



About 350 years ago a shipload of travelers, with a tremendous vision for their future, landed on the northeast coast of America. The first year they established a town site. The next year they elected a town government. The third year the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles westward into a wilderness. Who needed to go there anyway?

Here were a people who had the vision to see three thousand miles across an ocean and overcome great hardships to get there. But in just a few years they were not able to see even five miles out of town. They had lost their pioneering vision. With a clear vision of what we can become in Christ, no ocean of difficulty is too great. Without it, we rarely move beyond our current boundaries.

In 2020, God had us focus on the theme, **Clear Focus – Open Our Eyes**. We wondered throughout the year what God wanted us to see as we faced a global pandemic, social injustice, and political unrest. Through the challenges we faced, we believe that God was reminding us that He was the Author and Finisher of our faith and the Lifter of our heads.

We also inquired of the Lord what the next season looks like regarding ...

- Church – In-Person, Online, or a Hybrid?
- Attendance?
- Evangelism?
- Ministry and Missions?
- Finances?
- Volunteerism?

As we've stepped out of the craziness that was 2020, and boldly enter 2021, we believe that God has given us a command to **Rise Up** and Stand On Our Feet! He has directed us a passage of scripture, **Acts 26:16**. He has given us, as your spiritual leaders, the command to challenge "the church" to **Rise Up** and Stand On Our Feet because He has led us through this challenging season for a purpose. And that purpose is for each Christ-Follower to be a minister – one who serves the people of God and a witness to those God has placed in our paths. Sharing the things, miracles, we have seen, and the things He has in store for our future.

Not one of us understands what it means to be the church in a post-pandemic world. Not one of us has experienced a church in a political and social world desiring to end Christianity, Biblical truth and morals, and our ability to worship God in a public gathering. Not one of us knows what lies ahead for the 2021 church. But we all know the One who does know the answers to those questions. We encourage you to accept the challenge and **Rise Up** and Stand On Our Feet and experience the miracles God has in store for us in 2021.

*Acts 26:16 New King James Version*

***Rise And Stand On Your Feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.***

Deena and Kevin Querry, Co-Lead Pastors



## Connection Moments for Everyone:

**Sundays 10:00am:** Pastors Deena and Kevin lead Living Waters Worship Experience Live on the LW website: [www.livingwatersoc.com](http://www.livingwatersoc.com), our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/livingwatersoc/>, and on YouTube.com (search “Living Waters OC”)

**Wednesdays 7:00pm:** Devotion & Prayer Time Live with Pastors Deena and Kevin on [www.livingwatersoc.com](http://www.livingwatersoc.com), our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/livingwatersoc/>, and on YouTube.com (search “Living Waters OC”)

**Thursdays 7:00pm:** Women’s Devotional with Pastor Deena via Zoom.

**Saturdays 8:00am:** Men’s Devotional – “Cup of Coffee with Kevin” via Zoom.

For additional information on any of these Connection Moments, email [info@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:info@livingwatersoc.com).

**Every Day:** We are available to receive your prayer requests. Call: 714-963-8131 and leave a message or at [info@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:info@livingwatersoc.com) share your request. Our team will be praying for you!

## Connection Moments for LW Kids

**Wednesdays 6:30pm:** Members of the LW KidsMin Team host a Live Devotional on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwcfparents/>

**Every Day:** Kid’s worship video, lesson resources, and printable activity sheets available on the LW website: <http://www.livingwatersoc.com/lwathome>.

**Every Day:** LW KidsMin YouTube Channel with Bible stories and devotionals by our LW KidsMin Leaders. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA9puu1sxDPXJ0wVahc3lhA>.

## Connection Moments for Youth/Young Adults

**Tuesdays:** Weekly worship video posted on Instagram @lwcfyouth and LW Facebook.

**Wednesdays 4:00pm:** Pastor Daniel and the Youth Ministries Team host a live interactive connection on Instagram @lwcfyouth.

**Thursdays 4:00pm:** For Youth Girls – Aubrey and other LW Team host live connection via Zoom. Email [aquerry@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:aquerry@livingwatersoc.com) for additional information.

**Fridays:** Weekly devotional posted on Instagram @lwcfyouth, LW Facebook and LW website.

## Spanish Language Connection Moments

**Sundays 11:30am:** Live with Pastor David on [www.livingwatersoc.com](http://www.livingwatersoc.com), our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/livingwatersoc/>, and on YouTube.com (search “Living Waters OC”)

**Wednesdays 8pm:** Devotion & Prayer Time Live with Pastor David on [www.livingwatersoc.com](http://www.livingwatersoc.com) and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/livingwatersoc/>

## LW KIDS MINISTRY

### Pre-School:

This month is going to be Out of This World! We are teaching preschoolers that Jesus is amazing and did wonderful miracles. Jesus calmed a storm with just a word. Amazing! Jesus filled fishermen's nets with fish. Amazing! Jesus healed a blind man with mud and spit. Amazing! This world, well this universe, is filled with amazing things, but nothing will ever be more amazing than the One who created it all.

### Kids' Ministry:

The psalmist wrote, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."* (NirV).

God is the author of creation, and God has entrusted us to care for and cultivate it. We do that by taking responsibility. From the work we need to accomplish to people we meet to the words we use; life is filled with moments where we can decide to reflect God's character. When we follow through and do what needs to be done, we can point others to Jesus.



## PRAYER TEAM

Living Waters wants you to know that we have your best interest at heart when it comes to your Prayer Requests. Please be assured that we have a wonderful team of prayer warriors who will pray for your needs, along with our pastoral staff during their weekly meetings. To leave a prayer request or an update on one you've given, please either 1) call the church office at 714-963-8131 and leave a voicemail message, 2) email us at [info@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:info@livingwatersoc.com), or 3) use the Prayer Request online form from our webpage. Many blessings to you all and Happy New Year!

**1 Kings 8:45, "then hear from heaven their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause."**

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team Ministry, please email Debbie at [dtjohnson@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:dtjohnson@livingwatersoc.com).

## LW YOUTH

### It's Personal

We all have one thing in common: We want to be seen, known, and valued for who we are. We don't want fake relationships; we want personal ones.

We're inviting all LW Youth to join us for this brand-new series called *It's Personal*, where we'll be looking at Jesus and His interactions with Zacchaeus. We'll see five ways Jesus made it personal and what that means for our lives. We're taking a cue from the way Jesus did it to get an idea of just how to make everything—including our relationship with Him—a little more personal.



Check out this new series on all of our LW Youth social media.