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COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 8, 2026



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APRIL 5TH

LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

March 8, 2026

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Albert Kae

SONGS OF PRAISE

Abigail Won

NURSING HOME HIGHLIGHT

SCRIPTURE READING

Steve Shin

MESSAGE

A Prayer Shaped Life, Part 4
“The Mystery of Unanswered Prayer”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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CLOSING PRAYER

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Saturday, March 28 | 8-10am | LHCC Patio

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

JOIN US FOR FOOD + FELLOWSHIP



SALT MINISTRY

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world..."

KICK OFF

Saturday, March 21 2026, 5-8pm

Location: LHCC Porch

\$15 per person

RSVP by 3/16/2026

Welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LH College Spring Retreat | March 20-22

COLLEGIANS!!! Join us for our 2026 Spring Retreat "CONTENTMENT WITHOUT COMPLACENCY". We will be spending our time connecting with God, bonding with our community, and learning how to be confident that what God has provided is more than enough for us to be courageous for our future! Click [here](#) to register!

2. SALT Ministry Kick Off | March 21

SALT Ministry is having a kick off dinner on Saturday, March 21 from 5-8pm. \$15 per person (Dinner will be provided). Please RSVP by March 16. [Click here](#) to register!

3. You Matter – Men's Breakfast | March 28

Join us on Saturday, March 28 from 8-10am, as we kick off the 1st Men's Breakfast of the year! Entry fee of \$5. [Click here](#) to register!

4. Passion Week Outreach Trip | April 2-3

Every year, we have an opportunity as a church to do an outreach during Passion Week. This year, we will be spending two days at Union Rescue Mission: helping out on Skid Row, and serving one of the recovery programs for men, women and children. The trip will be on April 2-3, from morning through afternoon, with no overnight stay. Please fill the form if you're interested. [Click here](#) to register!

5. Baptism | April 5

If you are a believer, but have never professed your faith publicly through baptism, we urge you to do so on Easter Sunday, April 5. The required class will be on Sunday, March 15 from 10:45-11:30am. The last day to sign up is March 13. [Click here](#) to register!

To learn more about more additional things happening in the life of our church, please visit

<https://www.livinghopecc.org/>.

Union Rescue Mission

PASSION WEEK OUTREACH TRIP

APR 2ND - APR 3RD

Open to Prime & Homebuilders



Contentment
without
complacency

Sp. Retreat | March 20-22 | Philipppians 4:11-12

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SERMON NOTES

A Prayer Shaped Life, Part 4

“The Mystery of Unanswered Prayer”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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#1 – Paul’s Problem:

2 Co 12:7 – “So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, **a thorn** was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Paul’s thorn was _____

Paul’s thorn was _____

Paul’s thorn was _____

#2 – Paul’s Prayer:

2 Co 12:8 - “**Three times I pleaded** with the Lord about this, that it should leave me...”

Paul’s prayer was _____

Paul’s prayer was _____

Paul’s prayer was _____

#3 – God’s Response & Provision

2 Co 12:9 - “**But he said to me, ‘My grace** is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”

Big Idea: While an unremoved thorn can be painful and difficult, it is not necessarily an unanswered prayer, but rather God’s invitation to experience His sufficient power & grace.

CELL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Breaking the Ice:

- Last week we learned that Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and knock in prayer. Can you think of a time when you prayed persistently, yet felt God was silent or the door remained closed? How did that experience shape the way you view God, prayer, or yourself?

Digging Deeper:

Point #1: Paul's Problem

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:7. What stands out to you most about Paul's experience with the "thorn" in this passage?
- Is there a "thorn" in your life right now—something you've prayed for repeatedly that God has not removed? If so, please share as you feel comfortable.

Point #2: Pray Prayer

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:8. What can be understood about the manner in which Paul prayed before God?

Point #3: God's Response

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9 together. While God did not honor Paul's request to have the thorn removed, God did give him something else in return - what were these crucial things?
- Has there been a time in your life where an unanswered prayer ended up being a "grace" in disguise? If so, please share with your group.

PRAYER PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK:

Receiving God's Sufficient Grace

This week's practice invites you to bring areas of weakness, struggle, or un-answered prayer before God and to receive His sustaining grace rather than rushing toward resolution.

Step 1: Name the Thorn

In quiet reflection, name one area of ongoing struggle, limitation, or unanswered prayer in your life. You do not need to explain or justify it - simply acknowledge it before God.

Step 2: Listen for Grace

Read slowly: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Sit quietly for a moment and ask, "God, how are You meeting me here?" Do not force an answer; receive what comes gently.

Step 3: Pray for One Another

If you are in a group, break into pairs or triads and pray briefly for one another. Ask God to make His grace tangibly present and to allow His power to rest upon each person in their place of weakness.

CALL TO ACTION: Sign Up for Passion Prayer Week

As we move toward Passion Week, you are invited to take a next step into corporate prayer by signing up for Passion Prayer Week. This will be a focused time for our church to gather, pray, and depend on God together as we remember Christ's journey to the cross.

Sign Up Link:

<https://livinghopecc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/257/responses/new>

