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“Caution, Danger Ahead!”

Last Friday, Terry and I drove down to South Carolina to meet with a new church plant and their pastor in St. George. We walked the city and prayed over it and for the new church. Later that afternoon we drove to Charleston and spent the night before coming home Saturday. I booked a room in the same hotel that we spent our honeymoon in years ago. This was Terry’s first trip back since then.

The France Marion Hotel, named for Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion (the “Swamp Fox”), became an instant Charleston landmark when it opened in 1924. Rising 12 stories above the Historic District, the hotel offers spectacular views of Charleston’s church steeples, historic mansions, and famous harbor, providing easy access to the wealth of Charleston’s attractions.

Friday night, after eating in the Swamp Fox Restaurant, we walked about 3 and half miles around in the Historic District. As we were walking back towards the hotel, we were crossing a side street when I stepped on the side of a pot hole in the street and fell. Of course, there had to be a car coming down the street and 100’s of people around. One guy said, as I was laying in the road, “Hey, you okay?” To which I replied, “Not really”. I busted my elbow, knee, twisted my ankle, and jammed by shoulder trying to keep from face planting into the asphalt. I’ve been quite sore ever since.

As we all know, asphalt is black. And Friday night on the streets of Charleston it was dark in many areas where the streets lights didn’t cover. So I never saw the pot hole as I was walking across the street which caused me to fall. Because I have vertigo, I try to be careful with my steps and sudden moves, but if you can’t see or are unaware what is ahead, there can linger danger.

2 Corinthians 11:26 “I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren...”

Jesus, Paul, Peter, James, John, Luke, Matthew and Mark, all tell us as we read the New Testament, that there is danger ahead. We are told to watch, be aware of what lies ahead, to use caution. But like my incident, sometimes you cannot see it. It is hidden from you. It is then you have to rely on your teaching from God’s word. Remember what Jesus did when tempted? He used His Father’s word. Folks, you need to know, memorize it. Have it on your mind so that when the dangers come, and they will, unexpectedly, you are ready.

Thankfully, my wife was by my side, aiding me to my feet. Caring for me out of love. When the unexpected happens, that is when our loved ones come to our aid. What a blessing.

Take caution my friends, there are dangers ahead. And, enjoy the pics from our trip.

Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh Worship . Grow . Serve

Terry at The South Battery



Colorful Row Houses



The City Market



The South Battery



HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

EPC Pastors Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.
Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time @ 10:55 a.m.
Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.
Session Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.

Monday, November 14

Staff Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship Food - Nov. 13

Church Will Provide

Soundboard - Nov. 13

Elizabeth Floyd

Communion Steward - Nov.

Terry Duffell

Greeter - Nov. 13

Joan Rollinson

Volunteer for the Nursery - Nov. 13

Terry Duffell

This Sunday
Scripture Text and Sermon
Matthew 5:9
"Blessed are the Peacemakers"



Outreach Ministries

November "Food of the Month"
for the Raleigh Dream Center Food Pantry
Instant Pasta Meals
We have a collection bin in the foyer

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

TLC Devotion
November 23 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Computer Lab
November 12 @ 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Toy Drive
Raleigh Dream Center
HOPE is Participating
Flyers on the Entry Table w/Details
Donate a new unwrapped toy at a \$10
value or less for ages Newborn to 12
years old. Needed by Dec. 4th
Collection Bin in our Youth Room
(Led by HOPE4Youth & HOPE4Kids)

Spiritual Growth Ministries
Sunday School
For all ages this Sunday

WOMEN of HOPE
Saturday, November 12
@ 1:00 p.m. meeting at the church

MEN of HOPE
Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m.
A ZOOM link for the meeting will
be sent out beforehand.
Join us!

Quote of the Week

"The devil, I am sure, begins to tempt when saints cease to watch. When the staff is thrown away, then the wolf appears."

William Gurnall

Prayer Requests:

Covid -19, Mark Drylie, Chandi Haswell & family, Revill & Mary Lane Mallory, Evelyn Doby, Jamie Baldwin, Donna Williams, Diane 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, Gene & Becky Hale, Dave & Dot Geil, Joy Forrest's daughter Haley and son Jude, 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, and Prayer

Tonight @ 6:15 p.m.

Menu:

Stew Beef and Rice
Green Beans, Rolls, & Dessert

Dates to Remember

Sunday, Nov. 20

Annual Meeting of the
Congregation @ 11 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Hanging of the Greens
(Decorating for Advent
& Christmas) @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Toy Wrapping Party after S.S.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Worship
@ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Worship
@ 9:30 a.m.

(No Sunday school on
Christmas Day)

Sunday, January 8

Anniversary Sunday of HOPE
(Covered Dish Meal)

Session Meeting
This Sunday @ 12:00 p.m.

Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

Nov 13	2 Chronicles	4
Nov 14	2 Chronicles	5
Nov 15	2 Chronicles	6
Nov 16	2 Chronicles	7
Nov 17	2 Chronicles	8
Nov 18	2 Chronicles	9
Nov 19	2 Chronicles	10

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in the search box)

Stewardship 2023

***Count Your Blessings
Name Them One by One***

What is Stewardship to you?

How has HOPE Church blessed you?

*Thank you to those who have
submitted answers.*

***Still looking for more answers to these
questions. Please submit them to
Pastor Marty***

