

The Connection

Messages of Hope



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“PENTECOST”

The Birth of the Church – Acts 1–2

◆ 1. Jesus’ Final Instructions (*Acts 1:1–11*)

- Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days after His resurrection, teaching them about the **Kingdom of God** (v. 3).
- He told them to **wait in Jerusalem** for the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 4–5).
- Promise: **“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses...”** (v. 8)
- Jesus **ascended into heaven**, and angels promised He would return (v. 9–11).

◆ 2. Preparing for the Spirit (*Acts 1:12–26*)

- The disciples returned to **Jerusalem** and met in the **upper room** (v. 13).
- They were **united in prayer** with other believers, including Mary and Jesus’ brothers (v. 14).
- **Matthias** was chosen to replace Judas, restoring the group of 12 apostles (v. 26).

◆ 3. The Holy Spirit Arrives (*Acts 2:1–13*)

- On **Pentecost**, the Holy Spirit came with a sound like wind and **tongues of fire** resting on each of them (v. 1–3).
- The believers spoke in **other languages**, and people from every nation heard the Gospel in their own tongues (v. 4–11).
- Some were amazed, while others mocked, thinking the disciples were drunk (v. 12–13).

◆ 4. Peter’s Bold Sermon (*Acts 2:14–41*)

- Peter explained this fulfilled Joel’s prophecy: **“I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh...”** (v. 17).
- He proclaimed that **Jesus is both Lord and Christ**, crucified and raised by God (v. 36).
- The crowd was convicted and asked, “What shall we do?”
Peter answered:
“Repent and be baptized... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (v. 38)
- **About 3,000 people** were baptized that day (v. 41).

◆ 5. The Early Church is Born (*Acts 2:42–47*)

The new believers:

- ✓ Continued in **apostles’ teaching**
- ✓ Practiced **fellowship and sharing**
- ✓ Broke bread and **prayed together**
- ✓ Worshiped daily and lived in **unity and joy**
“And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (v. 47)

Key Takeaway for Today

The Church was born in unity, prayer, and power through the Holy Spirit. It began with a bold witness of the risen Jesus and continues today through the same Spirit. **Are we living with that same power and purpose?**

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, June 11
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, June 12
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

Sunday, June 15
Worship Team Run Through
@ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 18
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, June 19
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

**Helping Hands for
June 15, 2024**

**ProPresenter
Al Floyd**

Soundboard

**Live Streaming
Elizabeth Folyd**

**Communion
Dianne Reinoso**

**Scripture Text and Sermon
This Coming Sunday**

**“BECOMING THE
Maximum Husband and Father”
Psalm 128:1-4; 1 Peter 1:17-19**

Prophecies O.T.

Revealed.... N.T.

June	8	Lu 23:34-35
June	9	Ps 22:18
June	10	John 19:23-24
June	11	Ps 22:20-21
June	12	Lu 23:46
June	13	Ps 22:20-21

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
KID’S TREATS: Sweet & Fruity**
We have a collection bin in the
foyer

SERVE

TLC Devotion
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.

“How are we applying the power of
the Holy Spirit in this moment so
that God may be glorified and that
The Church of Jesus Christ may be
made more apparent?”

Prayer Requests:

Ryan's Mom and Dad, Gene & Becky Hale,
Elizabeth, Franklin's Brother Will, Norma (MRI
results) Jerry and Alice, Ron Clifton, Pastor
Search Committee, Patty Moyer and her son
Brandon, Chad's family, Josh McDonald,
Erin's parents and brother, Tom Riggleman
(Bruce), Janice Worthington, Donna Williams,,
Burton(Erin), The Branch's, Phil Parton,
Krishana, Dave Rendall, Sam and Rachael,
Joan Rollinson, Dianne Reinoso, Cindy
(Elizabeth), 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
HOPE CHURCH RALEIGH
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 22
@ 11AM**

**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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