



LIVING HOPE BAPTIST
CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WE WILL OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ON JANUARY 4TH AT BOTH CAMPUSES.
- THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 24TH AND WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 5TH.
- "FRIENDZY," A WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT, WILL BE ON JANUARY 10TH AT 4:00 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS.
- EVANGELISM TRAINING BEGINS JANUARY 11TH AT 6 PM AND WILL CONTINUE FOR SIX WEEKS. JOIN US EACH WEEK AT OUR CALVARY CAMPUS AS WE LEARN HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THE PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.
- A CHILD DEDICATION CLASS FOR PARENTS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 18TH AT OUR EAGLE WAY CAMPUS FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM SERVICE. PLEASE SIGN UP BY JANUARY 11TH.
- A CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 25TH AT BOTH CAMPUSES.

CHURCH EVENTS

- JAN. 4TH - LORD'S SUPPER
- JAN 5TH - CHURCH OFFICE REOPENS
- JAN. 10TH - "FRIENDZY" WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT
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- JAN 25TH - CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

A Grateful Reflection and Hopeful Look Ahead

from Pastor Darrell Crawford

This past year has truly been a gift from the Lord. Nearly every day in my prayers, I find myself thanking God for His grace in allowing me to call Living Hope Baptist Church my church home. It is a deep joy and sacred privilege to serve as pastor of such a loving, faithful, and Christ-centered church family. As we look toward a new year, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your faithfulness and invite you to join me in eagerly anticipating all that God will do in the year ahead (Ephesians 3:20).

Thank You for Your Faithful Presence

Thank you for your faithfulness in gathering. Our worship attendance continues to grow, and we are also seeing increased involvement in our small groups. It is my prayer that even more of our church family will engage in Sunday School, Discipleship Groups, and LifeGroups in the coming year. God uses these means to mature His people, deepen relationships, and strengthen our witness, and your commitment to gathering together is a great encouragement.

Thank You for Your Faithful Giving

I want to also thank you for your faithfulness in giving. In 2025, Living Hope proposed the largest budget in our church's history, and by God's grace, and through your generosity, we exceeded that budget before the end of November. Because of your giving, the Lord is enabling us to support gospel work both locally and around the world.

More than \$100,000 was given to missions and ministry, including support for local and international mission efforts. We were able to assist New Beginnings Baptist Church, a church plant of Living Hope, as they moved into their new facility in Christian County, including the purchase of a new church sign. We continued our partnership with Willowbrook Park Baptist Church in Staten Island, New York, and supported mission teams serving in Oklahoma through Camp Crossway and Otoe Baptist Church.

Mission teams were sent to Utah to assist churches ministering in a largely unreached area. We supported gospel work in Uganda and partnered with Streams of Living Water, a ministry that trains pastors in some of the most unreached regions of the world, including Senegal, South Sudan, Egypt, and across Africa. Through your giving, our mission partner Adrian Lawrence was sent to Egypt for training at the Streams of Living Water Conference. We also continued to support mission families serving in Dubai, Afghanistan, and India, including providing full-time support for four pastors through Mission Voice Network in India.

Locally, your generosity allowed us to support ministries such as Alpha Pregnancy Care Center, Grace and Mercy, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Heritage Christian Academy. We also partnered faithfully with the International Mission Board, the Christian County Baptist Association, the Pillar Network, and Desiring God Ministries, which provides free theological resources to believers around the world.

Because of your giving, we were able to care for hurting families through our benevolence ministry by distributing thousands of dollars to meet real and immediate needs. We renovated the nursery areas at both campuses, purchased new furniture, replaced major HVAC units at the Calvary Campus, and—by God's grace—paid off the Calvary Campus mortgage in 2025. Additional improvements included new kitchen equipment at the Eagle Way Campus, which has already been a great blessing.

Your faithfulness also allowed us to expand our ministry staff. We welcomed Amber Willett as our new Children's Minister. Tammie Hargrove transitioned into the role of Church Administrator while continuing as Financial Secretary, and we welcomed Kim Sivills as our new Administrative Assistant. These additions have strengthened our ministry and would not have been possible without your generosity.

Faithfulness That Bears Eternal Fruit

Because you give, our elders are able to devote themselves to the study of God’s Word, shepherding the flock, caring for families, proclaiming the gospel, and discipling new believers. For the second year in a row, Living Hope has been among the top 25 Baptist churches in Kentucky in baptisms, and we continue to see an exceptional retention rate among those who come to Christ. This is a testimony to your love for one another and your commitment to Biblical discipleship. Thank you for walking faithfully together in the gospel.

Remembering Those We Miss

While 2025 has been filled with much joy and fruitful ministry, it has also been marked by seasons of sorrow. We said “goodbye for a little while” to beloved saints who were dearly loved members of our church family: Tammie Norfleet; Rosemary Downey; Bruce Heflin; Deacon and charter member Sonny Evans; Francis Watts; Deacon Herman Goodwin; and charter members Bonnie Hester and Mary Williams, all of whom went home to be with the Lord this year. We miss them deeply, yet we grieve with hope, looking forward to the day when we will be reunited with them in glory in the presence of our Savior.

Transitions and Thanksgiving

This year also marked the conclusion of a significant gospel partnership with our Worship Pastor, Tom Drake who is retiring. Tom has faithfully served the Lord at Living Hope for over eight years, and we are deeply grateful for his leadership, gifts, and love for this church. While we will miss his regular presence, we are thankful that he will continue to serve in an advisory role. We also joyfully welcome Kenton Henderson and Taylor Greene as they help lead our music ministry in this next season.

Pressing On Together

We are thankful for all the Lord has done at Living Hope, and with the Apostle Paul we will be, “... reaching forward to what lies ahead, and press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). I hope you are as excited as I am about what the Lord has in store. I pray that you will continue to join us in gospel ministry—through small groups, local outreach, and mission opportunities in New York City, the Dominican Republic, Oklahoma, and right here in Hopkinsville. We look forward to starting Evangelism Training on Sunday nights starting January 11. Make sure you join us for that as we seek to share the gospel of Jesus Christ Biblically, and effectively. We are also looking forward to a great year of ministry with men’s ministry events, and women’s ministry events, as well as continued growth in children’s, youth, young adult, and senior adult ministry. Living Hope is definitely and exciting place to be! At Living Hope Our Mission is the Great Commission. Join in on what the Lord is doing!

Thank you, Living Hope, for your faithfulness. We are grateful for 2025, and we pray that in the year ahead, God’s Word would richly dwell among us and that He would continue to bless us in Christ Jesus for His glory.



READY TO JOIN LHBC?

Are you ready to join our faith family at Living Hope Baptist Church? We would love to meet with you! Please reach out to one of the pastors to set up a meeting:

You can contact any of our pastors:

Darrell Crawford (Pastor for Vision and Preaching)
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Jacob Workman (Pastor of Families)
(270) 839-0207

Dr. Reed Shepherd (Senior Adult/Pastoral Care Pastor)
(270) 839-1095

John Gibson (Associate Pastor)
(270) 604-1417

If you would like more information on the church before you join, we offer a membership class every other month. This is a detailed class led by one of the pastors that informs you on what the church believes. We recommend all of those who are looking to join the church to attend as well as those who just want to know more about the church.
We look forward to meeting with you!