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LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER



They Said Yes to God – And We're Here for It

I just wanna take a second to thank the **Youth** for stepping up and taking action. Every Sunday, you see their bright faces, and their smiles bring life into this church. I'm beyond grateful to be a part of what the young people have to offer. I pray that all of you keep encouraging them because when we lift up our youth, we're setting up a stronger, brighter future for our whole church.

And of course, a huge shoutout to our amazing youth leaders, **Abigail** and **Nikita**, for putting in the work to make Youth Sundays and the Anchored Young Adult group happen. I know these ladies got a lot going on in their own lives, but they still make the sacrifice for the future of this church, and that's something worth raising a toast to. They both have this perfect balance—bubbly and welcoming, but when it's time to get serious, they're sharp, smart, and on point. I love seeing what God is doing in their lives, and I pray that we all keep pushing them forward and showing them the same love and support they've shown us.

Upcoming Events

- April 18 – Good Friday Service at 1:00 PM
- April 20 – Easter Sunday Service at 6:00 PM
- April 26 – Family Fun Day

To All the Dreamers Out There

To continue: I often wonder—how many of you, church family, think about the specifics of what the youth are doing outside of church? You know already they participate in the worship team and you see them occasionally during Youth Sundays but what about outside the church? Well, I'll be breaking the silence! Sort of .. We always hear during announcements that we have our Youth Program each Friday, but you might not know what our youth are really up to. They are on the brink of finishing their series on sexual sin. I know sexual sin is a daily struggle for many of us, but for the youth? It's one of the most painful battles. Being a Christian means you do not conform to what is "cool" or popular. And right now, as I'm sure most of you already know, it is considered cool to "explore" your sexuality and do whatever you want—because, after all, love is love, right? Well, newsflash: our God doesn't agree with that. God created us to be fruitful—but in order. Order in a world full of chaos. Every day, man chooses whether to stand with the God who brings order or with the nature that breeds chaos. I know many of you have not lost hope. I know many of you dream of a better world. And I encourage you to keep that hope alive because the young people of our church have already taken an important step—choosing to move closer to God, to trust in Him, and to live in His Spirit, even in a world that tries its best to pull them away. I pray that this is truly—a *living hope* for you dreamers.



Daily Devotion

Week 4: Walking in God's Strength and Purpose

This week, Sydel focused on walking in God's strength and purpose. It's easy to forget that we don't have to rely on our own strength to get through life. But Scripture reminds us that God's power is always at work in us, guiding, strengthening, and leading us toward His purpose.

Ephesians 6:10 tells us to "be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." Too often, we try to rely on our own abilities, but as **2**

Corinthians 4:20 says, "the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power." His power works through us when we surrender our plans to Him.

Proverbs 16:3 encourages us to commit our work to the Lord, and He will establish our steps. This is echoed in Jeremiah 29:11, where God promises He has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Even when we feel weak or uncertain,

Philippians 4:13 reminds us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

But walking in God's strength isn't just about action—it's about trust.

Psalms 27:1 declares, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" and Exodus 14:14 reassures us that "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Sometimes, the strongest thing we can do is trust God and let Him lead.

Finally, **Ephesians 2:10** reminds us why we're here: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We were made with a purpose, and God has already laid out the path—we just need to walk in it.

Reflection:

This message is a reminder that we don't have to figure everything out on our own. God gives us strength, direction, and purpose. When we lean on Him, He doesn't just guide us—He empowers us. So let's move forward with confidence, knowing He is with us every step of the way.

This Week's Giving To Date: 03/21-03/27

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Weekly Sermon Reflection



A Lesson in Humility: Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

In **John 13**, Jesus does something unexpected—He kneels down and washes the feet of His disciples. This was a servant's task, yet the Son of God took it upon Himself to show what true leadership looks like.

Pastor Mark reminded us that Jesus wasn't just cleaning feet—He was teaching a powerful lesson in humility, love, and service. If the King of Kings was willing to serve in the most lowly way, how much more should we serve one another?

This act also pointed to something greater: Jesus was about to cleanse more than just feet—He was about to cleanse hearts through His ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

As we go about our week, let's remember His example. True greatness isn't found in power or position, but in how we love and serve those around us.

Looking Ahead: The Hope of Easter

As we reflect on Jesus' act of humility, we're also reminded of the greater sacrifice He was preparing for. Easter is just around the corner—a time to remember His death and celebrate His resurrection. His love didn't just stop at washing feet; He gave His life to wash away our sins.

Let's carry His example of love and service into this season and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter: redemption, renewal, and the hope we have in Christ.

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