

The Connection



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Strength and honor are her clothing, and she will rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the teaching of kindness. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done virtuously, but you excel them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

(cf. [Prov. 31:25–31](#) MEV)

Sometimes just the right wording comes across my path at special times and seasons. My wife, Lori, brought to my attention this submission on the internet which has no designated author but does convey a depth of meaning that is often lost or overlooked during our Mother's Day celebrations. So moved by its words, I decided to share it with you as a precursor to the upcoming special Sunday we dedicate to mothers everywhere.

This Mother's Day, we honor all women—biological mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, mentors, and nurturing figures—whose love, strength, and resilience shape lives and communities. We celebrate the endless capacity for care, the sacrifice, and the profound impact you have on the world, acknowledging that "mothering" takes many forms.

- **To the Nurturers:** Thank you for being the pillars of strength, the teachers, and the unwavering source of love who make the world a warmer place.
- **To Those Who Mother Without Biological Children:** We honor your nurturing spirit and the invaluable impact you make as aunts, teachers, mentors, and friends.
- **To Those with Complicated Journeys:** We see your strength, whether you are dealing with loss, estrangement, or the quiet longing for motherhood. Your love is significant and recognized.
- **To the "Second Moms":** Thank you for stepping in with care and guidance when it was needed most.
- **A General Tribute:** "Happy Mother's Day to all who celebrate, and to those who hold a special place in their hearts for those who have nurtured them".
- **Strength & Resilience:** We honor your ability to sacrifice, your dedication to others, and your power to create a better future.

"To the women who shape hearts and homes... your love creates a ripple effect that touches lives in countless ways".

Amen!

Pastor Chris

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, May 6th
Supper at 6:15 pm
At 7 pm the Study of the Church and
the Last Days, followed by Prayer

Sunday, May 10th
Worship Team Practice
@ 8:30 am
Worship @ 10:00 am
11:15 am Fellowship
11:30 am Sunday School/
Pastor's AfterChat

Wednesday, May 13th
Supper at 6:15 pm
At 7 pm the Study of the Church and
the Last Days, followed by Prayer

Helping Hands Ministries for May 10, 2026

Live Streaming
Ramsey Mallory

Soundboard
Rich Williams

ProPresenter
Dianne Reinoso

Communion Preparation
Elizabeth Floyd

Nursery
Caroline Hutchins/Duart Johnston

**Scripture Reading and Communion
Assistant**
Donna Williams

Prayer Support
Lynn Joyner

Giving to the Ministry of HOPE:

Online via QR Code



Or on our website:
www.hopechurchraleigh.org
or by check made out to:
"Hope Church Raleigh" and dropped
in plate during Communion

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

Women of HOPE

Meetings generally at HOPE on the
second and fourth Saturdays
every month from 10 am to Noon.

Next Meeting: May 9th
at HOPE Church (with Bible study
—See note below)

Raleigh Dream Center Food Pantry

"Food of the Month"

Cereals and Nonperishable Breakfast
Foods

The collection bin is in the foyer

Many will say to Me on that day,
'Lord, Lord, have we not
prophesied in Your name, cast out
demons in Your name, and done
many wonderful works in Your
name?' But then I will declare to
them, 'I never knew you. Depart
from Me, you who practice evil.'
(rf. Matt. 7:22-23 MEV)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

TLC Devotion
On Wed. May 27th at 11 am
@ TLC

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

Saturday, May 9th, 2026 @ 10 am
Come join the Women of HOPE as they
continue in their study based on the book,
Becoming a Woman of Grace,
by Cynthia Heald
If interested, contact Alice Kinard
for further details.

Prayer Requests:

Jordan Stevens, Kathy Herriman,
Gene and Becky Hale, Erin's parents
& brother, Burton, Pastor Chris & Lori
King, Sandi Underwood family,
Donna (Joan's friend), Patty Moyer &
son, Brandon, Jerry Kinard, Alice
Kinard (transplant possibilities), Tom
& Donna Williams, Ron Clifton, Phil
Parton, Krishana, Sam, Rachel &
children, Joan Rollinson, Dianne
Reinoso, Cindy, Barbara (stroke),
HOPE Children & Youth ministries,
Peggy Karpenske, Claudia in Idaho,
Dave & Dot Geil, Corbin Broome,
Mallory family, Carol and Colin,
Tommy, Skip, Loretta, Joan
Summers, Janice Worthington,
Donna Abel, Pastor Marty & Terry
Duffell, Laura Bradshaw (stroke
recovery), Tom Klein, future plans &
growth (spiritual & numerical) for
HOPE Church Raleigh!

Next Sunday's Sermon:

The Apostles Creed (Pt. 2)
(rf. Is. 6:1-9; Rev. 20:11-15)
Pastor Chris King

To prepare for next Sunday, click on the
link and be blessed!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=Oibli1rz7mw&list=RDOibli1rz7mw&sta
rt_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw&list=RDOibli1rz7mw&start_radio=1)

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Meals for Wednesday Night Suppers
Sound Board Volunteers
Nursery Helpers



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