

LIVING WATER CHURCH 48 YEARS

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Wishing you A Happy & Healthy New Year

SMALL BEGINNINGS

though your beginning was
small, your latter days will be
very great – Job 8:7

Planting A New Church Was *So Many Things ...*

It was exciting, it was terrifying, it was certainly uncertain, it was humbling, and it was learning to expect the unexpected.

On Sunday, January 1, 1978 about forty people came to Church in a rented storefront on the Main Road in Jamesport on the North Fork of Long Island. That day was a dream come true for most of the people there but especially for Frank & Phyllis Dupree, the founding Pastors of what was then called Living Water Christian Life Outreach.

Through the years the name of our Church has changed from Living Water Christian Life Outreach to Living Water Full Gospel Church and then to Living Water Church. We still believe in the Christian life and reaching out into our world and we still believe in the fullness of the Gospel message including the life changing and empowering aspect of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Now we are simply called Living Water Church, why? It 's so much easier to say when you answer the phone at the Church!



Living Water Church – bringing a message of hope to all people for 48 years

The impetus of naming the Church was based upon the passage of scripture found in the Gospel of John in chapter seven where Jesus said *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'*

Of course, this passage is speaking of the Holy Spirit in our lives as a vital part of our relationship with God. All of this was new to the people of Jesus' day because only special people were blessed to have the Holy Spirit actually working through their lives, but Jesus wanted everyone to know that this was for everyone, not just a select few. In 1978 this was also a new concept to so many people and Frank & Phyllis Dupree knew that if a new birth and an empowering through the Holy Spirit was possible for them it was possible for everyone who would believe in accordance with the scriptures and therefore rivers of living water would flow from their heart.



From that Sunday morning in 1978 until today God has been faithful, merciful and true to His word. Simply believe the scriptures and just see what God will do.

It was because of the vision of our founding Pastors that we exist as a Church today but it's also because of the faithfulness of people like you who carry the vision to bring a message of hope to all people that we continue to thrive and we will continue to change our world one person at a time.

With two people saying yes to God, we have seen wonderful things happen. Our founders, Frank & Phyllis Dupree, said yes to God and He took them up on that. Before long others came along and the vision became a reality, a Church was born and from that day until this day lives are changed!

For more than four decades, we have seen God do amazing things in and through this church. We are so humbled and amazed by the love and grace that God shows us every day and how He has blessed us with such a great church family. Living Water is a church consisting of people of all ages, ethnicities and cultures. Although we are different in many ways, we have this in common — we're all interested in growing in our love and relationship with Jesus Christ.

You may be wondering why the picture of the snowboarders at the top of the newsletter...take a look and see the man on the left, he's pointing and I think he's saying "I know this looks terrifying but can you imagine if we take a leap of faith what will happen".

Can you look out on that beautiful vista depicted in the cover photo and imagine some amazing possibilities of what can happen when people join hand to hand and heart to heart to reach people with the life changing message of the Gospel? If you can, let's take a leap of faith like never before and take the ride of a lifetime and feel the thrill of being a part of God's plan for OUR Church.

Handwritten signature of Pastor George.

I feel that this scripture is one that we should meditate and pray on for 2026 – LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day Habakkuk 3:2 – It's good to look back and remember what God has done, but, we don't want to be where God was, we want to be where He is!

