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“Why Not Share the Fix?”

I was listening to one of my favorite radio programs on Monday morning on the way to the church. They began to discuss one of the headlines from over the weekend. They said that State Attorney Generals from 17 States were sending official letters to Kia Motors and Hyundai Motors asking them to voluntarily recall all of their vehicles because of security issues. Kia and Hyundai cars, evidently, can be stolen by using a simple USB cord. The radio host said that there were YouTube videos showing how to hot-wire these cars with a simple phone charger.

If Kia and Hyundai don't voluntarily do something on the security side, the radio host said, the AG's would petition Congress to do something. And then someone called in the program and said that insurance companies are now questioning insuring these vehicles.

After listening to the radio host discuss this, I looked this up for myself and here are just two reports on this topic.

https://www.eagletribune.com/news/national/thefts-prompt-17-states-to-urge-recall-of-kia-hyundai-cars/article_52090a99-ee79-56fc-9048-f577e5609707.html

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2023/04/20/kia-hyundai-anti-theft-recall-attorney-general/11705550002/>

Why bring this up? Well, for two reasons. As they were talking about the ease of taking a USB charging cord and stealing a car, I began to think about the free gift (ease of) eternal life. Jesus has provided the way. By the way, He is the Way. And Jesus gives life to all who believe. **“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” 1 John 4:15. Romans 10:9 - 10 “...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”**

I am so thankful God has provided a way through His Son, Jesus, for me and for all who truly believe to gain eternal life. Very simple, but Jesus says few will receive. **Matthew 7:14 “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”**

That brings me to my second reason. I thought, if these two motor companies have a way to fix the problem, why wouldn't they? Oh, I know this would be costly to recall millions of vehicles and install the “fix” they have already. But still, why not share the fix?

Again, my mind went to, why not share the “Good News” of what Jesus has done for us? Someone that I am friends with on Facebook posted a video of a gentleman who was saying he had met an atheist that said, “If you really believe that Jesus can save you from hell and you go to heaven, why would you not tell EVERYONE!”

Yes, I know that I tend to associate things that seem a little crazy with Christianity, but I try my best to live out my relationship with Jesus in my everyday life. So, my mind goes to those places often.

Salvation is a free gift from Jesus. I really don't want to stand before Him one day and Him say, “I provided the fix for sin and eternal damnation and you didn't share it. Why?”

I will end this article as I often do, “Something to think about.”

Oh, and if you own a Kia or Hyundai, you might want to check out the links I provided or other information on this topic.

Blessings friends,
Pastor Marty – HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, April 26

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

(Last Wed. Night Supper until the Fall)

Thursday, April 27

NO Worship Team Practice Tonight

Friday, April 28

PCMA Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, April 29

PCMA Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, April 30

Worship Team Practice @ 8:00 a.m.

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time @ 11:50 a.m.

Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.

Monday, May 1

Staff Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.



Outreach Ministries

“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.

The Computer Lab

May 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

TLC Devotion

Today, April 26 @ 11:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, May 13
@ 1:00 p.m.

Family Fun Fridays

Be on Watch for more Information!

Over the Summer Months we are going to have some Family Fun Fridays. It will be a time to have some fun and invite some family friends to join you.

Next Confirmation Class
This Sunday, May 7
@ 12:15 p.m.

Quote of the Week

“The Christian’s strength lies in the the Lord, not in himself.”

William Gurnall

Prayer Requests:

Revill & Mary Lane Mallory,, Jamie Baldwin, Donna Williams, Diane Williams, Carol & Colin (Kathy Herriman’s Sister & Brother-in-law), 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), Gene & Becky Hale, Dave & Dot Geil, 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 April 26

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

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

Menu:, Stew Beef & Rice, Green Beans, Bread, & Dessert

This is the last Wednesday Night Supper Until the Fall. Devotion and Prayer Time will continue at 7 PM on Wednesdays.

Senior Recognition Sunday May 14th During Worship

Our Seniors

Cameron Drylie
Morgan Jackson
Benjamin Pierce
Emma Duffell

*No Sunday school that day
Extended Fellowship*

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Twitter: @HopeChRaleigh

YouTube.com (type “HOPE Church Raleigh” in the search box)

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - April 30

Church is Providing

ProPresenter - April 30

Bill Joyner

Soundboard - April 30

Jane Davis

Live Steaming - April 30

Al Floyd

Communion April

Elizabeth Floyd

Greeter - April 30

Joan Rollinson

Nursery Volunteer - April 30

Terry Duffell

Scripture Text and Sermon This Sunday

Matthew 6:25 - 34

“Jesus’ Cure for Anxiety”

Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

Apr 30	Psalm	136 - 138
May 1	Psalm	139 - 141
May 2	Psalm	142 - 144
May 3	Psalm	145 - 147
May 4	Psalm	148 - 150
May 5	Proverbs	1
May 6	Proverbs	2