

# The Connection

## *Messages of Hope*



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## “Remember”

This past Monday, May 29th, was Memorial Day 2023. Thinking on Monday about our fallen soldiers, I remembered a vacation from years past.

Several years ago my family and I vacationed in Washington D.C. We road the Amtrak train up to Washington and spent a week sightseeing at all the National monuments and museums. One of the places we went was Arlington National Cemetery. It was breath taking and emotional for me. To look at the rows upon rows of white headstones brought me to tears. Here is a little history of Arlington.

Arlington National Cemetery is one of two cemeteries in the United States National Cemetery System that are maintained by the United States Army. Nearly 400,000 people are buried in its 639 acres in Arlington, Virginia. Arlington National Cemetery was established during the American Civil War. The government acquired Arlington at a tax sale in 1864 for \$26,800, equal to \$501,445 today. Mrs. Lee had not appeared in person but rather had sent an agent, attempting to pay the \$92.07 in property taxes (equal to \$1,723 today) assessed on the estate. The government turned away her agent, refusing to accept the payment. Custis Lee, heir under his grandfather's will, passing the estate in trust to his mother, sued the United States in 1874 claiming ownership of Arlington. On December 9, 1882, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5–4 in Custis Lee's favor in *United States v. Lee*, deciding that Arlington had been confiscated without due process. After that decision, Congress returned the estate to him, and on March 3, 1883, Custis Lee sold it back to the government for \$150,000 (equal to \$3,997,273 in 2023). The land then became a military reservation. President Herbert Hoover conducted the first national Memorial Day ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, on May 30, 1929. Pretty interesting, don't you think?

The day we walked around Arlington National Cemetery, we visited JFK's burial plot. As we were walking around, we stopped and watch a soldier, whose casket had been place on a horse drawn wagon, come towards us with the soldier's family in tow. I could not help but cry at the scene. It was just another reminder of the sacrifice of the men and women who have given

their lives for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America.

But the most moving scene of the day was visiting, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We were able to witness the “Changing of the Guard”. As we watched the reverence, the precision, the prefect cadence that flowed through every move, it brought an emotion I had not felt in a long time. Someone standing near us was loud and saying things that were not appropriate and the Guard stopped and told them, if you cannot maintain reverent, please leave.

On this Memorial Day 2023, my mind goes back to those I served with and who gave their lives to try to save our hostages in Iran. April of 1980, Operation Eagle Claw took motion, but eight servicemen did not come home. The C-130 transport was from my base.

As a Christian, I also cannot help but think about the ultimate sacrifice made for me for freedom. That is freedom from sin and from eternal damnation. That ultimate sacrifice was made so that I might have life, life eternal with my maker in heaven. That sacrifice was made for me and for all who believe. Jesus gave His life for me. He took ALL my sins upon Himself so that I would not have to die in sin, but live in His righteousness. He did that for me. Thank you Jesus!

So, let none of us ever forget. Remember! Remember! Remember! Jesus' Word tells us, every time we come to The Table for Communion to “Remember” what Jesus Christ has done for us, His body broken, His blood shed.

Yes, and let us all remember and be thankful for every soldier that has ever given their life for our freedom, but let us all remember the ultimate sacrifice for our sin that provides us life eternal. Remember folks!

Blessings my friends,  
Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh  
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# HOPE Calendar

## Wednesday, May 31

Confirmation Class @ 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer  
@ 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, June 1

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

## Sunday, June 4

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.  
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship @ 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages  
@ 11:10 a.m.  
Confirmation Class @ 12:15 p.m.

## Monday, June 5

Staff Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

## Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - June 4

*Church is Providing*

ProPresenter - June 4

*Elizabeth Floyd*

Soundboard - June 4

*Jane Davis*

Live Streaming - June 4

*Franklin Johnston*

Communion June

*Terry Duffell*

Greeter - June 4

*Joan Rollinson*

Nursery Volunteer - June 4

*Terry Duffell*

Scripture Text and Sermon  
This Sunday

*Matthew 7:13 - 14*  
*"Which Way to Heaven?"*

## Daily Devotions For This Coming Week

Jun	4	Proverbs 31
Jun	5	Ecclesiastes 1
Jun	6	Ecclesiastes 2
Jun	7	Ecclesiastes 3
Jun	8	Ecclesiastes 4
Jun	9	Ecclesiastes 5
Jun	10	Ecclesiastes 6



## Outreach Ministries

### "Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center  
Food Pantry

### Canned Meats

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

June 10 @ 9:00 a.m.

### TLC Devotion

Today, Wednesday, June 28  
@ 11:00 a.m.

## Spiritual Growth Ministries

### WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, June 10  
@ 1:00 p.m.

## Family Fun Fridays For June

### Friday - June 9

Family Game Night

Bring your favorite board game and  
challenge another family.  
Invite friends and neighbors to join you.  
(There will be games available too)

### Friday - June 30

Family Movie Night

Our Sanctuary will become  
The HOPE Theater  
Invite friends and neighbors to join you.

## Quote of the Week

*"Love Christ,  
and you will hate that  
which caused His death."*

Richard Baxter

## 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 Devotion, & Prayer May 31

Devotion @ 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Time @ 8:00 p.m.

A Zoom Link will be available for those who  
cannot join us in person starting  
at 7:30 p.m. tonight

We would love for you  
to join us.

## Next Session Meeting Sunday, June 11 @ 12 PM

Confirmation Class  
Tonight, May 31st  
@ 6:00 p.m.

## Coming Dates

Sunday, June 4 @ 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

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**Worship Time: 9:30 AM**

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