



LIVING HOPE BAPTIST
CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THERE IS A LOAVES & LITTLE ONES POTLUCK ON OCTOBER 4TH AT OUR EAGLE WAY FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE. THIS WILL BE FOR THOSE RANGING IN AGE FROM 21-45 AND YOUR FAMILIES.
- THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICES ON OCTOBER 4TH AND NO MID-WEEK SERVICES ON OCTOBER 7TH DUE TO FALL BREAK.
- OUR HOPE TEAM FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH WILL BE THE YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND CALEB THEIS' LIFE GROUP.
- ON OCTOBER 16TH, OUR SENIOR ADULTS WILL ENJOY A FUN DAY ABOARD THE GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT.
- PARENTS' NIGHT OUT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH AT OUR CALVARY CAMPUS.
- OUR HOPE TEAM FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH WILL BE JEREMY SATURLEY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND CAHLE BUCKINHAM'S LIFE GROUP.
- A BABY SHOWER FOR KATRINA STEVENS WILL BE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 4 PM AT THE LOFT IN RUSSELLVILLE, KY. SHE IS REGISTERED AT BABYLIST AND TARGET.
- OUR YOUTH ARE HAVING A 5TH QUARTER EVENT FOLLOWING THE CCHS FOOTBALL GAME ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AT OUR CALVARY CAMPUS.
- LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT, "S'MORE OF JESUS: A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND FELLOWSHIP," ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD FROM 5:30 - 8 PM.
- WE WILL OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING ALL WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.
- A BABY SHOWER FOR JZONA THEIS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 12 PM AT OUR EAGLE WAY FELLOWSHIP HALL. SHE IS HAVING A BABY GIRL AND IS REGISTERED ON BABYLIST.
- OUR HOPE TEAM FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH WILL BE TOM HICKEY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.
- THERE WILL BE NO AWANA ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.

CHURCH EVENTS

- OCT 4TH - LOAVES AND LITTLES POTLUCK
- OCT 4TH - NO EVENING SERVICES
- OCT 7TH - NO SERVICES
- OCT 11TH - HOPE OUTREACH
- OCT 16TH - SENIOR ADULT OUTING
- OCT 17TH - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
- OCT 18TH - HOPE OUTREACH
- OCT 22ND - KATRINA STEVENS BABY SHOWER
- OCT 23RD - YOUTH 5TH QUARTER EVENT
- OCT 23RD - WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT
- OCT 25TH - LORD'S SUPPER
- OCT 25TH - JZONA THEIS BABY SHOWER
- OCT 25TH - HOPE OUTREACH
- OCT 28TH - NO AWANA

With a Grateful Heart

From Pastor Darrell Crawford

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

I KNOW I MAY BE IN THE MINORITY HERE, BUT I AM SADDENED TO SEE SUMMER LEAVING US! I LOVE THE WARM WEATHER, EVEN AND ESPECIALLY THE HOT WEATHER, BUT I SUPPOSE THE DIFFERENT SEASONS ARE GOOD FOR US AS WELL. WHETHER WE ARE READY OR NOT, FALL IS HERE! SOON YOU'LL BE WEARING HOODIES AND SWEATERS, AND THEN MAYBE EVEN LONG JOHNS!

ANOTHER THING THAT COMES AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR IS WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. IT IS SUCH A KIND IDEA AND A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD TO INTENTIONALLY EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THOSE WHO LABOR AMONG THEM IN PREACHING, TEACHING, SHEPHERDING, COUNSELING, AND CARING FOR THEIR SOULS.

FIRST THESSALONIANS 5:12-13 SAYS, "BUT WE REQUEST OF YOU, BRETHREN, THAT YOU APPRECIATE THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY LABOR AMONG YOU, AND HAVE CHARGE OVER YOU IN THE LORD AND GIVE YOU INSTRUCTION, AND THAT YOU ESTEEM THEM VERY HIGHLY IN LOVE BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK. LIVE IN PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER."

I APPRECIATE THE INTENTIONALITY OF CHRISTIANS ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY IN LOVING THOSE WHO LEAD THEM AND LABOR FAITHFULLY IN THE MINISTRY. THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE ARE SCORES OF PASTORS WHO ARE UNDERAPPRECIATED, UNDERPAID, AND CARRY TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITIES AND STRESS EACH DAY. FOR THOSE PASTORS, HAVING THEIR CHURCH FAMILY INTENTIONALLY EXPRESSING LOVE AND GRATITUDE CAN BE A TREMENDOUS ENCOURAGEMENT.

WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR BEING PART OF A CHURCH FAMILY THAT HAS NEVER FAILED TO MAKE ME AND MY FAMILY FEEL APPRECIATED AND LOVED. I TRULY FEEL LIKE LIVING HOPE IS FAMILY. SOME OF THAT IS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT GOD HAS CALLED ME TO FEEL, BUT FOR THESE 16 YEARS, YOU HAVE MADE IT EASY TO FEEL THAT WAY.

BECAUSE THAT IS THE TRUTH OF OUR CONTEXT, I DO NOT WANT OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO FEEL LIKE YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR ME IN OCTOBER THAN YOU ALREADY DO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE ALWAYS FEEL LOVED AND APPRECIATED IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

IN FACT, ONE OF THE WAYS YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR APPRECIATION FOR ME IS BY BEING WILLING TO ADD TO OUR STAFF AS THE CHURCH HAS GROWN AND BY CARING WELL FOR THOSE GOD HAS CALLED TO SERVE ALONGSIDE US. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR PASTORS/ELDERS WHO SHARE THE LOAD OF PASTORAL CARE, COUNSELING, DISCIPLING, AND EVANGELIZING, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD. THEY ARE GOD'S GIFT TO YOU, AND I AM INCREASINGLY AWARE THAT THEY ARE ALSO GOD'S GIFT TO ME AS WE PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL.

SO, IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING EXPRESSING YOUR APPRECIATION IN TANGIBLE WAYS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IT WOULD HONESTLY SERVE ME WELL IF YOU WOULD DIRECT THAT APPRECIATION TOWARD THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF RATHER THAN TOWARD ME. YOU SHOWER ME WITH YOUR LOVE AND APPRECIATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND IF I DID NOT GENUINELY FEEL APPRECIATED, THIS LETTER WOULD NOT BE WRITTEN.

I LOVE YOU, LIVING HOPE, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE WAY YOU LOVE AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING YOU HERE AT LIVING HOPE. THANK YOU FOR BEING THE KIND OF CHURCH FAMILY YOU ARE.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING GOD MOVE IN EXTRAORDINARY WAYS IN THE FALL, WINTER, SPRING, AND SUMMER!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; MAY HE CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU.

IN CHRIST,
DARRELL CRAWFORD