



# HOPE CITY CHURCH

*"Helping people experience the Hope  
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus"*

**LOVE** | *unconditionally* - **REACH** | *intentionally* - **TEACH** | *transformationally*

**SERVE** | *relationally* - **SEND** | *courageously*

**GOD**  
*of*  
**SECOND CHANCES**  
2-Week Teaching Series  
OCT 22 & 29      9:00AM      10:45AM  
[SPANISH]      [ENGLISH]

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# TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

**October, 22, 2023**

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Thanks for joining us in our Worship Service! Our staff & volunteers have been praying for each of you and we can't wait to get to know you. If this is your first time with us, stop by the Connect Center in the Lobby and pick up a **Welcome Bag** as a gift from us at Hope City Church. Welcome Home!

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Worship Service - Spanish (*Rm D101*): **9:00am**

Bible Classes - All Ages: **9:00am**

Gathering in the Courtyard: **10:15am**

Worship Service - English (*Worship Center*): **10:45am**

Hope City Kids Worship (*Rm B105*): **10:45am**

Hope City Students Worship (*Rm E101*): **10:45am**

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## TEACHING SERIES



Pastor Oscar Chavez

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### HOPE TEAM | TLC Coffee



Scan QR Code to sign up to join our TLC Coffee HOPE TEAM that serves coffee each Wed morning from 7:30-9:15a to the Preschool famlies

### Thanksgiving Celebration

Mark your calendars for our special combined Thanksgiving Dinner & Service on Sunday November 19, 5:00-7:00pm. Plan to invite another family to join you for this celebration.

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Our Hope City Women are up in Crestline this weekend for their annual Women's Retreat. Be praying for them as they make their way home today



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tyler Lansing  
Alicia Saenz

Sun     Oct 22  
Thu     Oct 26

## THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY

Baptism Sunday	Sun	Oct 22	10:45am
Ironmen Bible Study ( <i>Rm C103</i> )	Tue	Oct 24	6:30pm
Hope City Women's Bible Study ( <i>Rm B103</i> )	Tue	Oct 24	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group ( <i>Gonzalez Home</i> )	Tue	Oct 24	7:00pm
Serve Coffee to TLC Families ( <i>On Campus</i> )	Wed	Oct 25	7:30am
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Oct 27	6:30pm
Hope City Kids   Adventure Club	Fri	Oct 27	6:30pm
Hope City Students	Fri	Oct 27	6:30pm

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## COMING EVENTS

Hope City Kids   Adventure Club Launch	Fri	Oct 27	6:30pm
All Church Meeting (3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter)	Sun	Oct 29	12:15pm
Thanksgiving Celebration	Sun	Nov 19	5:00pm

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## ADVENTURE CLUB FOR KIDS

[children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade]

***Launching Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>***

Joins us every Friday at 6:30pm @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

Adventure Club Kids will meet in Room B105

For more information contact us at: [hopecitykids@hopecitychurch.la](mailto:hopecitykids@hopecitychurch.la)

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## MEAL TRAIN



If you love to cook or just want to be an encouragement to Michelle, after the recent home-going of her mom Carol Ann, scan the QR code or stop by the Connect Center to sign up to bring a meal on either Monday, Thursday or Saturday.

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Attendance Last Week: In-Person Service: 161

Online views: 67



## “Dispelling the Beautiful Lie”

Today I want to begin with a harsh truth. You see, most if not all of us believe what I call the beautiful lie.

The lie says this is what really counts: to be wealthy, powerful, influential, attractive, admired, talented, popular, and, above all, valuable. We must make a life that is worth something to others. Worth more than others. The world screams at us to hurry up and matter. Our lives become a reaction to this lie.

According to the lie, we must not be nothings. To be good for nothing is to be as good as dead and death is what we fear most—the death that says our lives have no value.

So we thrash about in a pool of comparison and one-upmanship. Our lives become burdened by the heaviness of getting it right. Our joy becomes brittle, and our hearts slowly break. The only possible outcome of this hurry-up-and-matter hustle is the slow crushing of our souls.

But God offers real life where our brokenness is redeemed. He says we can abandon society’s beautiful lie and allow him to breathe new life into us, his beloved.

I think of the passage in Ezekiel where the Lord leads the prophet through a valley. Ezekiel wrote: “God’s Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. He led me around and among them—a lot of bones! There were bone all over the plain—dry bones, bleached by the sun” (37:1-2, msg). That’s our condition. We’re like dead, dry bones.

And yet God tells Ezekiel to prophesy—to reveal something by divine inspiration—over these bleached and broken things. The prophet does and in the story the bones come alive. Broken things are made beautiful.

Here’s the point: God breathes life into our dead and imperfect things. So if we feel that we don’t measure up, it doesn’t mean we have to climb onto the build-your-worth treadmill. We already have worth. In God’s eyes. By his doing. And our worth is permanent, lasting far longer than any worldly attempt to uphold the beautiful lie could ever last.

Are you seeking your self-worth through redemption in Christ or through striving to gain others’ approval?