that He will never leave us, nor forsake us!

Over the past 5-6 months, we all have had our plans, our schedules, our whole lives shaken up, scrambled...



completely interrupted in many different ways. Some would even say that we're living in times of uncertainty. Well, brothers and sisters, I must inform you that one thing IS for certain: God is in control! And He is still on the throne! Yes, these times are difficult and trying, even dangerous and life threatening, but we as the people of God have been set apart and singled out to build the Kingdom of God. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation (2 Corinth. 5:19). In other words, we are ambassadors for Christ. God has commissioned the church to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Yes, I realize it's dangerous! Some would even say it's foolish with COVID 19 out there. We hear

# IT'S OUR TIME

PASTOR EDDIE SHEPPARD

that the death toll is steadily rising every day. My question is...Did they know Jesus? Did anyone share the gospel with them? I believe that this is the church's finest hour and our greatest opportunity to be a witness and to demonstrate the power of God's manifested glory in the earth.

God's plan of salvation has not changed. Jesus still saves! We must continue to pray and seek God, like never before, for strategies on how to go about being effective in sharing the gospel to a lost and dying world.

Family, my prayer to God is that He gives us a heart of compassion for the lost, boldness to share the gospel, and that the body of Christ would catch on fire with His heart and mind.

## A FEW *Encouraging* WORDS

Hello Loves,

I want to remind you – **PICK UP YOUR HEAD AND DO NOT GIVE UP!** Every promise God made to you shall come to pass. The vision you wrote down and made plain shall manifest before your very eyes. Yes, it is true that this year, may be very different than you thought it would be. You may feel a little discouraged because you don't see an end to your current situation. Your money may be running low; you may have exhausted most of your energy; you may have lost a loved one or two; maybe someone you thought was a friend was revealed to be a foe. Yes, all these things may be true. **BUT** what is also **TRUE** - God's unyielding and ever-present love for you and me. God shall never leave us nor forsake us.

I encourage you to remember Deuteronomy 31: 6-8 (ESV) 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "**Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it.** 8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

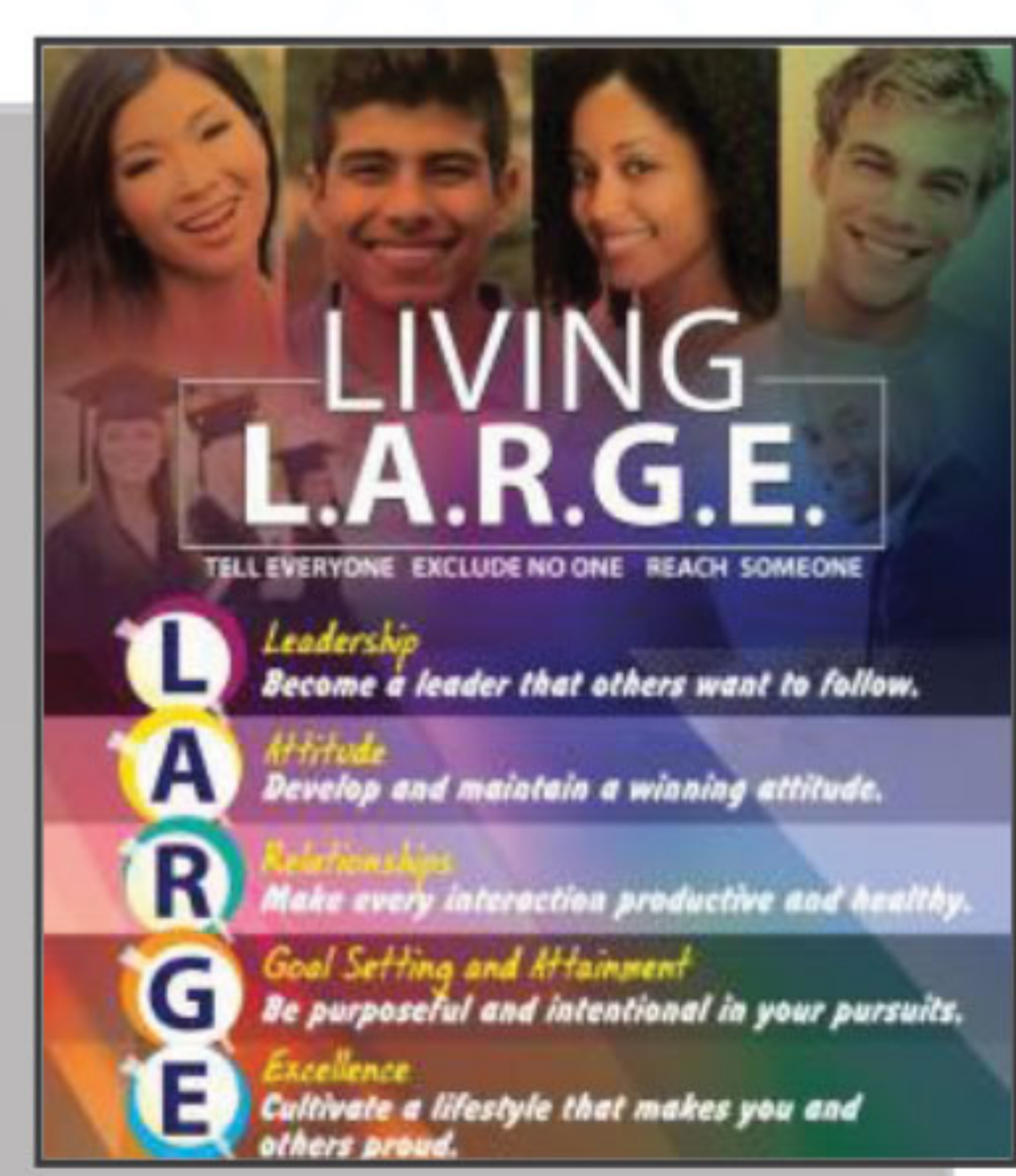
Put your head up and know that despite what it may look like; you shall possess **EVERYTHING** that God has for you. He is going before us to order our steps and clear the path. Free your mind of all anxiousness; your inheritance is calling. It is time to possess the land.

Love you always,  
Angela



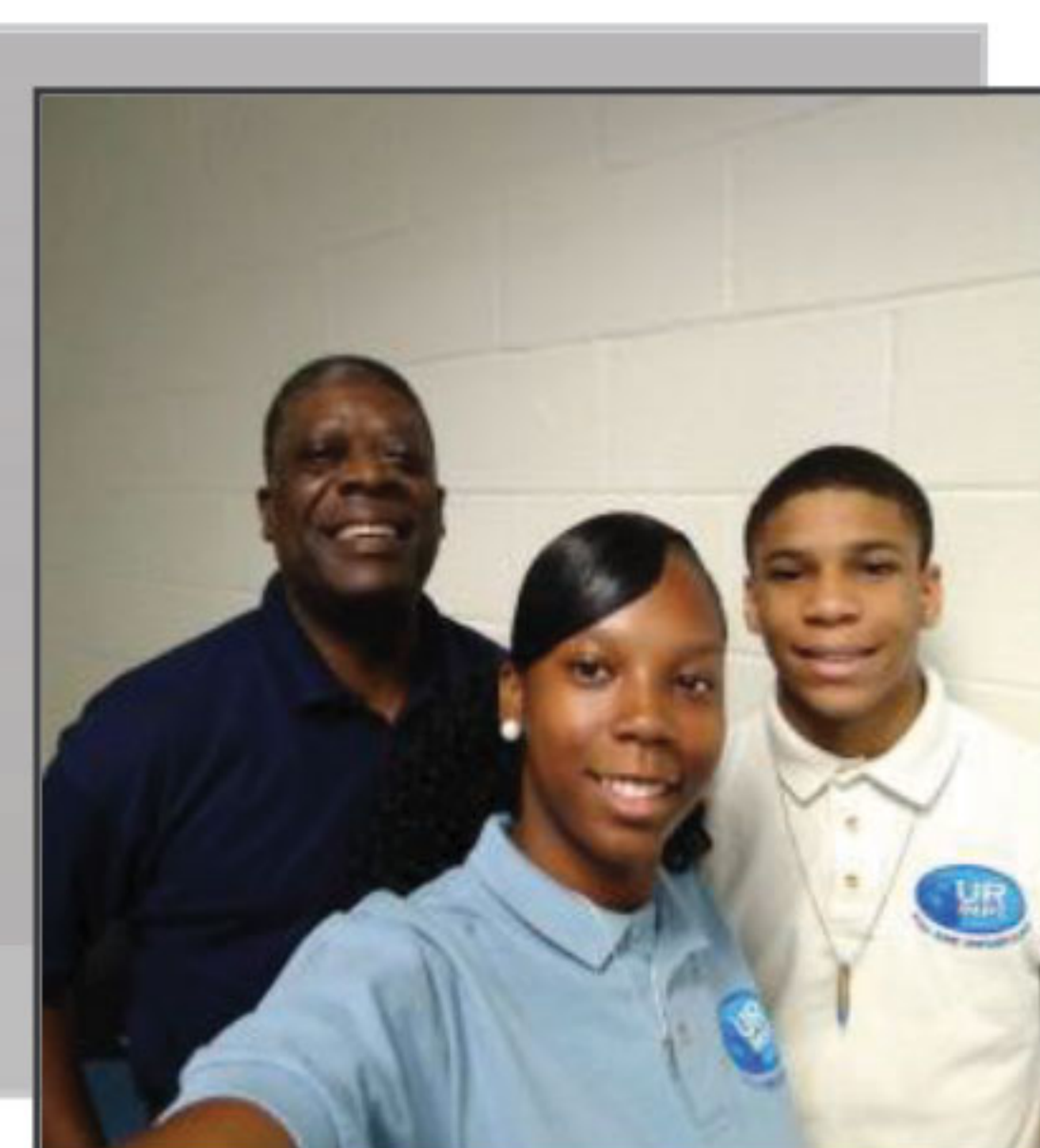
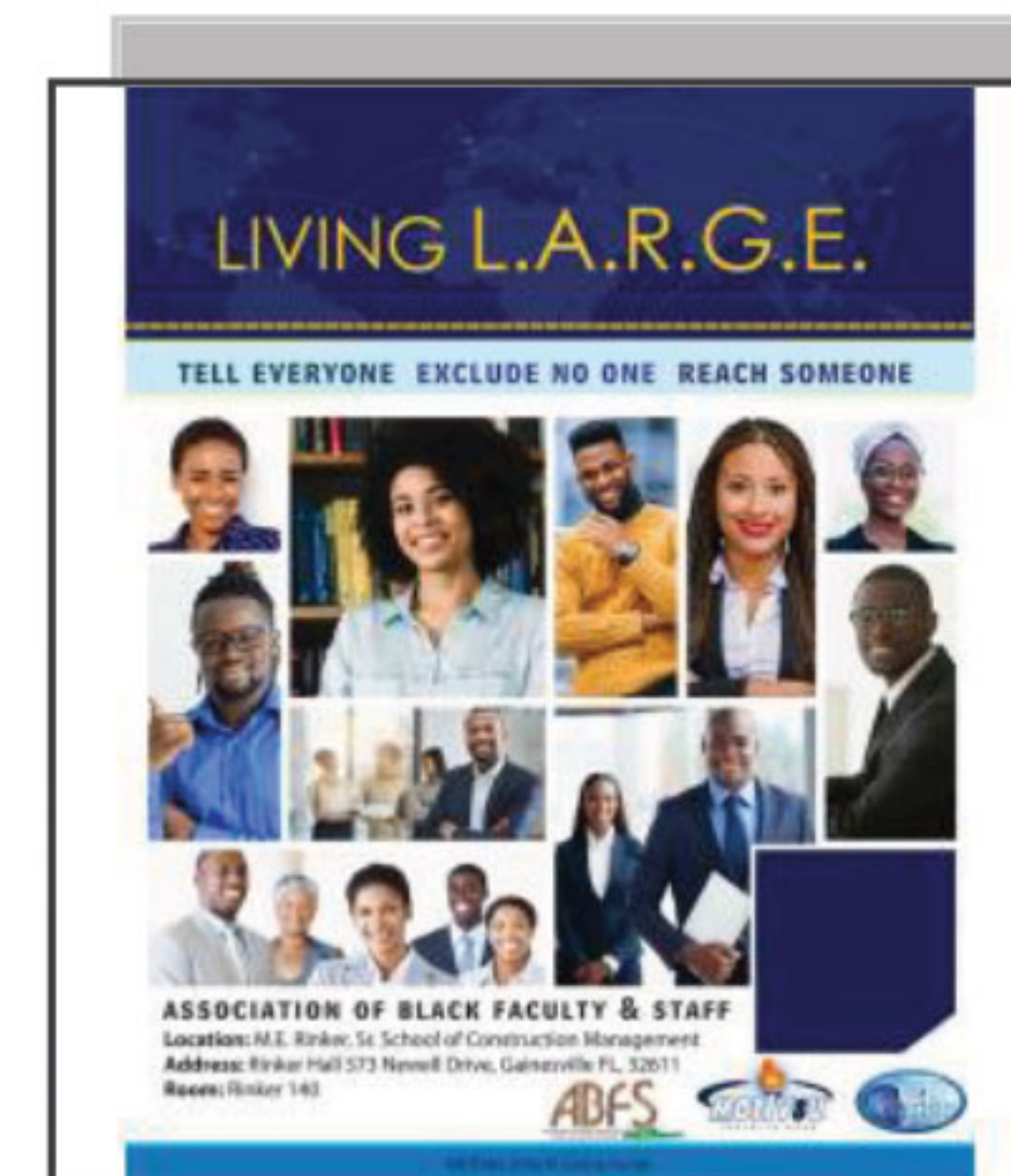


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The Founder and Chief Executive Officer, John S. Rollins, is a professional trainer, with nearly 30 years of experience. While conducting training programs for employees at all levels John observed that there were some specific skills required for success. He believes that by teaching these skills to our young people at an early age, they are better positioned for long-term success as productive members of society. Using a curriculum based training program called Living L.A.R.G.E. (Leadership-Attitude-Relationships-Goal Setting and Attainment-Excellence), we MOTIVATE, EDUCATE, and EQUIP our program participants with a set of essential life and success skills.

MNCF is one of only a few organizations with a demonstrated track record of effectiveness with individuals of all ages, working with students in elementary, middle and high schools, while also sharing professional development training programs with colleges and professionals throughout city, county and state government agencies. MNCF also has helped organizations train, equip and build leaders in the spiritual and faith-based community.



MNCF's assignment to help guide and direct future generations begins with building long-term relationships with the participants. Through programs such as the Living L.A.R.G.E. Academy, a year-long program that covers additional sessions such as financial and credit literacy, college and career exploration, character and image development, health and nutrition, public speaking and so much more, we provide program completers with an opportunity to transition into positions as program Ambassadors. These individuals receive additional training opportunities and are considered for positions of employment with the organization.

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