



# 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*

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## GRATITUDE

living a life of thankfulness

four week teaching series

**NOV 5 • 12 • 19 • 26**

español -	9:00a	9:00a	5:00p	9:00a
english -	10:45a	10:45a	5:00p	10:45a

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# TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

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November 26, 2023

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Thanks for joining us for 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, fill out a Connect Card & pick up a **Welcome Bag** as a gift from Hope City Church. Welcome Home!

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TEACHING SERIES

**GRATITUDE**  
living a life of thankfulness

THANKSGIVING in capital letters

Pastor Roy Halberg

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## HOPE TEAM | TLC Coffee

To sign up to join our TLC HOPE TEAM that serves coffee each Wednesday morning from 7:30-9:15a to the Preschool families, scan the QR code or text the word TLC to 562.444.1211

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Take a box fill it up per instructions in the box. Return it **by November 26**. You'll bring a smile and the gospel to a child

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHT HANGING

Imagine getting to enjoy the feel of Christmas each time you see your home, without having to do the work! Hope City Students are available to hang your exterior Christmas lights & decorations for a donation to Hope City Students of \$30 (or more if you like their work) ;) Scan the QR code to sign up or sign up at the Connect Center.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Hetzler  
Jessica Yrineo

Sun Nov 26  
Fri Dec 01

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Max & Maggie Olmedo Mon Nov 27

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### THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY

Ironmen Bible Study	Tue	Nov 28	6:30pm
Women's Bible Study	Tue	Nov 28	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group (Gonzalez Home)	Tue	Nov 28	6:30pm
Serve Coffee to TLC Families ( <i>On Campus</i> )	Wed	Nov 29	7:00am
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Dec 01	6:30pm
Hope City Kids   Adventure Club	Fri	Dec 01	6:30p
Hope City Students	Fri	Dec 01	6:30pm



### HOPE CITY WOMEN CONFERENCE

Join us AT THE TABLE for a regional Charis Women Conference for women ages 14+ at Seal Beach Grace Church. January 26-27, 2024 | Friday 7-9p & Saturday 9-4p [Lunch included] Cost is \$40 if registration is received by Dec 3. Cost is \$50 after that date. Scan QR code to Register!

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### ADVENTURE CLUB FOR KIDS

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

Join 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)



## **Being Thankful Is a Powerful Way to Live**

The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.” Psalms 28:7

We have so much to be grateful for in this life, every single day. But reality is that sometimes constant life demands, battles, and worries give more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget, in the midst of busyness and pressures, just to pause and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

Sometimes it really is a sacrifice to offer praise and thanks. We may not feel like it. We're struggling. We're weary. Or maybe, we feel like He let us down. We think God seems distant, like he's far away, or doesn't really care about what's troubling us. Painful life blows and losses might have recently sent us spiraling.

But here's what can make a lasting difference. We have a choice, every day, to give him thanks. And with a heart of thanksgiving, we realize that no matter what we face, God doesn't just work to change our situations and help us through our problems. He does more. He changes our hearts. His power, through hearts of gratitude and focused minds on Him, releases the grip our struggles have over us. We're strengthened by His peace, refueled by His joy.

No matter what our current situation, or the struggles we may be facing, we can choose to be thankful:

Maybe you're in a hard place right now. Maybe you feel like God has left you on your own, to fend for yourself, or the battle seems too hard. Maybe there's never enough money left at the end of the month and you can't figure out how to make things work. No matter what, in it all, be assured that God is with you and He cares. Choose a heart of gratefulness today. Make a list of all that God has blessed and filled your life with, that it's been easy to take for granted at times. Trust He knows what concerns you and is at work even now, to bring you through this uncertain season. Thank Him for providing all you need.