

THE NEXT CHAPTER

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS  
EVERY 4TH SUNDAY  
8:30 AM, 11 AM



8:30 AM in the Teaching Room (Second Floor)  
11 AM in the Main Sanctuary (First Floor, by the stairs)

God of the  
BACKGROUND  
— THE BOOK OF ESTHER —



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COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 24, 2024

LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM | 9:30AM | 11:30AM

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben Tabbal

SONGS OF PRAISE

Evan Lee

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Kim

MESSAGE

God of the Background, Part 1

“God’s Hidden Work”

Esther 1-2

Pastor Ervin Liang

TESTIMONY

Angie Lee

SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor James Lee





# DEACON & ELDER NOMINATIONS

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## THANKSGIVING

Join Us on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>  
for Sunday Worship & Lunch

Services at 8am, 9:30am & 11:30am  
Lunch after the 9:30 & 11:30 services



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. New Sermon Series | Today – Dec 15

For the next several weeks, we will be going through a new sermon series called "God of the Background," examining how God works in seemingly invisible yet powerful ways. Each Sunday will cover segments of the book of Esther and feature a testimony by one of our own Living Hope women, whose life shows God's invisible yet powerful work through strong women leaders like Queen Esther. Please join us at 8am, 930am, or 1130am on Sundays!

### 2. Thanksgiving Sunday Worship & Lunch | Today

Invite your friends and family to join us for Thanksgiving Sunday Worship and fellowship over our Thanksgiving Meal ~ Living Hope style!

### 3. First Lunch | Dec 1

Calling all newcomers to Living Hope! Please join us for the last First Lunch of this year on Sunday, December 1 at 11am in the upstairs Common Room. First Lunch is a casual hangout over food where you get to meet some church members and hear a presentation on what Living Hope is like as a local church. It's a great way to discern your first steps following Jesus with us! Walk-ins are welcome but your registration helps us to prepare adequately. Please send questions to Pastor James Lee (james.lee@livinghopecc.org).

[FIRST LUNCH REGISTRATION](#)

### 4. Prime Christmas | Dec 8

Calling all single adults to celebrate the baby Jesus together! Sunday, December 8 at 5pm to 7pm at the Porch. Prime Christmas is the final event of the year, one that is filled with food, fun, prizes, laughter, and more! Ugly sweater is recommended but not required. \$15 per person with raffle tickets for \$1 each. Register TODAY! [REGISTER FOR PRIME CHRISTMAS 2024](#)

### 5. Congregational Vote | Dec 8

We believe the church is not only a gathering of believers but a family of believers who feel ownership of the church. At the end of each year, we go through the process of nominating servant leaders for the next term. We will announce the nominations for deacons and elders starting Sunday Nov. 24. Our in-person Congregational Vote for the nominees will take place for Members of Living Hope after each service on Sunday, December 8.

### 6. Neighbor's Pantry | Dec 14

Every second Saturday of the month, our church hosts a no-cost food pantry for anyone in our area. Neighbor's Pantry is an opportunity for us as a church family to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. If you're looking to get involved or have any questions, please contact Pastor Albert Kae (albert.kae@livinghopecc.org).

### 7. Parent and Me Playdate | Dec 14

The last Parent and Me (ages 0-24 months) for this year will be on Saturday December 14 from 9am-11am in the nursery room. Please stop by the nursery room or email lhcc.babies@livinghopecc.org to receive an evite and more information.





## FIRST LUNCH

DECEMBER 1 (SUN)  
11AM @ COMMON ROOM

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## SERMON NOTES

God of the Background, Part 1  
“God’s Hidden Work”  
Esther 1-2  
Pastor Ervin Liang

I. The God of the background still works in the foreground.

II. Trust God is active even when He feels passive.

III. In time, we will see God’s activity in what felt like his passivity.



# NO-COST FOOD PANTRY

Come and receive free groceries.  
No residency requirement.



JULY 13, AUG. 10, SEPT. 14,  
OCT. 12, NOV. 9, DEC. 14



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## PARENT & ME

*Living Hope Community Church*

WHAT: PARENT & ME PLAY DATE  
WHO: MOMS&DADS AND BABIES OF NURSERY-AGED CHILDREN (0-23 MONTHS)  
WHEN: 9AM-11AM, 2ND SATURDAYS OF EVERY EVEN MONTH  
WHERE: LHCC NURSERY ROOM

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## Cell Group Discussion Questions

### GET-TO-KNOW

Ice Breaker—Share about a time you felt forgotten.

### FROM-THE-SERMON

- 1) Why is God not mentioned at all in the Book of Esther?
- 2) According to the speaker, why do the Jews feel like God has forsaken them?
- 3) How is God’s activity portrayed throughout the first two chapters?
- 4) What is the significance of the “grace” and “favor” Esther won from King Xerxes in 2:17?

### BEYOND-THE-SERMON

- 5) How does God feel passive in your life today?
- 6) What do you think the future 10-year version of yourself would say to you today?
- 7) Looking back on your life, what can you see about God’s activity that you couldn’t see before? Or previously took for granted.
- 8) In your current season, what is God specifically asking you to trust him in and what does that look like?