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“Love God and Love Your Neighbor”

In the United States of America we celebrate the life and impact of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the third Monday in January. While I'm sure not everyone celebrates Dr. King's life or push for racial justice in America, there is no doubt of the impact he had on ending segregation and promoting justice for all regardless of the color of one's skin. I am reminded of what John's Revelation from God states in **Revelation 7:9 - 10**

**“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”**

You see, God looks at the heart of mankind, not their skin color. I, for one, applaud the work of Dr. King whose life was cut too short.

The following is a short biography of Dr. King's life. I thought I would include here so that we all might be reminded of his impact on America.

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses,

Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”, a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, “I Have a Dream”, he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated. *From Nobel Lectures, Peace 1951-1970, Editor Frederick W. Haberman, Elsevier Publishing Company, Amsterdam, 1972*

This autobiography/biography was written at the time of the award and first published in the book series Les Prix Nobel. It was later edited and republished in Nobel Lectures. To cite this document, always state the source as shown above.

** Note from Nobelprize.org: This biography uses the word “Negro”. Even though this word today is considered inappropriate, the biography is published in its original version in view of keeping it as a historical document.*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us: **“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16**
My prayer for us all is that we could do just that, daily, so that our Father may be glorify. And of course that means:
Love God & Love your Neighbor (whoever that may be).

Blessings my friend,
Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, January 18

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

Thursday, January 19

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.
HOPE Health Ministry Mtg. By Zoom @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 21

The Computer Lab @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 22

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.

Monday, January 23

Staff Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - Jan. 22

Church is Providing

ProPresenter - Jan. 22

Bill Joyner

Soundboard - Jan. 22

Jane Davis

Live Steaming - Jan. 22

Diane Williams

Communion January

Lynn Joyner

Greeter - Jan. 22

Joan Rollinson

Nursery Volunteer - Jan. 22

Terry Duffell



Outreach Ministries

January "Food of the Month"
for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry **Boxed Cereal**
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

January 25 @ 11:00 a.m.

The Computer Lab

January 21 @ 9:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, January 28
@ 1:00 p.m.

HOPE Health Ministry

Zoom Meeting
Thursday, January 19
@ 7:30 p.m.

Called Congregational Mtg.

Sunday, February 5
following Worship - Purpose:
To elect a Ruling Elder to fill out a
one year term in the Class of 2023

Quote of the Week

*"Though our feelings
come and go, God's love
for us does not."*
C. S. Lewis

Prayer Requests:

Those with Covid -19, The Drylie Family,
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
and Billy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's
brothers), 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 Ministries

Wednesday Night Supper, Bible Study, & Prayer

Supper @ 6:15 p.m.
Bible Study & HOPE4Kids
@ 7 p.m.
Prayer Time @ 8:45 p.m.

A Zoom Link will be available for
those who cannot join us in person
starting at 7 p.m.

Menu: BBQ Chicken,
Rice & Gravy, Green Beans,
Rolls & Dessert

Pastor Marty will be teaching on
Biblical Covenants through
Wednesday, February 15th

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Supper served @ 6:15 p.m.
This worship service will have
a prayer focus
(No Imposition of Ashes)

This Sunday Scripture Text and Sermon

Matthew 5:17 - 20
*"Jesus, The Word, &
Righteousness"*

Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

Jan 22	Job	5
Jan 23	Job	6
Jan 24	Job	7
Jan 25	Job	8
Jan 26	Job	9
Jan 27	Job	10
Jan 28	Job	11

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