



# 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*

JESUS | King of kings and Lord of lords

CELEBRATE

Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was crucified. He has RISEN; he is not here.

- Mark 16:6

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# TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

March 31, 2024

Thanks for joining us for our Easter Services! 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!



## "The Changing Power of the Resurrection"

1 Corinthians 15:13-20

Pastor Oscar Chavez

### ADVENTURE CLUB FOR KIDS

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

Join us every Friday at 6:30pm on the HOPE CITY Church campus. Kid's Adventure Club meets in Room B105. For more information contact:

[hopecitykids@hopecitychurch.la](mailto:hopecitykids@hopecitychurch.la)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our HC Kids volunteer team. Connect with Judith V. for more info.

### HC STUDENT RETREAT

Middle & High School students, join us as we head up to Lake Arrowhead for our **Student Retreat**, April 12-14, 2024. Cost is \$95. A \$25 deposit is due by March 24 to lock in your spot. Register online at

[hopecitychurch.la](http://hopecitychurch.la) and click on the 'Events' tab OR click on the QR Code. Invite a friend to join you.



### HC Hope Team | TLC

Looking for a way to serve at Hope City? Sign up to join our TLC Preschool | HOPE TEAM that serves coffee each Wednesday morning from, 7:30a-9:15a to the Preschool families, scan the QR code OR click on the 'Events' tab at [hopecitychurch.la](http://hopecitychurch.la) to sign up for a Wednesday slot.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dennis Owen  
Maykel S Torrez

Wed Apr 3  
Thu Apr 4

## THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY

Ironmen Bible Study	Tue	Apr 2	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group ( <i>Gonzalez Home</i> )	Tue	Apr 2	7:00pm
TLC   Hope Team ( <i>Coffee on Campus</i> )	Wed	Apr 3	7:30am
Women's Bible Study ( <i>Rm B103</i> )	Wed	Apr 3	6:30pm
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Apr 5	6:30pm
Hope City Kids Adventure Club ( <i>Rm B105</i> )	Fri	Apr 5	6:30pm
Hope City Students ( <i>Rm E101</i> )	Fri	Apr 5	6:30pm
HC Church Leader's Meeting	Sun	Apr 7	12:30pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

HC Women's Hike	Sat	Apr 13	8:00am
HC Student Retreat	Fri-Sun	April 12-14	
HC Open House Event	Sun	Apr 21	12:15pm
HC Women's Tea	Sat	May 11	11:00am

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# OPEN HOUSE

YOUR INVITATION  
TO CONNECT  
WITH US

4.21.24 12:15PM

helping those new to Hope City Church find a way to get more connected

Go to [hopecitychurch.la](https://hopecitychurch.la) to register your family (lunch included)

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## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

- 1) Matt & Mai Higby | Japan
  - 2) Cecil O'Dell | Japan
  - 3) Phil Bryant | Canada
  - 4) Faa Sumitra(GROW) | Thailand
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## HC WOMEN GATHERING | 4.13.24

Hey ladies! This month's gathering is getting us off campus for a spring hike at Eaton Canyon. Meet us at 8:00am on the HC Campus and we will head over together. Invite another lady to join you and register by scanning the QR Code.





## What Is Easter Really About?

Most of us, if we are Christians, go to church during Easter week. We take communion on Good Friday. We dress up on Sunday. We enjoy the music and the messages. But at the end of the day on Easter, many of us go home the same way we came in.

And that's strange, after we've just been reminded of all that God has done for us: He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross, even though we didn't want Him. We were cursing Him, living our own way, but Jesus said, "I'll take the guilt; you receive the pardon." That's how much He loves us.

But there's more.

On top of dying so that we could be forgiven, Jesus was raised from the dead. God raised His Son to life again to show us that, not only did He forgive us through the blood that Jesus shed on the cross, but He also offers us resurrection power so that we can live new lives.

Listen, when we believe in Jesus, the same power that raised Christ from the dead—the Holy Spirit—comes to live inside us. Now we can finally be the people God wants us to be. The Holy Spirit gives us victory over sin, ugly habits, compulsive disorders. We can't change on our own, but God loves us so much that He operates in grace and does for us what we can't do for ourselves.

If all that's true—and it is—then why are so many believers in Jesus not living in the fullness of this new life? They battle loneliness or fear. They struggle with besetting sins. They know that they are forgiven, but they think that maybe this is as good as it gets. Why is that?

We can't do it ourselves!!!

There is a beautiful promise that Jesus made in Matthew 11:28: **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."**

Notice what Jesus said: "Come to me." Only Jesus can change us.

Stop trying to fix yourself. I'll do the changing. In Me, you are a new creation." I Jesus, **have** the Power of the Resurrection!!!