

The Connection

Messages of Hope



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“Joy In Partnership”

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3 - 6 (ESV)

We all understand partnership. We first saw it in God’s Word in the garden: *“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” “...for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:18; 2ob - 24* There you see partnership.

We also saw partnership transformation with Moses and Joshua, with Elijah and Elisha. We saw partnership begin on the shores of the Sea of Galilee too: *“And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19* And it was there the partnership in the Lord’s ministry began.

We saw a partnership take place with Paul and Barnabas and John Mark. Also with Paul and Silas, as well as with Paul and Timothy. In fact, Paul formed partnership in all the churches he founded on his missionary journeys. But as we read his letters, there was certainly one church he lifted up to commend them on their partnership in the gospel with him, that being the Philippians church.

Think about what Paul is saying here in these opening verses of this letter to the church. Paul thanks God in his remembrance for all of them, as he prays for all of them, a theme he continues as he moves forward through this letter. He makes his prayer in joy. Even though Paul is in prison in Rome, he has joy for their partnership in the gospel. Not just once, but from their

beginning until now. They have continued to be faithful in the gospel message, even though Paul has been long gone. Paul believes that God is going to complete the work that He, God, started there. The joy of partnership is special. Paul is experiencing it.

This was our theme for our Presbytery Meeting of the Presbytery of the Coastal Mid-Atlantic this past weekend. We highlighted that special joy that happens when churches partner with churches for the sake of the gospel. When churches partner with other churches to plant new churches and helps a church planter go into the mission fields of Coastal North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to reach the lost for Christ it brings joy.

I want to lift up another partnership that takes place within the local church and I want to make it personal. God has brought together a people at HOPE Church Raleigh for His purposes and will. We have a mix of spiritual gifts and God given talents that He wants us to use for the building of His kingdom. He wants us to partner with Him AND with each other for this purpose. As we worship Him and worship together, we grow together in love. Love for Him and love for each other! And as we grow in love, our partnership for the gospel is to share His story with others. Partnership!!!

I know many of us are cautious about how to share your faith. We have shared a little in our “Faith Sharing Class” a couple of years ago on how to share the gospel. But, now I want to offer each family a short book to read that can give you very simple tools for sharing the gospel.

This Sunday there will be copies of the book *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations* by Jimmy Scroggins, Steve Wright, Leslee Bennett. It’s free to you. I’m just asking that you read through it.

I continue to believe that the gathered Body of Christ at HOPE Church Raleigh is to serve in advancing His purpose that He has in mind for His kingdom on earth. I’m praying that we all partner together for His purpose.

Blessings friends,
Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh
Worship . Grow . Serve

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, May 04

NO Wednesday Night Supper,
Study, & Prayer

Thursday, May 05

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 08

Mother's Day

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, May 09

Staff Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship Food - May 8

Church Will Provide

Soundboard - May 8

Benjamin Pierce

Communion Steward - May

Janice Worthington

Greeter - May 8

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer for the Nursery - May 8

Terry Duffell

This Sunday
Scripture Text and Sermon

Romans 9:1 - 13
"Has God Failed?"



Sunday School This Sunday for all ages

Our Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month" for the Raleigh Dream
Center Food Pantry May:

Pull Top Canned Vegetables

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, May 14th

@ 1:00 p.m.

The Computer Lab

This Saturday, May 14th

@ 9:00 a.m.

MEN of HOPE

Tuesday, May 17th 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.**

MOTHER'S DAY

May 8th

Gentlemen - Don't Forget!

Quote of the Week

**"It cost David and Peter many sad
days and nights for neglecting to
watch over their own hearts for
only a few minutes."**

John Flavel

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 Devotion & Prayer @ 7 PM Begins May 11th

Communion Change

Beginning 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 aisle and front row.
The way you choose to partake of
communion is at your discretion.

Worship Team Ministry

We are excited to start growing our
Worship Team, as well as give
those in our congregation who
would like to use their musical gifts
the opportunity to serve the Body
and glorify the Lord. If this is
something you would be interested
in, please email Lori Estelle:
stellargirl10@gmail.com

Pentecost RED

For years now, on Pentecost at
HOPE, we have worn RED.

Pentecost Sunday is June 5th.

Please plan to wear something
RED that Sunday.

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in the search box)**

Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

May 8	Deuteronomy	29
May 9	Deuteronomy	30
May 10	Deuteronomy	31
May 11	Deuteronomy	32
May 12	Deuteronomy	33
May 13	Deuteronomy	34
May 14	Joshua	1