



# 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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# TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

**December 03, 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** from the connect center as a gift from Hope City Church. Welcome Home!

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## TEACHING SERIES



Pastor Oscar Chavez

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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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## 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.



## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to receive a box of 52 offering envelopes for 2024 for your giving, please text the word 'Offering Box' to 562.444.1211 by 12.24.23



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michelle Perkins

Sun

Dec 03

Mark Miller

Tue

Dec 05

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## THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY

Ironmen Bible Study	Tue	Dec 05	6:30pm
Women's Bible Study	Tue	Dec 05	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group (Gonzalez Home)	Tue	Dec 05	6:30pm
Serve Coffee to TLC Families ( <i>On Campus</i> )	Wed	Dec 06	7:00am
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Dec 08	6:30pm
Hope City Kids   Adventure Club	Fri	Dec 08	6:30pm
Hope City Students	Fri	Dec 08	6:30pm
Special Church Meeting (budget & officers)	Sun	Dec 10	12:30pm

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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)

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## 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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. Hopelessness often comes at the point in your life when you feel you have hit rock bottom. But as I always like to point out, God will often let us hit rock bottom so that we will discover that He is the Rock at the bottom. Hopelessness is often born out of difficulties, defeats and discouragements. And while these things are painful, there are seasons when the Lord uses our suffering to grow and strengthen us. These are the times when He sees fit to strip us of our self-sufficiency.

Friend, we shouldn't run from difficulties or try to cope our way out of the lessons to be learned. It is not pleasant and it is not happy, I understand. But it will produce in you a better life than you ever imagined, if you let it and don't resist the growth. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:3). Those who are spiritually broken will be blessed because they will see God in a way unlike most others. They will experience His reality and presence flowing through their lives in a uniquely personal manner.

Scripture promises that God remains close to those who are broken and He makes them stronger than before. Psalm 34:18 says, "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"