

The Connection

Messages of Hope



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“THE PASTOR-TEACHER, THE TEACHER...AND THE CONGREGATION”

The Bible presents a rich and structured view of the spiritual gifts and how they are implemented within the church. Each group—**pastor-teachers**, **teachers**, and **the congregation**—has distinct but interconnected roles in equipping the body of Christ. Below is a biblical explanation of these roles with embedded Scripture references.

1. The Pastor-Teacher

The **pastor-teacher** (sometimes referred to as the shepherd) plays a central role in equipping the church, combining both pastoral care and teaching responsibilities.

Role: Equipping and Shepherding the Saints

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

— **Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV)**

The **pastor-teacher** is charged with:

- Equipping the saints to use their gifts.
- Providing spiritual oversight and guidance.
- Teaching sound doctrine and applying it to life.
- Guarding against false teaching (see **Titus 1:9**).

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly."

— **1 Peter 5:2 (NKJV)**

The pastor-teacher leads not by doing all the ministry but by **empowering others** to fulfill their roles in the body of Christ.

2. The Teacher

While all pastor-teachers are teachers, not all teachers are pastors. The spiritual gift of **teaching** is specifically focused on explaining and applying God's Word accurately.

Role: Clarifying and Expounding the Word

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching."

— **Romans 12:6–7 (NKJV)**

Teachers:

- Instruct others in sound doctrine.
- Help the church grow in understanding and application of the Bible.
- Support the pastor by reinforcing biblical truths in smaller or focused group settings (like Sunday school or Bible studies).

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another..."

— **Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)**

This indicates that teaching is not limited to a pulpit—it occurs within the life of the congregation as well.

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, May 28
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, May 29
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 1
Worship Team Run Through
@ 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 4
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, June 5
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

**Helping Hands for
June 1, 2024**

**ProPresenter
Bill Joyner
Soundboard**

**Live Streaming
Franklin Johnston
Communion
Dianne Reinoso**

**Scripture Text and Sermon
This Coming Sunday**

"A Salute to the Servants"

**Romans 12 1-7
1 Corinthians 12:28**

Prophecies	O.T.	N.T.
May 25	Matt 27:43	
May 26	Ps 22:9-10	
May 27	Luke 2:7	
May 28	Ps 22:12-13	
May 29	John 19:6	
May 30	Ps 22:14	

GROW

Women of HOPE

**Meetings generally at HOPE
on the second and fourth
Saturdays
every month**

"Food of the Month"
for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry
Condiments
We have a collection bin in the
foyer

SERVE

TLC Devotion
May 28, 2025
June 25, 2025
@ 11:00 a.m.

5124 Departure Dr # 101,
Raleigh

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

**HOPE CHURCH RALEIGH
WELCOMES THE
NAVIGATORS
Saturday, May 31
9am - 1pm**

Prayer Requests:

Gene & Becky Hale, Ron Clifton, Pastor
Search Committee, HOPE Vision Team, Patty
Moyer and her son Brandon, Chad's family,
Josh McDonald, Tom Riggelman (Bruce),
Janice Worthington, Donna Williams, Dale H.,
Jerry & Alice K., Burton(Erin), The Branch's,
Phil Parton, Krishana, Dave Rendall, Sam and
Rachael, Joan Rollinson, Dianne Reinoso,
Cindy (Elizabeth), Nancy Hutchins,
Barbara(81) Stroke, Joey(18) Crohn's, Ebo
(Glioblastoma #3/4)-family has 4 children,
Youth Ministry, Kathy Jo and her family,
Peggy Karpenske, Claudia in Idaho (Kathy H),
Dave & Dot Geil, Corbin Broome, The Mallory
family, Carol & Colin (Kathy H), Loretta (Sandi
U), Joan Summers, Jordan Stevens (Lynn J.),
our Military, Police, Fire, and EMS.
Missionaries, our Nation.

**PLEASE NOTE:
JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY
AND PRAYER BEGINNING
AT 7 PM WEDNESDAY AND
CONTINUING THROUGH
THE SUMMER.**

**UPCOMING
WOMEN OF HOPE
Saturdays at 10 a.m. at HOPE**

6/14
**"Loyalty is the mark of a good
friend. What kind of friend are
you?"**

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in the search box)**

3. The Congregation (The Body of Believers)

All believers have spiritual gifts and are responsible for using them to build up the body of Christ.

Role: Serving and Edifying One Another

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
— **1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)**

Diversity and Unity in the Body

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."
— **Romans 12:4–5 (NKJV)**

Every member contributes:

- Encouragement (**Romans 12:8**)
- Giving and hospitality (**Romans 12:13**)
- Mercy, helps, faith, and discernment (**1 Corinthians 12:8–10**)
- Evangelism and administration (**1 Corinthians 12:28**)

No gift is superior to another. Each is essential for the **"edifying of the body"** (**Ephesians 4:16**).

Integration and Implementation

The Process:

1. **The pastor-teacher equips** the saints (including teachers and laypeople).
2. **Teachers clarify** and deepen biblical knowledge for application.
3. **The congregation implements** their gifts in diverse ministries—both inside and outside the church walls.

The Goal:

"...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine... but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ."
— **Ephesians 4:14–15 (NKJV)**