



# **thirst conference**

## **INFORMATION GUIDE**

A Life Action four-day event that helps believers renew their passion for Christ.





# welcome

## **Eager to bring fresh momentum to your church but not sure where to start?**

### **Living water is still available today . . . we just have to drink.**

THIRST is a unique call to churches that are seeking spiritual renewal, offering the hope that comes from drinking deeply from the living water of Christ. THIRST exposes one of the main causes of dryness in Christians' lives today: substitution. Substitution happens when we start looking anywhere besides Jesus for our main source of joy and fulfillment. Work, hobbies, entertainment, food, success, ministry, family, fame . . . any of these good things can easily take God's rightful place in our hearts.

We were meant to have an eternal relationship with the Lover of our souls, Jesus Christ. We were never meant to find our refreshment or purpose in the things of this earth, whether

good or evil. God wants us to lay down the substitutes we've allowed to replace Him, and refresh our vision to love Him with all that we are, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work toward completing the Great Commission.

THIRST is a four-day experience your whole church can enjoy. From Sunday morning through Wednesday evening, the Life Action team will bring powerful preaching, refreshing worship, memorable testimonies, dynamic children and youth programs, and passionate prayer right into your church. By carefully unpacking biblical texts related to loving God, loving people, understanding and receiving God's grace, turning from pride and sin, calling out for God's help, and seeking Him wholeheartedly, our team will partner with you in casting a vision for living a revived, loving, powerful Christian life.

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# service format

There are five service times during this four-day period (one on Sunday morning and one each on Sunday through Wednesday evenings). The THIRST Conference is designed to provide optimum ministry to your people ages four and up.

THIRST provides specialized programs for children, youth, and adults so your entire church can experience this powerful time of refreshment. No one is left out . . . from children and young adults to newlyweds and grandparents. Imagine how God could change your entire church when every person is experiencing the power of the same theme presented in age-appropriate ways!

## sunday morning service

We will begin with your regular worship service schedule. Adults and teens start in the auditorium. After a time of corporate worship, the teens will be dismissed to a separate location with our youth leader. The team revivalist will follow with a time of prayer and the message. Typically, the children's services will be held entirely in their separate locations, led by our team members.

## sunday evening and weeknight services

During the evening services, everyone age four years and older will begin in the worship center. After announcements and a time of corporate worship, the children and teens will be dismissed to their separate locations, and the team revivalist will bring the message.



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# FOR THE whole church



## HAPPY HEART CITY

**4 years old–1st grade**

Children will be welcomed to a city where teachers and various characters will reinforce the foundational theme that “Obedience Is the Key.” In addition to interactive drama, the children will enjoy creative lessons, crafts, songs, and activities.



## BASE CAMP

**2nd–5th/6th grades**

Upon entrance, children will embark on a unique experience as “climbers” training to pursue the ultimate adventure of knowing and loving God. Foundational character principles and Scripture will be presented through music, drama, interactive lessons, and activities.



## STUDENTS

**6th/7th–12th grades**

These specialized sessions that complement the main sessions will help your youth think about how Jesus’ teachings apply to their daily lives. Our passion is to see teens awaken and start a movement that will change the course of this world for God’s glory.



## LADIES’ LUNCHEON

**Women**

The ladies will be provided an opportunity to break bread and seek the Lord together. They will also hear very personal, transformational stories from our women’s ministry leaders and be encouraged in their walk with Christ.

## details

### PASTORAL INVOLVEMENT

As the pastor, you will have complete freedom to address your congregation at any time God leads you to do so. Additionally, opportunity will be provided in each service for you to welcome the people, give announcements, lead in prayer, or anything else you feel is appropriate.

### STAFF MEETINGS

We request two separate staff meetings during the week. Our team leadership would like to meet with your staff on Tuesday and Wednesday, share prayer needs, discuss ministry, and address logistical concerns.

### PREPARATIONS AND LOGISTICS

Approximately twelve weeks prior to the team’s arrival, the Team Director will contact you regarding the team’s logistical needs. Life Action asks the church to provide housing for all team members (beginning the Friday before the conference and concluding the Friday after the conference finishes), meals for the team, vehicles for ministry use, hookups for team leadership travel trailers, and childcare for nursery-age children during the services.

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# financial considerations



A natural overflow of revival is increased investment in kingdom advancement, including talents, time, and treasure. We do not pass offering plates during our services, but we do provide opportunity for individuals to invest in our ministry by way of a Love Gift Box located near the worship center. Churches often experience increased giving after the conference because of the deeper level of heart surrender and practical teaching that has occurred.

## WE BELIEVE THAT:

- It is **our responsibility**, as God leads, to inform God's people of our needs.
- It is **God's responsibility** to prompt believers to give.
- It is the **responsibility of God's people** to respond in obedience to His prompting and to develop a lifestyle of Christlike, scriptural giving.

## CONFERENCE EXPENSES

A non-refundable fee of \$4,000 is due after the conference is confirmed for your church. The total amount is expected within 30 days of a signed agreement.

## CONFERENCE LOVE GIFTS

Life Action team members raise their own personal support and do not receive the offerings given through the Love Gift Box. All funds received go toward offsetting the team's operating expenses. There is no minimum amount you are required to guarantee us in the love offering. We trust God to meet the balance of our travel and operating expenses through the gifts of His people.

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# thirst content

Each of our messages is rooted in Scripture and very practical in application. The team will provide music, creative elements, and preaching that explains:

## THE LIVING WATER JESUS DIED TO PROVIDE

We will challenge participants to get honest before God about their own spiritual condition, and to humbly seek Him for spiritual satisfaction.

## THE IDOLATROUS SUBSTITUTIONS WE RUN TO

We will confront the idols people cling to—whatever they have allowed to become replacements for God in their hearts; this is a call to repentance and surrender.

## THE SATISFACTION OF OBEDIENCE

We will teach with biblical clarity on the blessings of an obedient life.

## BEING POURED OUT IN LOVE FOR OTHERS

We will offer believers a refreshed view of the kind of generous, open-hearted life that should define followers of Jesus.

## TAPPING INTO THE RESEVOIR OF GOD'S SPIRIT

We will help believers understand the empowerment of the Holy Spirit for successful Christian living.



## OUR commitment to you

- **We promote** the Lord Jesus Christ, not Life Action.
- **We serve and support** local churches.
- **We focus** on people, not numbers.
- **We do not** attempt to manipulate or manufacture revival.
- **We conduct** substantive, Bible-centered events.
- **We seek** what the Holy Spirit can do, not what man can produce.
- **We cultivate** an atmosphere for obedience, not emotionalism.
- **We focus** more on inward change than outward response.
- **We pray** fervently alongside you for revival and spiritual awakening.
- **We seek** the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

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# mission and history



Life Action is a non-profit organization, founded in 1971. Since that time, we have had the opportunity to minister to millions of people through local church events, family camps, marriage and pastors' retreats, publications, and more.

Our staff members serve with one common goal, and that is to ignite movements of authentic Christianity.

Our approach is to share God's revival-oriented principles in meaningful ways, helping congregations apply these truths to their daily lives. We have been privileged to see God use our teams to bring about permanent, life-changing commitments in the hearts and lives of His people.

Life Action's vision is to see the Great Commission fulfilled in our time, to the glory of God. We believe the key to reaching

the world isn't simply a matter of strategy or methodology; rather, it requires the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. When churches are alive in the power of God, the "light turns on," and the world takes notice!

Transformation begins when we bow before the Lord and say, "Please send revival to this place, and let it begin in me." It begins when we set aside other priorities so we can seek God's face together. We draw near to God based on the scriptural promise that He will then draw near to us (James 4:6-10).

A Life Action event is not a "mountaintop" spiritual experience for a congregation; it is a "launchpad" that, prayerfully, will ignite your church to complete God's mission in your community and across the world.



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