

living hope

COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 31, 2025

OPEN HOUSE
FIRST * CELL

COMMUNITY STARTS AT LIVING HOPE

AUGUST 31ST @ 11AM & 1PM | COMMON ROOM



**PRAYER
CHAPEL**

FIRST TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM IN CHAPEL 1

LH KIDS & TOTS



LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

August 31, 2025

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Chris Chi

SONGS OF PRAISE

Timothy Min

INTERNS

RECOGNITION/INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Steve Janney

MESSAGE

The Beatitudes, Part 8

“Blessing in the Pushback”

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor Ben Tabbal

SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Ben Tabbal

Men's Breakfast

SATURDAY, SEPT 6TH | 8-10AM | COST: \$5

LHCC Chapel 1

Guest Speaker: Pastor James Lee (Cross Life Bible Church)



SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. First Cell Open House | Today

Looking to find community and get connected at Living Hope? First Cell is the best place to start! Join us for the First Cell Open House on Sunday, August 31 in the Common Room (2nd Floor). Come meet our leaders, learn more about what First Cell is all about, and get answers to any questions you have before the next season begins. [Click here](#) to sign up!

2. Prayer Chapel | Sep 2

As part of kicking off the new school year, September's Prayer Chapel will be focused on praying for our children (LH Kids & Tots). During Prayer Chapel, there will be a special designated time where our staff will be praying for our children. Please join us for Prayer Chapel every first Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in Chapel 1.

3. Men's Ministry Breakfast | Sep 6

Join us for our next Men's Breakfast, an encouraging morning of food, fellowship, and spiritual challenge. Our guest speaker, Pastor James Lee from Cross Life Bible Church, will speak on the importance of spiritual disciplines - a timely message as we continue exploring our theme for the year: "What is Man?" Come hungry for a hearty breakfast, ready to connect with other men, and leave refreshed and inspired to live faithfully as a Christian man in today's world. [Click here](#) to register now and invite a friend!

4. First Lunch | Sep 7

Are you new? Have you been with us for some time but want to explore the church more? Join us for First Lunch! We meet on the first Sundays of each month and our next meeting will be on September 7. (Times and locations alternate - 11am at upstairs Common Room or 1pm at downstairs Chapel 2.) Please register [HERE](#) as your registration helps us to prepare food for everyone! Walk-ins are welcome too.

5. First Cell Launch | Sep 14

First Cell starts Sunday, September 14 in Chapel 1 at 1pm, and it's the best way to find community and get connected at Living Hope. [Click here](#) to sign up for a First Cell!

6. Volunteers Needed

The Hospitality Ministry is seeking volunteers to help serve our church family and guests. Please email Doris Lee at dorislee96@yahoo.com if you are able to serve.

To learn more about more additional things happening in the life of our church, please visit <https://www.livinghopecc.org/>.

SERMON NOTES

The Beatitudes, Part 8
“Blessing in the Pushback”

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Big Idea

The blessing isn't found in the comfort of life.
It's found in the presence of Christ — even in
persecution.

1. Persecution for Righteousness, Not Rudeness (v.10)

2. Persecution Is About Christ, Not Just Values (v.11)

3. Persecution with a Promise, Not Just Pain (v.12)

Key Truths

- Righteousness = a life aligned with God and His Kingdom.
- Persecution = evidence that you belong to Christ.
- The gospel journey moves from:
Brokenness → Restoration → Intimacy with Christ.

One-Liner to Remember

Persecution is not the absence of His blessing — it's
where His presence is most real.



Cell Group Discussion Questions

GET-TO-KNOW

Ice Breaker: If you had to design a t-shirt that represents your life or faith right now, what would it say or look like?"

FROM-THE-SERMON

Read Matthew 5:10–12 together.

1. What's the difference between suffering for our own mistakes and being "persecuted for righteousness' sake" (v.10)?
2. How does the shift from "for righteousness' sake" (v.10) to "on My account" (v.11) reshape how we think about persecution today?
3. Where do you feel pressure to blend in or make a small compromise (work, school, friendships, online)? What's one faithful action you can take this week instead?
4. When have you sensed Christ's presence most clearly in a time of pressure? Who can we pray for or stand with right now?

BEYOND-THE-SERMON:

5. Where this week do you sense God calling you to stand out — not to be abrasive, but to reflect His righteousness?"
6. Who in your life — maybe someone drifting or under pressure — needs prayer or encouragement right now?"
7. (Optional) Group Courage: What's one area where our group can pray for greater courage or boldness together?"