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While norms aren't what they used to be, the vibrant dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. remain alive and well. So does the passion for bringing them to fruition for so many who still hold his ideals dear. Are you wondering how you can still be of service while remaining cautions of COVID-19? Here are a few suggestions!

1. Assist with public service and community engagement using digital resources.
2. Support local schools by collecting and distributing essential clothing and supplies needed.
3. Use social media to inspire art projects in an MLK related theme.
4. Identify long-term care facilities that may be interested in receiving warm letters from children.
5. Have virtual coffee meetings with members of the community that promote acts of kindness.
6. Connect students on social media by sharing service and/or learning activities.
7. Organize virtual volunteer fairs by connecting citizens with local community partners.

Sometimes, it may be hard to see the forest from the trees; but, one thing Dr. King emphasized was that following through on the desire to make a difference can often transcend the obstacles along the way. If service is your goal, let innovation be your guide. Find a way to keep Dr. King's dream alive by making a difference on MLK Day 2021.

FIGURING OUT A PLAN FOR FINANCIAL HEALTH

Are you recuperating from the impact of COVID19? Considering how to improve your financial health in the upcoming year? Well, you are one of many who find money matters at the top of their priority list, and experts at the Lending Club are suggesting a 12 month plan of simple tips that just may help you reach those goals. Try these on for size!

JANUARY – Score Your Financial Health. Determine how healthy you are and what steps would be most effective for your personal situation.

FEBRUARY – Plan a Money Date. Talk to your significant other at a designated time about the state of your financial affairs and what the best course of action is to ensure fiscal health.

MARCH – File your taxes for free using Free File software.

APRIL – Use Your Tax Return to Build Savings. Also explore ways of considering a larger refund by having more withheld from a check or more on each check to save regularly, depending on your W-4 designations.

MAY – Save for College. Whether for yourself or your children, find out more info about 529 plans to determine if this is the right choice for you. Discuss alternatives for financial college.

JUNE – Make Smart Home Improvements. Catch up on work, put a dent in high interest credit cards, consider personal loans with lower interests to lessen finance charges and interest payments.

JULY – Explore the FIRE Movement: Followers of the Financial Independence Retire Early movement strive for complete financial freedom before age 65 – and do what they love the most!

AUGUST – Take Control of Student Debt. Consider different repayment plans or refinancing loans or consolidating payments to ease financial pressure.

SEPTEMBER – Consider Refinancing Your Car. Explore options to lower your car payment or compare the savings from refinancing.

OCTOBER – Prepare for your Financial Year End – Request your credit report, take care of major financial responsibilities and complete annual review of your fiscal affairs.

NOVEMBER – Plan Ahead for Holiday Spending and Saving – Avoid impulse buying and long term debt, and consider skipping the ever-tempting Black Friday. Make smart purchases that you won't have to pay for in the long run.

DECEMBER – Map Out Your Financial Goals for the Year Ahead. Stick to the plan and pick a couple to focus on that are both practical and attainable and enjoy continued financial health!

HONE YOUR SKILLS WITH A NEW HOBBY

Did you know that January is National Hobby Month? That's right, and starting a New Year coincides well with trying your hand at something you enjoy whether an old past time or a new interest. Hobbies are as diverse as the people who explore them and have proven to be exceptional outlets for releasing both creativity and stress. Among the most common in the past year are gardening, cooking, crafting, reading and even journaling from day to day.

Unexpected twists and turns in life can sometimes be unsettling; but, they can also offer opportunities to discover passions and joys that were previously unknown. Take advantage of more time to pause and pursue adventures that take you to a wonderful place. Capture the moment in a pic or a video with the hashtag #nationalhobbymonth, and share your find with the world!

If you're taking the time to read this, thank God you made it to another year! 2020 was filled with plenty of highs and lows, but it's time to shake off the sadness that could weigh us down and begin 2021 with the reminder that God is faithful! While we can always draw from the painful lessons of the past, we should also be encouraged that God has sustained us in a way that will help us to live fully in the present and prepare for the future. Amidst every uncertainty, we can be confident that He can handle anything. **May 2021 be the best year yet for experiencing and sharing the goodness of God. Happy New Year!**

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MAKING HEALTHY EATING FUN IN 2021

Looking to try new trends that can give you a boost in more way than one? Consider exploring healthier eating habits like air-frying, using a mini-convection oven that heats up items in minutes with little to no oil, but a wonderful texture. Or perhaps you'd be interested in using plant-based proteins. These healthy substitutes are packed with nutrients without the harmful additives often found in meat and offer sumptuous possibilities!

Others have immersed themselves in new affections for gardening, experiencing cooking from plant to plate, grown in their own backyard. Whatever you decide, delve into something different – and find the adventure in pleasing your palate. Healthy eating leads to happy living and may be among your best habits in the New Year!

FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

HOPE FOR FAMILIES INC.

BRING YOUR DONATIONS DURNG THE MONTH OF JANUARY

we are HOPE

SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8AM & 10AM
Call
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Wednesday
WORSHIP IN THE WORD
Via Streaming: 7PM
Featuring:
Dr. Elliott Green

Awana Clubs Online

Truth & Training

Cubbies

Sparks

Are you looking for your child to grow in God's word? Does your child enjoy games and competition? If so, please join us for AWANA Online each Wednesday January 6 - March 10 from 7:00 pm until 7:45 pm!

AWANA is an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15) and is an age-appropriate Bible study for children PreK thru 6th grade. For nearly 20 years, we have engaged children at Good Hope and those in the community in AWANA, and we will continue that charge this year— virtually! **The cost is $25 per child and includes Bible study guides, vest/t-shirt, bag/backpack and merit awards for scripture memorization.** All are welcome and financial assistance is available. For additional information and to register, visit **www.goodhope.org.**

That's Right! Good Hope Responds When Disaster Strikes.

Natural disasters are a part of God's providential will. So as His people, it's our responsibility to be ready, willing, and able to help those in need. Disaster response is essential, because disaster response agencies cannot do it all. Often, the "hole" in disaster response is simply people caring for their neighbors – the very thing God's people are called to do.

Disaster response is also transformational, because this ministry opens doors to loving our neighbors that could happen no other way and can powerfully transform both receivers, givers, congregations, and entire communities.

Lake Charles and the surrounding areas, are continuing through the recovery phase, after suffering much destruction, from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Good Hope Responded!

Our "Stuff the Truck" ministry provided much needed supplies, to the Lake Charles community, in October and December. During this same time, the Good Hope Disaster Response Team moved into action by serving in the Lake Charles community, on various recovery projects.

There was an overwhelming sense of gratitude expressed, by the recipients of the supplies and to the Team for being there. Mark your calendar, for January 16th, 2021, and make plans to join the Good Hope Disaster Response Team in "Taking Hope to Lake Charles." If you have any questions, want more information, or would like to participate, please contact Pastor Mark Slone, (281) 386-7383 or mslone@goodhope.org.