



LIVING HOPE BAPTIST
CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AWANA AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM. THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY.
- MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 10TH. WE WILL NOT HAVE EVENING SERVICES.
- OUR NEXT SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON IS ON MAY 14TH AT 12 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- WE WILL HAVE OUR LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER ON SATURDAY, MAY 16TH AT 6 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- WE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR SENIORS WHO ARE GRADUATING THIS MAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 17TH DURING WORSHIP AT EACH CAMPUS.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH FROM 5 - 8 PM, WILL BE LHBC MISSIONS NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A. ORDER THROUGH THE CHICK-FIL-A APP AND USE CODE "LHBC0520" AND SELECT "YES, I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT."
- OUR KIDS' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY, "GOD'S BIG ANSWERS," WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH FROM 6 - 7 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.

CHURCH EVENTS

- MAY 6TH - AWANA AWARDS NIGHT
- MAY 10TH - MOTHER'S DAY
- MAY 14TH - SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
- MAY 16TH - LADIES APPRECIATION
- MAY 17TH - SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY
- MAY 20TH - CHICK-FIL-A LHBC MISSIONS NIGHT
- MAY 27TH - KIDS' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

AN UPDATE FROM THE MISSION FIELD

From Pastor Darrell Crawford

As you know we are partnering in the gospel with dear friends who are serving as missionaries in the Middle East. With the current conflict and unrest there with the war going on, they have had lots of uncertainties as you can imagine. There was a time when the husband was teaching in one area, while his family was back in the home area, and war was going on all around them. It was a sweet email that I received this week letting us know they are safe right now. Below is a copy of that email, with some names changed, and minor edits to geographical locations. Please continue to pray for this family and the work they are doing for our Lord among the people in the middle east.

Hi Darrell,

We hope you all are doing well and are encouraged in the love of God. We wanted to send you a quick update on our family and ministry, and also on the current situation here in the middle east to help you as you continue to lead LHBC in praying for us.

We are all doing well. After I arrived back from one middle eastern area in early March at the start of the conflict in the Middle East, we continued to hear and see lots of interceptors. We are grateful for the ways God graciously equipped our host country to deal with these attacks. For the past month, we have been able to live life normally (for the most part) and things have been relatively quiet since the ceasefire began. We praise the Lord that He has sustained us all. Our boys are aware of what is going on to some extent, and the situation has provided us with many opportunities to talk and pray with them about the conflict and its effects on us and others. By God's grace, they (and we) do not feel overwhelmed by fear or doubt. There continues to be a seriousness to our situation here, but the Lord has graciously given us rest and peace in this time, and we are grateful to continue to serve here during this season. While the outcome of the current conflict in the Middle East is still very uncertain (especially while we wait to see what happens with the current ceasefire) we have seen evidence of God's love and care to us and are so thankful for His kindness to us, as well as to our region. Please continue to pray for a just, quick end to this conflict.

One sad effect of the conflict for us was that we were planning a trip to another country in early April for a gathering of middle eastern pastors. We had planned to spend a few days at a conference center with these believers, studying the Bible, and then to visit a number of middle eastern churches throughout a different region in another country. Due to what is going on here at this time, we thought it best to stay on the ground until we have more insight on how things will unfold in the coming weeks and months. We are praying that we will get to visit these middle eastern believers in the other country later in the summer this year. By God's grace, we have other opportunities to minister to natives. Two native men in our church are eager to pursue baptism and membership. My wife and I are beginning to walk through our church's Statement of Faith and Church Covenant with them. Please pray for us as we explain these important things (in their language) and encourage these men. We want to ensure they truly understand the Gospel and have trusted Christ alone for salvation. We also want to encourage them to enter more fully into the life of the church. This is somewhat difficult with the language barrier, so pray that, as my wife and I seek to grow in our language learning, these men will also grow in their English to better know and love the believers in our church.

Another opportunity I have is to teach theology classes to natives on Zoom once a week for the next several weeks. This is a group of believers/pastors/ministry leaders living all over the world, who want to grow in their knowledge of God's Word as they lead other believers to greater maturity in Christ. Over the past two weeks, I have taught on the Trinity and the Attributes of God. In the coming weeks I will teach on the doctrines of Scripture, humanity, salvation, and the Church. Please pray for me in my preparation and teaching. It's a great opportunity to help these brothers and sisters grow in their faith and understanding of God's Word.

We are so grateful for you and LHBC and continue to pray for you throughout our days and weeks. Thank you for holding our ropes!

*In Love,
Mission family*

Please continue to lift this family to our gracious sovereign Lord, and the people they are ministering to that are hearing the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Darrell Crawford