

# The Connection

## Messages of Hope



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## “Passing It On!”

“Hey, look at this.” Diane’s words brought me out of driving-mode as we headed down the road to celebrate grandson number five’s 1st birthday. I had to wait till I stopped at the next traffic light to catch a glimpse of the picture she had on her phone. “Do you know who these people are,” she asked? The light changed and I started moving. The picture swirled in my mind and, as it has done untold numbers of times, the brain did its thing. Personally, I know that if this recall does not happen within several seconds it’s just not coming. But, I began to recognize it.

The image was of two men walking away from the camera. Both are dressed in suits. One is taller and much younger than the other. The elder man carries a broad-brimmed hat behind him, and they appear to be in a deep conversation. “Yes,” I declared, “I do know this picture.” The image was taken in 1961 and recorded the meeting of former President Dwight David Eisenhower and his successor, John F. Kennedy. One, a five-star general and Commander of the combined military forces in the European theater during the D-day invasion to retake Europe from Germany in World War II. The other, Commander of the Naval vessel PT-109 stationed in the Pacific. Eisenhower who had led the allied forces to victory on the battlefield and who was picked to lead the nation during the uncertainty of post war nuclear build-up and the beginning of the cold war, and Kennedy, who came from American aristocracy and was the youngest man to ever be elected president. One, the time tested, battle-hardened war horse; the other, the young, well-heeled and connected stallion ready for the race. In his inaugural address, Kennedy would state that the torch had been passed to a new generation of Americans.

We pulled up to the house and went inside where the party was in full swing. Although other families with their children were there, my focus was upon the Six: Oliver, Jude, Lincoln, Baylor, Thatcher and of course the birthday boy, Theo. All of the party items were in place. Presents and treats, hamburgers and hot dogs, cake and snacks, Pepsi and lemonade. Playing outside and the inside and all had a great time. I wouldn’t say anything very deep was discussed. There were no World changing ideas shared, but time is spent together. And when we left after several hours I felt that the day was well spent. It reminds me once again that love is not spelled L-O-V-E but T-I-M-E.

**“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2.**

Hope Church is now been in existence for 13 years. During that time people have come and gone. It’s that way in every church. But God has caused a group of individuals to remain. This group that God has here right now is the group that he wants to use going forward. We have not had very many additions to the church over the course of the last several years. But during that time we have seen a lot of spiritual deepening within the congregation. Our discussions have not been on easy to understand subject matter, but rather on information that mature Christians should know and live. Within recent days we have had an influx of younger people into the church. We who have been here a while should really be excited about that. Obviously, if we remain a greying church we will cease to exist. But the exciting thing is that God is drawing these new faces, these young faces into this place. Are we finding ourselves in that place where the elder speaks to the younger? Or are we in a place now where we who might consider ourselves too old to be doing anything great for God now preparing ourselves to walk alongside these our younger brothers and sisters to help them and prepare them for the future as believers?

Paul’s words to Timothy should be our benchmark. We cannot sit still and say nothing. We must speak the truth in love and share this truth with our younger brothers and sisters. We must demonstrate that our words are true by our daily living for Christ and we must encourage them to exercise their faith and grow in the power of the Resurrection. We must help them that they might help others for one day God will release the torch from us that we might pass on to them. The choice is ours. We can either wither on the vine as aged fruit or by the renewing power of Jesus Christ proclaim loudly to this generation that He is Lord yesterday, today and forever.

Blessings,  
Bruce Mack - Elder - HOPE Church Raleigh

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# HOPE Calendar

## Wednesday, April 20

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

## Thursday, April 21

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday, April 23

Women of HOPE @ 1:00 p.m.

## Sunday, April 24

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time @ 10:50 a.m.

Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.

## Monday, April 25

Staff Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

## Wednesday, April 27

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

## Helping Hands Ministries

### Fellowship Food - April 24

*Church Will Provide*

### Soundboard - April 24

*Benjamin Pierce*

### Communion Steward - April

*Elizabeth Floyd*

### Greeter - April 24

*Volunteer Needed*

### Volunteer for the Nursery - Apr 24

*Terry Duffell*

This Sunday  
Scripture Text and Sermon  
*John 21:1 - 14*  
*"Knowing That It Was  
The Lord"*



## Sunday School This Sunday for all ages

### Our Outreach Ministries

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

#### Boxed Cereal

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, April 23rd  
@ 1:00 p.m.

### The Computer Lab

This Saturday, May 14th  
@ 9:00 a.m.

### MEN of HOPE

Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 p.m.  
A ZOOM link for the meeting will  
be sent out beforehand.  
Join us!

The May HOPE Session meeting has  
been moved to Sunday, May 15th @  
12:00 p.m. because our normal date in  
May is Mother's Day.

## MOTHER'S DAY

**May 8th**

Gentlemen - Don't Forget!

## Quote of the Week

**"Many like to hear of the love of  
Christ, but not of loving their  
enemies; they like the comforts of  
the Word, but not its reproofs."**

**Thomas Watson**

## Prayer Requests:

Covid -19, Lori Estelle, Mark Drylie, Kyle Rohweder  
(Friend of Rich and Diane Williams), Chandi 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, Study, & Prayer Tonight (4/20) @ 6:15 p.m.

### Menu:

BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes &  
Gravy, Green Beans,  
Rolls, Dessert

## Communion Change (Please read)

Beginning on May 8th, the HOPE  
Session has approved serving  
Communion by Intinction and by  
Individual Pre-packaged cups. The  
table for the Pre-packaged cups  
will be near the isle and front row.  
For those who prefer to continue to  
partake of communion with the  
cups, you will pick up a cup and  
stop in front of Pastor Marty before  
returning to your seat and  
partaking of the elements. Those  
wishing to be served by intinction  
may stop in front of Pastor Marty  
and pick up a piece of bread, dip it  
in the cup and partake. The way  
you choose to partake of  
communion is at your discretion.

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**Worship Time: 9:30 AM**

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## Daily Devotions

### For This Coming Week

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