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The LifeChanger **CONNECTED**

JOHN 15:5

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Vision 2025 WINS!!!!

- Accepted Christ - 34
- Rededicated to Christ - 41
- Joined New Life - 65
- Guests - 277
- New Kid/Teen in Ministry - 75
- Wants to Join LifeGroup - 128
- New Tithers - 72
- Baptisms - 43
- PROVISION - 96% OF \$2.8M

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MORE INFO &
LINKS U CAN USE

Dear LifeChangers,

Happy New Year! It's 2026, and it's time to get connected! This is truly the year of connections. Jesus told His disciples that connection mattered. John 15:5. They needed to be connected, and when they were, several powerful things happened in their lives. The same is true for us as LifeChangers. How many of you want to be fruitful and prosperous in 2026? All of us do! It begins with abiding in Jesus. Abiding means being connected like a branch to a vine or a tree trunk. In other words, it's not about standing next to Jesus, but being fully connected to Him in every way.

One of the best ways to stay connected is through a strong devotional life. Our annual devotional guide is designed to help you remain in His presence. We also began the year with our prayer revival, "INTENSIVE." Through my Ph.D. studies, I learned that scholars agree the number one way to grow spiritually is by maintaining a consistent prayer life, which helps you to abide! The second way we connect is by being fruitful. Fruit only grows when the branch is connected. That connection produces spiritual fruit in abundance, as well as prosperity. As 3 John 2 declares, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Prosperity is a promise for this year—but did you know that we are also commanded to be fruitful by winning souls to Christ? That's why I encourage you to get your Personal Connection Card and commit to connecting at least one person to Christ this year.

Finally, without Jesus, none of this is possible. There is no connection without Him. That's why it is vital to stay connected—and to be careful **not** to connect to the wrong things in 2026. There is a promise over your life this year. Get connected, and watch 2026 exceed your expectations.

Bishop Dudley



MINISTRY NEWS

The News in the Middle

BRUH,

*"Can I holler
at you right quick?"*

by **HOWARD MURRAY**

New Year, New Opportunities

Exodus 33:13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

Matthew 25: 14-28 (Parable of the Talents)

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

The Bible encourages measuring spiritual improvement not by comparing ourselves to others (which is unwise, 2 Cor 10:12), but by striving for Christ-likeness, increasing in godly qualities (2 Peter 1:8-9), growing in the knowledge of God (Exodus 33:13), and faithfully stewarding what God has given us (Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25). Key measures involve loving both God and neighbor (Luke 10:27), personal accountability (Galatians 6:4-5), and consistent progress, focusing on inner transformation rather than outward appearance or worldly standards.

Happy New Year, Bruh! Welcome to 2026. A new year brings new opportunities and new challenges. That means new goals. Notice that I didn't say anything about resolutions. You see I'm not big on resolutions because they usually don't last. Resolutions are broken as easily as they are made. Every year we hear about how crowded gyms across the country are in January. Regulars complain that during this time all the newbies are in the way throwing off their routines, hogging the space and equipment, but those same machines become available again by late February. It's a sad, predictable pattern. The "newbies" they speak of likely are people who made a New Year's resolution. They probably said something like, "This year I'm going to be more active and start going to the gym." A resolution is like a wish - no plan, no timeline, no real commitment.

A goal will have a defined target and timing attached to it. The person who makes a goal will write something like, "I'm going to lose 15 pounds by March 15th by working out three days a week, cutting out sodas, and only eating 2200 calories a day." See the difference? The goal has a what, a when, and a how. To make your goal even more substantial, tell somebody. This adds a level of accountability and greatly increases your odds of success.

Did I ever tell you what I do for a living? I'm a Six Sigma Master Black Belt. Without going into a lot of boring detail, I specialize in problem solving and process improvement using a number of analytical tools, statistics, and management principles. One of the sayings in my craft is, "What doesn't get measured, doesn't get improved."

The beginning of the year is a great time to focus on improving the big rocks in our lives: Faith, Finances, and Fitness. In order to improve you need to know where you are now. You need to **KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!** Below are some GOAL tables. The tables aren't meant to be a comprehensive all in all list, but it's a good combination of things to consider monitoring and improving. Feel free to develop your own list of measures and set reasonably aggressive goals. Let's do this so that 2026 can be a fantastic, productive, and richly blessed year. If we are called to be LIFECHANGERS, it only makes sense to start with our own. God has a plan for each of us (Jer. 29:11). Part of that plan is being our best selves in order to be of the highest service to Him. Are you ready to work?

LET'S GET IT!

FAITH GOALS

- Establish a Prayer Time *When? How often?*
- Read your Bible regularly *When? How often?*
- Start serving in Church *Where?*
- Join a Small Group *Which one?*

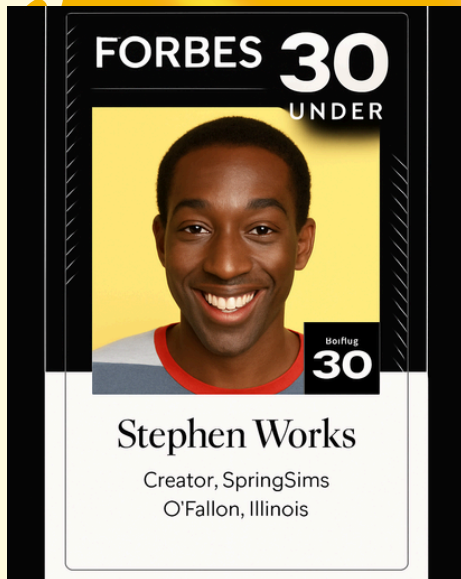
FINANCIAL GOALS

- Beginning of Year/End of Year
- Start an emergency fund!
- (Begin with \$1000.
- Goal: Save for 3-6 months of household expenses.)
- Eliminate Credit Card Debt
- (Use the Snowball method.: Dedicate a set amount to aim at debt elimination. As you pay off more debt, increase size of debt elimination amount.)
- Build increase retirement savings.
- Giving (Tithes, charity, family)

FITNESS/HEALTH GOALS

- Beginning of Year/End of Year
- Body Weight (lbs)
- Blood Pressure
- (Target: 120/80)
- PSA Screen

LIFECHANGER NEWS



Our own makes Forbes 30 under 30. Congratulations Stephen!

NEW TRIBE STRUCTURE

- Tribe **Reuben** Last Name **A-Bo** - Elder Lillie Sexton
- Tribe **Simeon** Last Name **Br-Co** - Elder Dagne Barton
- Tribe **Levi** Last Name **Cr-D** - Elder Mary Leige
- Tribe **Judah** Last Name **E-Go** - Elder Angelica Mobley
- Tribe **Manasseh** Last Name **Gr-Hi** - Elder Jan Lawson
- Tribe **Naphtali** Last Name **Ho-J** - Elder Vivian Moore
- Tribe **Gad** Last Name **K-Ma** - Elder Crystal Nicholson
- Tribe **Asher** Last Name **Mc-O** - Elder Sherry McDonald
- Tribe **Issachar** Last Name **P-Sa** - Elder Marjorie Fulton
- Tribe **Zebulon** Last Name **Sc-Ta** - Elder Butch Singleton
- Tribe **Joseph** Last Name **Te-Wa** - Elder Vic Hayes
- Tribe **Benjamin** Last Name **We-Z** - Elder Robert Goodwin
- **VNL** (Virtual New Life Tribe) - Pastor Sherry Cook

OUR LCP WINNERS!

- Tosha Laseter - **Joshua** Award
- Tia & Ken Smith - **Andrew** Award
- Toni Josato- **LCP** of the Year
- Minister Sharona Ward- **Abraham** Award
- Camille Abrams- **Abraham** Award
- Valrie Cotton-**LCP** of the Year
- Dawna Gilbreath- **LCP** of the Year
- Patrice Chandler- **Paul** Award
- Tirsha LeNior- **LCP** of the Year
- Fran Crisp- **Barnabas** Award
- Rebecca Harris- **LCP** of the Year
- Lois Singleton- **Timothy** Award

Elder Roman Wells- **John** Award

Peoples Deacon – Dea. Rodney Skinner

Tribe Leader Award – Pastor Lil Sexton

Minister Award- Min. Kim Skinner

Dynamic Duos- Drew & Christie Christian, Nate & Cynthia Jones

I C U Awards - Jessica Spencer, Dorri Adams, Erica McNair & Dave Sexton



JAN. 19TH
10 AM - 12 PM



Key Note Speaker
Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr., PhD, D.Min.
- New Life in Christ Church

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Katy Cavins
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ANNUAL MLK COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



SCAN CODE FOR TICKETS



24 Hours of Prayer
CONNECTED
JOHN 15:5

JANUARY 30TH - 31ST
FRIDAY @8AM - SATURDAY

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WINTER '26
BEGINNING THE WEEK OF FEB 15TH, 2026
LIFEGROUPS
Are here!

VISIT WWW.THISISMYNEWLIFE.COM/LIFEGROUPS FOR ADDITIONAL INFO

A VARIETY OF DAYS & TIMES TO CHOOSE FROM!

REGISTER TODAY!



**New Life
LifeGroups**

January Family
Sunday
- also
Baptism
Sunday!

To get baptized
Contact us at
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or

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located in the
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Welcome
December
LifeChanger
Class



SUN, FEB 1st:



**LifeBuilders
Begin**

WED, FEB 4th:

**Fraternity
Panel Discussion**

SAT, FEB 7th:



**Galentine's
TEEN GIRLS**

SUN, FEB 8th:

**Super Bowl
Sunday**

WED, FEB 11th:



**6:30 pm
LIFEGROUPS**

SUN, FEB 22nd:

**Family Sunday!
Black History Sunday**