

The Connection

Messages of Hope



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“The Surrendered Life”

Today starts the second week of Lent. Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) and has traditionally marked a beginning of a time of self-examination and a time of preparation in a growing faith in Jesus Christ. We closed our Ash Wednesday service with singing “**I Surrender All**” If you have forgotten the lyrics, here they are:

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all,
I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame;
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to His Name!

Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1896

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At HOPE Church Raleigh I often mention the need for us to surrender all. For us to take a look at what we are holding back, holding on to, trying to keep from the Lord. Yesterday morning I was reading Oswald Chambers “*My Utmost for His Highest*” and while I knew there may be some of you that read that devotional daily, Chambers nails the idea of surrender, so I wanted to share. So if you read this yesterday, please read it again with fresh eyes. If for the first time, listen to what Chambers says about surrender.

The Surrendered Life

Galatians 2:20 I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST...

To become one with Jesus Christ, a person must be willing not only to give up sin, but also to surrender his whole way of looking at things. Being born again by the Spirit of God

means that we must first be willing to let go before we can grasp something else. The first thing we must surrender is all of our pretense or deceit. What our Lord wants us to present to Him is not our goodness, honesty, or our efforts to do better, but real solid sin. Actually, that is all He can take from us. And what He gives us in exchange for our sin is real solid righteousness. But we must surrender all pretense that we are anything, and give up all our claims of even being worthy of God’s consideration.

Once we have done that, the Spirit of God will show us what we need to surrender next. Along each step of this process, we will have to give up our claims to our rights to ourselves. Are we willing to surrender our grasp on all that we possess, our desires, and everything else in our lives? Are we ready to be identified with the death of Jesus Christ?

We will suffer a sharp painful disillusionment before we fully surrender. When people really see themselves as the Lord sees them, it is not the terribly offensive sins of the flesh that shock them, but the awful nature of the pride of their own hearts opposing Jesus Christ. When they see themselves in the light of the Lord, the shame, horror, and desperate conviction hit home for them.

If you are faced with the question of whether or not to surrender, make a determination to go on through the crisis, surrendering all that you have and all that you are to Him. And God will then equip you to do all that He requires of you.

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What a great reminder from Chambers of this beautiful relationship that the Holy Spirit of God and our soul have as we battle the sin of this world that tempts us and tries to invade us constantly. When we surrender all, God will equip us to do all He requires of us through the power of the Holy Spirit. What a great God we serve.

Folks, I have to examine myself daily. This world presses in on me all the time. I have to ask myself: Am I doing all God has called me to do? Have my conversations been wholesome? Have my thoughts been pure? There is a hard one, right? While we should examine ourselves daily all year, Lent is certainly a time to remind us of that fact.

You and I need to ponder this question today; Have I surrendered all to Jesus?

Blessings my friends,

Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh

Worship . Grow . Serve

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, March 9

Wednesday Night Supper, Study, & Prayer @ 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 10

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

Women of HOPE @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Worship Team Practice @ 8:30 a.m.

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time @ 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School @ 11:10 a.m.

Session Meeting @ 12 p.m.

Monday, March 14

Staff Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 15

Men of HOPE @ 7:00 p.m.

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship Food - March 13

Church Will Provide

Soundboard - March 13

Sherif Mikhael

Communion Steward - March

Sandra Pierce

Greeter - March 13

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer for the Nursery - Mar 13

Terry Duffell

This Sunday
Scripture Text and Sermon

Romans 8:18 - 27
"From Groaning to Glory"

Daily Devotions For This Coming Week

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| Mar. 13 | Numbers | 9 |
| Mar. 14 | Numbers | 10 |
| Mar. 15 | Numbers | 11 |
| Mar. 16 | Numbers | 12 |
| Mar. 17 | Numbers | 13 |
| Mar. 18 | Numbers | 14 |
| Mar. 19 | Numbers | 15 |



Sunday School for all ages This Sunday

Our Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month" for the Raleigh Dream Center Food Pantry. **March:**

Canned Vegetables and Canned Soup

We have a collection bin in the foyer

Meal Ministry

Take a meal from the freezer if needed for you or someone else.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help prepare meals for others. See Christina Johnston with questions.

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, March 12th
@ 1:00 p.m.

The Computer Lab

To Resume on Saturday, April 16th

MEN of HOPE

Tuesday, March 15th at 7 p.m.
A ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent out beforehand.
Join us!

Mark Your Calendars

Holy Week 2022

April 10

Palm Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

April 14

Maundy Thursday @ 7 p.m.

April 15

Good Friday

Sanctuary open for Prayer
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 17

Easter Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.
(No Sunday School)

Quote of the Week

"I receive more true knowledge from reading the book of God in one month than I could ever have acquired from all the writings of men."

George Whitefield

Prayer Requests:

Covid -19, Mark Drylie, Kyle Rohweder (Friend of Rich and Diane Williams), Chandhi Haswell & family, Ken Guy (Lynn Joyner's brother-in-law), Revill & Mary Lane Mallory, Evelyn Doby, Jamie Baldwin, Donna Williams, Renee Logan, Loretta (Sandi Underwood's daughter), Joan Summers, Jordan & Cinnamon (son and daughter of Lynn Joyner's family members), Tommy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's brother), Becky Hale's mom in Wyoming, Gene & Becky Hale, The Baker family, Dave & Dot Geil, Joy Forrest's daughter Haley, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin (Sandra Pierce's dad and stepmom), Brian Adam's dad, our Military, our Missionaries, our Nation, and the world. If you have those you would like added to our prayer concerns, please email me those names.

Wednesday Night Supper, Tonight (3/9) @ 6:15 p.m.

Menu:

Country Style Steak,
Rice and Gravy, Green Beans,
Canned Yams, Rolls, & Dessert

Ephesians Study Continues

Schedule:

6:15 p.m. - Supper

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

7:00 p.m. - HOPE4Kids

7:45 p.m. - Break

7:50 p.m. - Prayer Time

**HOPE Session will meet this
Sunday, March 13 @ 12 PM
(In Person)**

**This Sunday (March 13 @ 2 a.m.)
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring Forward One Hour**



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