



LIVING HOPE BAPTIST  
CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WE WILL HAVE A MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 8TH AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- FEBRUARY 8TH AT 5:00 PM AT OUR CALVARY CAMPUS, THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GOING ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP.
- IF YOU ARE A LIFEGROUP LEADER OR WISH TO BEGIN A NEW LIFEGROUP, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS AT 6:15 PM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
- OUR NEXT SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 12 NOON AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 6 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS, WE WILL HAVE A SWEETHEART SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ATTEND CAMP.
- ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT, "NEED PRAYER?" ON FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS,

## CHURCH EVENTS

- FEB. 8<sup>TH</sup> - MEMBERSHIP CLASS
- FEB. 8<sup>TH</sup> - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP MEETING
- FEB. 9<sup>TH</sup> - LIFEGROUP LEADERSHIP MEETING & D GROUP MEETING
- FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup> - SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
- FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup> - SWEETHEART SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER
- FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup> - "NEED PRAYER?" WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

# Walking with the King

Encouragement from Pastor Darrell Crawford

Happy February! It is cold, and we have had snow/ice and it has lingered around long enough! I'm sure you are like me and are ready for this to pass. If you have been committed to our Bible reading plan, you are coming up on where many people fall off in their plan to read the Bible in a year. Leviticus. All of those laws, and all of those sacrifices, and all of those names! What are we to do with that? I want to encourage you to think about all of the Bible as pointing to Jesus. When you think of Israel, who Moses was leading out of slavery and into the promised land, consider, as one professor pointed out to his seminary students, the testimony of an Israelite following the leadership of Moses with confidence in making it to the promised land. They would say something like this: "We were in a foreign land, in bondage, under the sentence of death. But our mediator - the one who stands between us and God - came to us with the promise of deliverance. We trusted in the promises of God, took shelter under the blood of the lamb, and he led us out. Now we are on the way to the Promised Land. We are not there yet, of course, but we have the law to guide us, and through blood sacrifice we also have His presence in our midst. So, He will stay with us until we get to our true country, our everlasting home." That would be the testimony of the people of God in the Old Testament, and that is the testimony of the people of God today! The difference is we have a better covenant, a better mediator, and a better sacrifice! All of the Old Testament is pointing to Jesus!

Tim Keller has written, "Jesus is the true and better Adam, who passed the test in the garden and whose obedience is imputed (credited) to us.

Jesus is the true and better Abel, who, though innocently slain, has blood that cries out for our acquittal, not our condemnation.

Jesus is the true and better Abraham, who answered the call of God to leave the comfortable and familiar and go out into the void, 'not knowing whither he went,' to create a new people of God.

Jesus is the true and better Isaac, who was not just offered up by his father on the mount but was truly sacrificed for us all. God said to Abraham, 'Now I know you love me, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from me.' So we can say to God, 'Now we know that you love us, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from us.'

Jesus is the true and better Jacob, who wrestled with God and took the blow of justice we deserved so that we, like Jacob, receive only the wounds of grace to wake us up and discipline us.

Jesus is the true and better Joseph, who at the right hand of the king, forgives those who betrayed and sold him and uses his new power to save them.

Jesus is the true and better Moses, who stands in the gap between the people and the Lord and who mediates a new covenant.

Jesus is the true and better rock of Moses, who, struck with the rod of God's justice, now gives us water in the desert.

Jesus is the true and better Job - the truly innocent sufferer who then intercedes for and saves his stupid friends.

Jesus is the true and better David, whose victory becomes his people's victory, though they never lifted a stone to accomplish it themselves.

Jesus is the true and better Esther, who didn't just risk losing an earthly palace but lost the ultimate heavenly one, who didn't just risk his life but gave his life - to save his people.

Jesus is the true and better Jonah, who was cast out into the storm so we could be brought in." -Tim Keller, *Walking with God*.

So, don't lose heart as you are reading through Leviticus. It is filled with pictures of Jesus! See the gospel through all of the Old Testament and may it be a joy to your soul! Walk with the King through His Word!

In Christ,  
Darrell Crawford