

# The Connection

## Messages of Hope



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## “Honoring Our Mother on Mother’s Day and Every Day

Mother’s Day gives us the opportunity to shower the women who’ve loved and cared for us with love, and appreciation. A Mother is the person who carried us in their body for 9 months, an adopted Mother, a Grandmother, Aunt or another who raised us with all the love, sacrifice and guidance of a Mother. A Mother can also be a Dad who is raising a child alone, therefore filling the role of both Mom and the Dad. With us just having celebrated Mother’s Day this past Sunday, I have been thinking about what the Bible tells us about our Mothers.

The Bible consistently asks followers to honor and love their mothers. Examples of this can be seen in Exodus 20:12, “Honor your father and your mother,” and Leviticus 19:3, “Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father.”

The Bible does not directly address the holiday of a Mother’s Day in its verses, but often addresses the celebration of motherhood and mothers.

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” – Exodus 20:12

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’” – Proverbs 31:28-31

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” – Proverbs 31:25-28

“When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.” – John 19:26-27

Will you please join me in praying for all mother’s? Please join me in asking our Lord to:

- Heal the broken heart of a mother who has lost a baby? Her heartache is unimaginable.
- Comfort the heart of a Mother who is sitting beside a sick child, a dying child.
- Protect the Mother’s in Ukraine who are doing all that they can to protect their innocent children.
- Protect a mother who is fighting to protect her child from evil.

- Soften a Mother’s heart who is considering an abortion. Help her to see another way.
- Celebrate a Mother who chooses life for her baby and gives that baby up for adoption if she cannot raise that child.

In today’s fallen world, with so much pure evil, the topic of CHOICE is very unsettling to me. The thought that some applaud having had an abortion, makes my heart cry. The thought of elected officials celebrating being able to abort a baby up until the last second before birth is beyond words. I imagine Jesus crying at what this world has and is doing.

And then I think about Mary, our Savior’s mother. The pain she felt as she watched her son be beaten, humiliated and crucified. Jesus’s pain and Mary’s pain is something that we just cannot identify with.

The song, “Mary Did You Know” always makes me think of Mary’s pain. (Lyrics):

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy Would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy Has come to make you new; This Child that you delivered Will soon deliver you. Mary, did you know that your baby boy Will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand? Did you know that your baby boy Has walked where angels trod, And when you kiss your little baby You’ve kissed the face of God? Mary, did you know? The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again, the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb! Mary, did you know that your baby boy Is Lord all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven’s perfect Lamb, and the sleeping Child you’re holding Is the great, the Great I AM? Oh, Mary, Mary, did you know?

The times that we are living in are indeed sad to a Christian. Knowing that we have a promise of everlasting life with Jesus in Heaven, is what gets us through.

My Mother left this world 30 years ago. I miss her very much but also rejoice knowing that I will be reunited with her one day when I leave this world.

I hope that you will always honor your Mother, and all Mother’s, not just on Mother’s Day, but every day of your life.

In His love,  
Donna Williams - Elder, HOPE Church Raleigh

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# HOPE Calendar

## Wednesday, May 11

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer  
@ 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, May 12

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday, May 14

The Computer Lab @ 9:00 a.m.  
Women of HOPE @ 1:00 p.m.

## Sunday, May 15

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.  
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time @ 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.  
Session Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.

## Monday, May 16

Staff Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

## Tuesday, May 17

Men of HOPE @ 7 p.m.

## Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship Food - May 15

*Church Will Provide*

Soundboard - May 15

*Sherif Mikhael*

Communion Steward - May

*Janice Worthington*

Greeter - May 15

*Volunteer Needed*

Volunteer for the Nursery - May 15

*Terry Duffell*

This Sunday  
Scripture Text and Sermon

*Romans 9:14- 33*  
*"The Potter's*  
*Sovereign Choice"*



## 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.

### The Computer Lab

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

## Spiritual Growth Ministries

### Sunday School

This Sunday for all ages

### WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, May 14th  
@ 1:00 p.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 HOPE Session meets this Sunday, May 15th @ 12:00 p.m.**

## Quote of the Week

**"Christ is never sweet -  
Until sin is felt to be bitter."**

**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, Bruce Chase, 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 Tonight @ 7 PM

In person or by Zoom

## Communion Change

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](mailto: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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## Daily Devotions

### For This Coming Week

May 15	Joshua	2
May 16	Joshua	3
May 17	Joshua	4
May 18	Joshua	5
May 19	Joshua	6
May 20	Joshua	7
May 21	Joshua	8