CELEBRATING SISTER

Elizabeth Francis

AMERICA'S 2ND OLDEST LIVING PERSON

114 YEARS

AUGUST 2023

ROOTED & GROUNDED IS GOING WORLDWIDE

GUEST RELATIONS IS HERE TO WELCOME YOU! IN-PERSON GUEST RELATIONS MINISTRY WILL RESUME

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME!

CELEBRATING SISTER ELIZABETH FRANCIS 114 YEARS AND COUNTING!

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

151ST ANNIVERSARY

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Each group will comprise of:
- ½ Good Hope members
- ½ people **YOU** invite from your personal circle.

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, 'Oh that You would bless me indeed, and *enlarge my territory*,"

I Chronicles 4:10

Start inviting people now to join the Rooted & Grounded Kick Off on **September 10th.**

ROOTED & GROUNDED
GREAT SEED - GOOD SOIL - MUCH FRUIT

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 51ST ANNIVERSARY

Good Hope **is on a Mission!**

The Missions Ministry played a vital role in empowering senior members of Good Hope community to age gracefully and comfortably in their own homes. To achieve this, a six-week seminar was organized, focusing on cultivating better aging in place. The seminar covered a wide range of topics, including information on how to avoid occupational hazards, ways to improve nutrition, tips for overall health and wellness, and essential lifestyle adjustments for better living. This initiative was met with enthusiasm and participation from the senior members, who found the information invaluable in making positive changes in their lives.

Additionally, the Missions Ministry team, in collaboration with the Barbara Jordan Leadership Institute and with sponsorship from Good Hope MBC, hosted a Health & Wellness Fair in July. The fair provided free health screenings, informative workshops, and access to resources, benefitting both the congregation and the broader community.

Finally, our Food Pantry Ministry continues to make a significant impact on food insecurity. Throughout June and July, the ministry served 2,955 individuals from 1,744 households. The food pantry also extended its services to an additional 30 new households in July alone. This expansion reflects the food pantry's mission to ensure no one in the community goes hungry as they offer assistance to as many families as possible.

Good Hope's combined Missions efforts show the unwavering commitment of the congregation and its volunteers to uplift and support the community. By providing information for seniors to age comfortably, health and wellness resources to the community, and food for those in need, the Good Hope campus demonstrates its commitment to service beyond Sunday. As the months progress, our prayer is that these and other initiatives will continue to positively impact the lives of many, fostering a stronger, more resilient community.

Guest Relations is Here to **Welcome You!**

On Sunday, September 3, 2023, the in-person Guest Relations Ministry will resume. After a two- year in-person hiatus, the team is thrilled to continue virtual interactions and resume on-site connections with visitors attending the 8:00am and 10:00am church services.

Every Sunday, Guest Relations team members will be stationed at strategic points within the sanctuary to guide and support visitors. The focal point will be the Calumet Lobby located in the Center for Hope, where visitors will be welcomed with open arms and showered with love and blessings. This location aims to create a sense of belonging and community within the church.

At the forefront of this initiative are Guest Relations lead servants Deacon Adewa and Deaconess Keisha Canty. Their passion for building connections and commitment to the congregation have been the driving force behind the reset. Their combined leadership and vision have set the tone for a revitalized Guest Relations experience that is expected to touch the hearts of both newcomers and longtime members alike.

The "Church Guest Relations Reset" is not just about greetings and handshakes; it's about building lasting connections. The team has been trained to actively listen to visitors' stories and offer support and encouragement where needed. Whether someone is seeking spiritual guidance, looking for a sense of community, or simply in need of a friendly face, the Guest Relations team is ready to provide a comforting and welcoming environment.

As the countdown to September 3rd begins, the Guest Relations Ministry is a reminder of the power of genuine human connections and the profound effect they can have on individuals seeking Jesus Christ and spiritual growth.

This ministry invites all members to join in this experience to further Good Hope's commitment to discipling all people while cultivating a thriving community rooted and grounded in Christ.

Recap: Vacation Bible School 2023 – Following Jesus Changes the Game!

Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. Psalm 25:4

This summer, over 100 families engaged in a week of faith, fun, and fellowship discovering that ***following Jesus truly changes the game!***

The core mission of VBS at Good Hope is to create a nurturing environment where families can grow in their faith, discover the love of Jesus Christ, and build meaningful connections with others. This year was no exception as the Children's, Youth and Maturity Ministries worked diligently to organize a program that catered to the spiritual and emotional needs of all involved.

The highlight of VBS 2023 was the inspiring news that three children accepted Christ during the event. Witnessing young hearts being touched and transformed by the gospel brings immense joy and encouragement to the church community. The Children's Ministry leaders, volunteers, and parents rejoiced in the knowledge that seeds of faith were sown, and the impact of these decisions would ripple through the lives of the children and their families for generations to follow.

Elizabeth Francis, born July 25, 1909, is an American Supercentenarian, who is the oldest known person living in the great state of Texas! (Her age is validated by the Gerontology Research Group.) A Supercentenarian is a person who has lived until or past their 110th birthday, which is a rare achievement in longevity!

Perhaps you've seen Sis. Francis featured in local or national news stories, but did you know she is a member of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church? Well, she is! Mother Francis connected with God's family at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church on December 31, 1939 during its location in Freedman's Town, and was a faithful member of Mission I and the Senior Adult Ministry.

Mother Francis is our oldest living member at the blessed age of 114 years. But not only is Sister Francis Good Hope's oldest member, she is currently the second-oldest validated living person in the United States, and the seventh-oldest validated living person in the world!

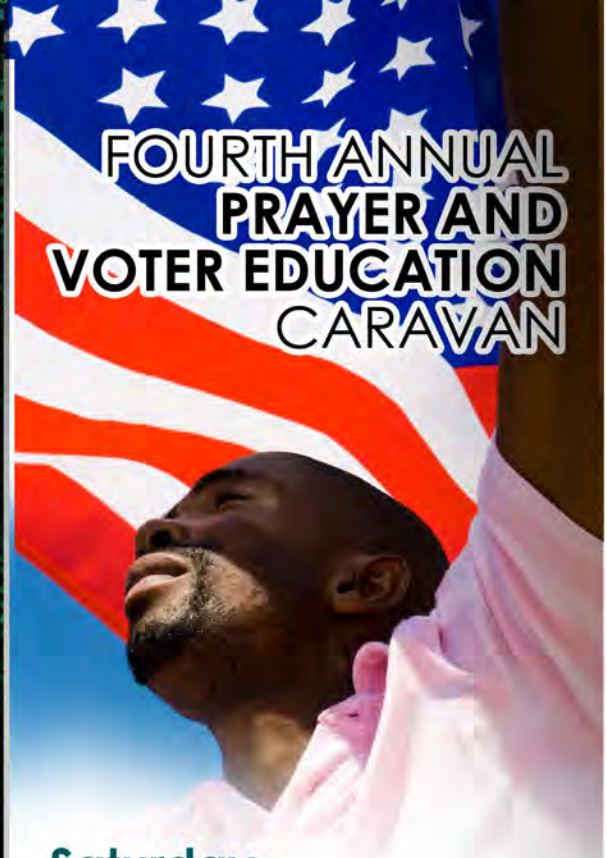
Mother Francis continues to be a pillar of strength to all of us today! When asked about her longevity, Mother Francis says her "faith in God" is what sustains her!

Mother Francis is the matriarch of a beautiful family which includes her daughter, Dorothy Williams, with whom she lives; her three grandchildren, Van Williams, Elizabeth Williams (deceased), and Ethel Williams Harrison; five great grandchildren, Derrick Williams, Christopher Williams (deceased), Christin Kissentaner, Whitney Harrison Jackson, and James Harrison II; and four great-great grandchildren, Duron Willaims, Amarie Williams, Taurean Sales and Sergio Lopez, Jr.

May God continue to bless Mother Francis as her Good Hope family honors and celebrates her devotion to God and her distinction as a Supercentenarian!

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU **45 MINUTES** COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE

That's right – 45 minutes can change your life. 1 Peter 3:15 says, "Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." Did you know one of the biggest reasons Christians do not share their faith is because they have doubts about being able to answer tough questions? With the return of live Sunday School classes we aim to change that, in 45 minutes. We will return to live classes with "20 Things Every Rooted Christian Should know," a study of essential Christian beliefs. Wayne Grudem & book, "Christian Beliefs" is our resource, and the Bible will be our text. This class will equip you with the tools every rooted and grounded believer needs to answer questions intelligently and confidently. Join us starting **Sept. 17th from 9:00-9:45AM or 10:00-10:45AM** and see how much your life will change in 45 minutes.



FOURTH ANNUAL PRAYER AND VOTER EDUCATION CARAVAN

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Depart from Good Hope Church
3015 N. McGregor Way Houston,
TX 77004

3 - 5pm; Vehicles line up at 2:00pm

We'll be touring historic sites in the 3rd Ward, highlight social injustices that impact our communities and voter engagement strategies to overcome those impacted.

For more information, please contact Deacon Brian Perry (713) 724-1806, Deacon Charles Koen (713) 385-7404, or Sister Jackie Autman (713) 429-2108.

Giving Black Businesses a Bountiful Push

It's that time again, and summer is a season ripe for support! August is National Black Businesses Month, and now our community needs us more than ever. Despite the many milestones made, people\ of color are still reeling from inequitable pay, economic gaps, less leadership opportunities and a lack of representation at tables of influence.

Nevertheless, we can help change this narrative by supporting Black businesses. Not only does this champion equity, it also promotes inclusivity and diversity. You can make a difference by showing your support through patronage, being informed about black entrepreneurship as well as trying "Black Food Fridays"
(search #blackfoodfridays hashtag).

Additionally, supporting Black businesses benefits Black children. It reminds them of their own potential to achieve and often funds scholarships designated for their future. Let's give our sisters and brothers in business the bountiful push that will help us all succeed. Happy Black Business Month. We're rooting for you!

AUGUST EVENTS 2023

AUGUST 8-13, 2023, 7:30 P.M.
AIN'T TOO PROUD: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE TEMPTATIONS
THE HOBBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
800 BAGBY STREET, SUITE 300

AUGUST 11, 2023, 8:30 P.M.
UPTOWN: A CELEBRATION OF SOUL
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
6000 HERMANN PARK DRIVE

AUGUST 17, 2023, 8:00 P.M.
SUMMER JAZZ FEATURING THE SPANISH HARLEM ORCHESTRA
PRESENTED BY DACAMERA
501 TEXAS AVE.
HOUSTON, TX 77002

AUGUST 18, 2023, 7:30 P.M.
MILLER SUMMER MIXTAPE FEATURING PAUL WALL
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
6000 HERMANN PARK DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77030

AUGUST 26, 2023, 8:30 P.M.
TRACE OF TIME
PRODUCED BY APOLLO CHAMBER PLAYERS
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
6000 HERMANN PARK DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77030

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8AM & 10AM

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WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Via Streaming: 7PM
Featuring:
Dr. Elliott Green

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