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“The Lord Directs Our Steps”

**“The mind of man plans his way,
But the Lord directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9**

The Presbytery of the Coastal Mid-Atlantic met this past weekend in Richmond Virginia. I try to glean as much as I can from others, listening to the stories of seeing God work in and through so many churches, hearing how God guides our steps at Presbytery. This weekend was not different.

The Church Development Team of our Presbytery, has as part of their responsibility, to have oversight for our new church plants. Terry and I attended a workshop on Friday morning and listened to many stories. I want to share a couple of them here, so that you too, can see God on the move.

Last Fall, while chairing the Church Development Team for the Presbytery, Terry and I drove down to St. Georges South Carolina to worship with and pray for our new church plant, The Village Church, and for our new planter, Pete Roman. The Village Church was meeting in a tire shop in St. Georges in their reception area. After worship, the group from our team split up into three groups and walked the town praying. We prayed for St. Georges, for Pete, Renee (his wife) and their children. We also prayed that the Lord would lead people to The Village Church as well as providing a location for them to meet.

Pete shared this weekend at Presbytery that an old Blockbusters Video building in town came up for sale. The church decided to make an offer and try to get financing, but everything fell through. When it did not workout, of course, everyone was disappointed. The day after the disappointment, Pete was in downtown and saw that one of the old Roses stores was going up for sale. He went home and started to search the web and found out it was owned by a foundation and they were getting rid of the property. Pete contacted them and asked if they would be willing to donate the property to The Village Church. A bold request, right? A week later they notified Pete that they were going to donate the building to the church and would be willing to pay the taxes and closing. At closing, the first of September, Pete said, “We not only walked away with a deed to the property, lien free, but a check for \$2,100 from the Foundation.

Can you hear that verse in your mind? **“The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.”**

Second story: Our new church in downtown Richmond, Church on Boulevard, is where Terry and I worshiped on Sunday. Drew Daniels is our church planter there. Drew was sharing with us that his planting team met first in his and Paige’s (his wife) home, but were looking for a place to worship. Someone directed him to a gentleman that owned five Midas Car shops in Richmond and he had just purchased a building on Arthur Ashe Boulevard in downtown for his fifth location. Long story short, the owner remodel the building with the church in mind. He has given the church a huge room to use as a meeting place, two other offices for Drew to use during the week and on Sunday the reception area becomes their children’s ministry area. The meeting room and offices the church has access to 24/7. Oh, and all of this at NO CHARGE to the church. The location is exactly where Drew and Paige and the Planting Team felt God was leading them to plant this new church so that they could minister to this specific community. This past Sunday was there 5 public worship on this site and there were three new first time guest from the neighborhood in worship.

God is on the move. **“The mind of man plans his way,
But the Lord directs his steps.”** God is sovereign and His ways are perfect.

As we at HOPE Church Raleigh begin to envision the future, let us all live into verse. We are to plan with wisdom and discernment from the Holy Spirit, but realizing and living into the LORD guiding our steps. He knows the pit falls in our paths and can guide our steps around them when we listen. He knows the stumbling blocks ahead, the temptations from the evil one before we ever get there. He will direct our steps through these hard and sometimes treacherous areas, if we listen to Him.

My prayer for HOPE Church, for that matter, all Christians, is that we listen to the guiding of the Holy Spirit as we journey together for His purpose and His will so that we glorify Him in all things. May it be so!!!

Come join us this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at HOPE Church Raleigh for a Prayer Service as we begin to pray for our future.

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

Wednesday, October 4

NO Wednesday Night Supper, Study & Prayer - Resumes Next Week

Sunday, October 8

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship @ 10:50 a.m.
Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.
Session Meeting @ 12 p.m.
Prayer Service @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 14

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

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - October 8
Church is Providing

ProPresenter - October 8
Bill Joyner

Soundboard - October 8
Ben Pierce

Live Streaming - October 8
Franklin Johnston

Communion - October
Terry Duffell

Greeter - October 8
Joan Rollinson

Nursery Volunteer - October 8
Volunteer Needed

Scripture Text and Sermon
This Sunday
The Parables of Jesus

Luke 7:40 - 43 (36 - 50)
"The Parable of the
Two Debtors"

Daily Devotions For This Coming Week

Oct	8	Jeremiah 40
Oct	9	Jeremiah 41
Oct	10	Jeremiah 42
Oct	11	Jeremiah 43
Oct	12	Jeremiah 44
Oct	13	Jeremiah 45
Oct	14	Jeremiah 46



Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry

Boxes 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

Saturday, October 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

TLC Devotion

Wednesday, October 25
@ 11:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Women of HOPE

Saturday, October 14
@ 1:00 p.m.

REBOOT/Revitalization with Ken Priddy Next Steps Coming!

Men of HOPE

Men of the church, be praying about
whether God is calling you to lead this
Men's group at HOPE.

Quote of the Week

*"The chief means for attaining
wisdom...are the holy
Scriptures, and prayer."*

John Newton

Prayer Requests:

Reville & 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, Shelley, Diane Mack's Sister-in-law, 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

**NO Wednesday Night
Ministries TONIGHT**
We will resume our normal
schedule next week

**Wednesday Night Supper,
Study, & Prayer**
October 11
@ 6:15 p.m.

Study of Exodus
Bring your Bibles
A Zoom Link will be available for
those who cannot meet in person.

Menu:
Pork Roast, New Potatoes,
Lima Beans, Rolls, & Dessert

Prayer Service
This
Sunday @ 5:00 p.m.
Please come join us!

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