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# 7 WAYS

TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN iHOPE CHURCH

So it seems there may never be a chance to amble into the sanctuary for regular morning services and special events again; but, does that mean opportunities to be active members will somehow disappear? **NOT AT ALL!** In the interim here's how you can stay involved.

- 1 Connect and Care** for others using available digital devices. Make phone calls, text, e-mail or set up online face-to-face contact that will help others feel and receive your concern.
- 2 Familiarize** yourself with the tools and features that will help you to best navigate technology. This means learning the lingo and the design of devices so you can facilitate your activity quickly and easily.
- 3 Explore** ministry options by delving into respective goals, opportunities and social media experiences designed to reach the community in virtual ways.
- 4 Engage** in worship services by singing along, reading captions, internalizing the messages and supporting the church through online giving. You can praise God anywhere and tune in live or after services are recorded.
- 5 Interact** during virtual activities! Use features to ask questions, make comments and spark conversation. Let your personality shine as bright as your willingness to serve.
- 6 Immerse** yourself in the Word through L.I.F.E. groups, personal devotion, and weekly messages by listening, taking notes, sharing and re-visiting things you've learned.
- 7 Embrace** virtual and socially distant opportunities to be involved in prayer, fellowship and special services that connect you with others at specifically scheduled times by checking the goodhope.org website and attending.

We realize that many things have changed from "the way they used to be." However, these changes have the potential to deepen our impact on the world around us by allowing us to reach those who were otherwise limited by physical obstacles and boundaries.

Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church is confident and committed to helping its members continue to enjoy hearty fellowship and spiritual growth for all who desire to continue to serve. Help us spread the love of Christ while leveraging the platform of technology. We are prepared to adapt and excel at sharing Jesus with the world.

# THE WONDERS OF WORSHIP

Still think worship is reserved for the inside of a sanctuary? Think again! History offers a thoughtful reminder that people of God worshipped Him consistently and confidently well before a physical building was available. Old Testament Scriptures record that Israelites worshipped in the wilderness, at altars and through special places otherwise sanctioned by God.

In New Testament Scriptures, Jesus defines how believers should worship then and today – beyond the scope of rituals and routines; but with intentionality and genuineness. With this in mind, we need not be discouraged or deceived into believing that our inability to conduct traditional services in person will hamper our ability to worship God. Conversely, we must give greater thought to our reason for worship and how God perceives it.

God desires and deserves our worship as the Author and Finisher of our faith. He created human beings to worship and fellowship with Him. The place we worship is of far less importance than Who we worship and how we do so. Let's maximize our opportunities to worship Him using technology – because what matters most is that we worship Him in spirit and in truth.



## STREAMING CHURCH SERVICES VS. THRIVING AS AN ONLINE CHURCH

Many onlookers often confuse the differences between streaming a church's online service and what it means to be an active online church. Listed on the right are distinguishing factors which show why Good Hope's iHope Church aims to be a bustling online church instead of restricting opportunities through streaming alone.

### STREAMING CHURCH SERVICES

- Prepares to record services using camera-based technology
- Allows online viewers to watch services
- Limits ministry offerings to online public viewings of service
- Focuses on broadcasts of services to communicate key messages of content and church affairs
- Reserves online service as the primary medium for teaching
- Refrains from promoting activities that deepen social interaction

### THRIVING AS AN ONLINE-CHURCH

- Records services while employing interactive features
- Encourages viewership as a component of a broader scope of evangelism and edification
- Uses technology to facilitate discipleship in a virtual setting
- Communicates with intentionality to members regularly regarding digital opportunities for biblical teaching, ministry development and community engagement
- Incorporates preaching and teaching during online-services, virtual small groups, ministry meetings and socially distant events
- Prepares ministry leaders to educate members on how to use technology to expand impact on communities locally and abroad



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### THE INTENTIONALITY OF iHOPE CHURCH DOING CHURCH DIGITALLY

2020 has undoubtedly been a season of surprises and unexpected experiences. Some circumstances have presented obstacles that many felt were insurmountable. However, the family of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church has prepared to face the waves of uncertainty with a definitive commitment to reaching the world with an even greater tenacity than before.

Dr. D. Z. Cofield's passion and foresight for reaching the masses paved the way for dissolving the digital divide long ago with the vision of becoming a Smart Phone Church. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this desire led to a technological foundation that included live-streaming, online giving and services and sermon notes that were accessible through a convenient app. What leaders didn't realize at the time was that these efforts would provide a firm foundation for the advent of iHope Church.

**iHope Church presents an intentional, strategic effort to expand our ecclesiology on the virtual platform to help people around the world come to know and grow in Jesus Christ as their Savior and LORD.**

As with all efforts at Good Hope, its premises are rooted in biblical teaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 admonishes believers to consider one another focusing continuous attention and care while watching over one another. It also encourages assembly through worship, prayer, studying, ministry and witnessing. Though physical presence may not be optimal, effective technology still allows interaction, expression and accountability in a manner that is conducive to integral fellowship.

As our community contends with the challenges of the recent pandemic, we are still encouraged by the possibilities that are presented as we grow in this digital age. Not only will Good Hope build its ministerial capacities through iHope Church, but we will expand our impact globally by maximizing our use of digital platforms. Join us in our efforts to use and embrace technology to love God, love all people and change the world. We'll "see" you there.

# SERVICE TIMES

## SUNDAY

All Audiences:

**8AM & 10AM**

Call

(713)-524-6578

for details

## Wednesday WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Via Streaming: 7PM

Featuring:

**Dr. Elliott Green**



## iHOPE CHURCH'S HYBRID APPROACH TO MINISTRY

The Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church is growing in unexpected ways, and we're excited about both the challenges and opportunities to use technology to meet the needs of communities both near and far.

The recent pandemic has changed the landscape of church as we know it. The new norm has left congregations with a decision to consciously adapt to new platforms or risk being dissolved.

We will be taking the hybrid approach with iHope Church. This will allow us to complement our on-campus ministries through online Bible studies, classes and L.I.F.E. groups (Living in Fellowship Everyday), along with engaging people online who are not part of our church and encouraging them over time to visit and eventually become an active member of our church family, either on campus or virtually.

To ensure our efforts are streamlined, we are also excited about the role of our Director of Online Church, Bro. Cecil Malone. Coupling his knowledge and expertise of technology and digital platforms with the vision and insight of Dr. D.Z. Cofield, Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be positioned to effectively navigate the spiritual growth of its members and the evangelism of those who don't know Christ.

Join us in the growth of iHope Church as we offer Worship on Demand (WOD) and continue our mission to love God, love all people and change the world in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

