

* THE EASTER POST *

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GOOD NEWS IS HERE!

CREATING DOORWAYS
TO LIFE CHANGE

For most of his life, John didn't believe in God.

He identified as an atheist, and had for years. But someone had been praying for him.

During a difficult season, a friend from *Cascade Hills Uptown* invited him to come to church. And to her surprise, he said yes.

From the moment he walked in, something felt different. Volunteers welcomed him with genuine love, and walls he had built over decades began to fall. Then, before the invitation was even finished, John stood, walked down the aisle, and publicly surrendered his life to Jesus.

A longtime atheist - **now a follower of Christ.**

Stories like John's are why we do what we do. Through places like our *Uptown Campus*, *The Lodge* and *The Park*, Cascade Hills is creating spaces for people to encounter God in ways that feel real and accessible. Whether it's stepping into a church service downtown or walking into a coffee shop for the first time, these are more than locations - they're doorways.

Because sometimes, life change doesn't start where you expect, it starts where you feel welcomed!

The Lodge is a coffee shop and bookstore located at our 54th Street campus that is open to the public daily.

For store hours and other information, follow us on Instagram at @cascadehillslodge.



April 2, 2025; Jaylen was Baptized at LIV Night surrounded by friends who witnessed his life-changing decision to follow Jesus.

HE WALKED 8 MILES FOR THIS:
IT STARTED WITH AN INVITATION

A simple invitation. The kind that could have been ignored. But for one student, it changed everything.

Jaylen hadn't been to church in years. Life had taken him far from anything that felt like hope. But someone did not give up on him. A friend named Ariana kept inviting him, week after week, believing that if her life could be changed, someone else's could too.

Eventually, Jaylen said yes.

During the service, something shifted. He did not just hear the message, he felt it. By the end of the night, he was in tears. That night, Jaylen gave his life to Jesus. He decided to be baptized the following week. There was just one problem. He had no ride.

Most people would have waited. Jaylen did not.

As soon as the school bell rang, he started walking. Mile after mile, nearly eight miles to the church. Alone.

When he arrived, someone asked how he got there. "I walked. I knew it was the only way I was going to be able to get baptized."

A call was made to his mom, who gave her support, and Jaylen was baptized.

Not just a decision. A transformation.

Later, he said, "What kind of person would I be to keep this to myself?"

Through LIV Student Ministries, students and young adults are discovering who God is and who He's created them to be.

LIV YTH (6th-12th grade) and LIV YA (ages 18-25) meet each week and on weekends to build community, grow their faith, and experience life change.

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CAN YOU PROVE IT? A QUESTION THAT SPARKED A SEARCH FOR TRUTH

“Can you prove the Resurrection of Jesus... without the Bible?”

That’s the question Dr. Jeremiah Johnston’s 11-year-old son asked him - and it set him on a journey to find answers.

But it’s not the only question people are asking.

Did Jesus really exist?

Was He actually crucified?

Is there any evidence outside the Bible?

And if He died - did He really rise again?

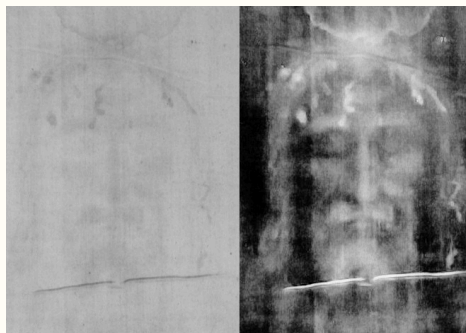
In an age of skepticism, questions like these are more common than ever.

For Dr. Johnston, that single conversation with his son became the starting point for a deeper investigation into one of the most debated artifacts in history: the Shroud of Turin - a linen cloth believed by many to bear the image of Jesus after His crucifixion.

Now, that journey is coming to Cascade Hills Church.

Dr. Johnston, an author, theologian, and speaker known for helping people think deeply about their faith - will be joining us the weekend of *April 11th-12th*. His work focuses on bridging the gap between faith and evidence, helping believers grow in confidence while inviting skeptics to explore the truth for themselves.

In his newest book, *The Jesus Discoveries*, he examines some of the most compelling archaeological findings connected to the life of Jesus - including ancient manuscripts, historical inscriptions, and even the Shroud of Turin - making the case that Christianity is not just a belief system, but a story rooted in real history. **You can grab a copy of his book today at the Lodge expo!**



Many believe the Man of the Shroud is Jesus Himself. What can Scripture and science tell us? Step into the immersive exhibit coming to Cascade Hills to find out for yourself!



The Crown of Thorns replica helps to confirm the identity of the Man of the Shroud to be that of someone covered with over 50 wounds caused by the thorns.

Alongside his teaching, the *Who Is the Man of the Shroud?* experience will be open *April 11th-16th*. This immersive exhibit features a full-sized, museum-quality replica of the Shroud, along with historical artifacts and interactive displays that walk through the events of the first Easter.


It’s an opportunity to explore the evidence, wrestle with your questions, and see for yourself.

Because Easter isn’t just a story to believe. **It’s a truth worth exploring.**


Jeremiah is an author of nearly 20 books, Bible studies, and numerous articles and media appearances, passionate about equipping believers to defend their faith with intellectual confidence. He and his wife Audrey are 20 years married and raising five kids - including triplets - where life is never short on surprises.


WHO IS THE MAN OF THE SHROUD?

AN EXHIBIT ABOUT THE SHROUD OF TURIN




Presented with teachings by Jeremiah J. Johnston, Ph.D.






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JUST KEEP SHOWING UP: FROM HIS FIRST VISIT TO A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER

When Damion first walked into Cascade Hills, he didn't yet know Jesus.

But in 2025, everything changed.

He encountered the Gospel, surrendered his life to Christ, and from that moment on, he just kept showing up, ready to grow, ready to serve, and ready for whatever God had next. It didn't take long to see the difference.

Damion jumped in, serving in Production and with VIP. What started as one decision quickly became a life fully devoted to Jesus. Week by week, step by step, we watched God transform him from someone new in the faith into a confident, growing follower of Christ.

And it didn't stop with him.

As his life changed, so did the lives around him. Friends and family began showing up too - drawn by something they couldn't ignore.

That's what happens when someone takes their next step!

LOVE SHOWED UP AT HER FRONT DOOR

She couldn't get her husband out of the house. As her husband's primary caregiver, she was doing everything she could, but without a wheelchair ramp, even the simplest things felt impossible.

So a group of Outreach volunteers from *Cascade Hills Church* showed up. They built a ramp for their home. They returned days later with a motorized wheelchair. But what happened next mattered even more.

Standing in the couple's living room, the volunteers began a conversation about Jesus. When asked if she knew where she would spend eternity, she quietly said no. So they shared the Gospel - and right there, in her home, she gave her life to Christ.

She later shared that she had once been Muslim and had been searching for God, feeling like something was standing in the way. **That day, everything changed.**



One decision changed everything - and he kept taking the next step. From a first-time visit to a life fully devoted to Jesus.

Through *Connections - LifeGroups, Starting Point, CascadeU, and Foundations* - we've seen it time and time again: growth doesn't happen all at once.

It happens when you just keep showing up!

Stop by the Connections Lounge in the main lobby today to take your next step TODAY!

This is what Outreach looks like at Cascade Hills.

Not just meeting physical needs, but showing up in people's lives so they can experience the love of God.

From our neighborhoods to places around the world - including *Cascade Hills Pakistan* - we're seeing it happen again and again:

When love shows up, lives are changed!

Cascade Hills Outreach volunteers showed up to build a ramp, and watched God change a life!

ONE MESSAGE, EVERY HEART

When Alberto first walked into Cascade Hills with his wife, he didn't speak any English. But from the moment he stepped inside, he could sense it - the love of God was in that place.

The following week, everything changed.

Outside the church, he met Joseph, our Spanish Ministry Director. Realizing Alberto only spoke Spanish, Joseph began sharing with him about the Spanish Ministry. That's when Alberto opened up - he had just been diagnosed with cancer. Without hesitation, Joseph brought him to a group of Spanish-speaking volunteers, and right there, they began to pray.

The next week, Alberto and his wife returned. This time to the 9AM service, where he could hear the message in his own language. And when the Gospel was shared, Alberto didn't hesitate. He walked forward, gave his life to Jesus, and now looks forward to baptism.

Today, stories like Alberto's are happening across our Spanish Ministry, from Sunday services with translation to weekly ministry nights where individuals and families are building community, growing in their faith, and finding a place where they truly belong.

Because when the message reaches the heart - everything changes!

The Spanish Ministry meets Tuesdays at 6PM at our 54th Street Campus. | Spanish Translation is available at our 9am service each Sunday at our 54th Street Campus.

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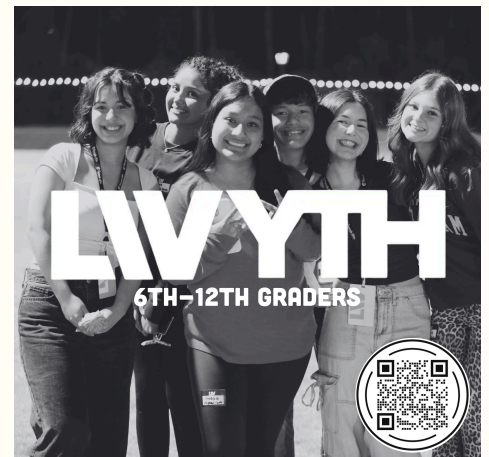
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KIDS WEEK

PRESCHOOL & SPECIAL NEEDS
June 15-19
 9AM - 12PM

KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE
June 22-26
 9AM - 12PM

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JUST KEEP SHOWING UP.

COMMUNITY ISN'T BUILT IN ONE WEEKEND. IT'S BUILT ONE DAY AT A TIME!

WEEKEND SERVICES

54TH STREET

UPTOWN

SATURDAY 5PM

SUNDAY 11AM

SUNDAY 9+11AM

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