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PASTOR
D.Z. COFIELD
30TH
ANNIVERSARY
GOOD HOPE
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JUNE 2024
PASTOR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
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ROOTED AND GROUNDED
MAKING THE MAIN THING THE ONLY THING:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
COMING UP IN JULY!
GOOD HOPE REVIVALS
CELEBRATING PASTOR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

ROOTED & GROUNDED

GREAT SEED - GOOD SOIL - MUCH FRUIT

MAKING THE MAIN THING THE ONLY THING

INTERVIEW WITH DR. D.Z. COFIELD

Dr. D.Z. Cofield is the current Senior Pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, located in the Third Ward of Houston, TX. This year marks the 30th anniversary of his leadership at this historic church. The Social Media and Marketing branch of the Discipleship Team had the pleasure of interviewing Pastor regarding his vision of Rooted and Grounded and the church's discipleship culture. He offered insight into the development of Rooted and Grounded from its inception through its future expansion.

1. Please share how the vision of Rooted and Grounded was revealed to you.

During Covid, we got a break from what was our normal routine. That gave me time to look at our church as objectively as possible to identify when we were at our best. My definition of "best" was based on spiritual, numerical, and financial growth, volunteerism (and level of excitement around that), and our ability to become involved in the community. Looking at our history, our best was always when we emphasized making disciples (specifically through the small group model). I realized that we needed to do more than that, but minimally, we had to start there. We also began looking at what curriculums we were using that were most impactful in people's lives. We focused on how we move from studying The Word and curriculum to applying it. That would mean getting back to what I would identify as "spiritual basics". Those factors, along with reading and being prayerful, are the inspiration for Rooted and Grounded. Our reset (post-Covid) focused on figuring out how we would come back after the pandemic, not just doing what we've always done, but making sure we come back doing what Jesus has commanded us to do.

2. Describe the big picture of your vision for Good Hope's Rooted and Grounded Discipleship Culture.

Our culture for Good Hope is communicated each week when I tell people, "They are not watching and people are not at church to make me a big preacher or to make our church family a big church, but we are here to help people become the biggest and best Christians that they can be." Our focus is how we help people walk in obedience and do what God has called us to do so that all can experience the blessings and favor of God in their lives. My hope is that our culture permeates our membership so much that if they decided to leave Good Hope and go to another church that isn't focused on discipleship, they wouldn't feel right because they know this is what is supposed to happen. I would love to see our children and our youth grow up in that environment. I hope that they understand wherever they go, they have a responsibility (an expectation from God) to not just go to church or have church but to **be the church** and find fulfillment in that.

3. Specifically state how far and wide your message has spread from inception today. (City wide? Statewide? Nationally? Worldwide?)

I think God is giving me an opportunity to impact the world with this message. I've been working with pastors, churches, associations, and conventions nationally, and we have L.Y.F.E. (Living Your Faith Everyday) groups around the country. We've had groups around the world and so I'm just excited about the opportunity that God is giving to me personally (and to our church) to take hope to the world in a very intentional way.

We are helping churches and members **make the main thing the only thing.** Even in my conversations with pastors who want to hold conferences and help other churches, I'm helping them to understand that it is only when we major in what Jesus has commanded us to do that, we'll see the power of God move in our church and amongst the people that God has given us an opportunity to serve. Right now, we're being watched in nearly 163 countries. In total we have had L.Y.F.E. groups in around 15 to 20 states in the US. We've also had someone in Brazil join a group, and we had a L.Y.F.E. Group in Senegal. We are doing some geotargeting and geofencing to identify French-speaking countries since we've already translated the Rooted curriculum into French. Some of the French colonies we're looking at include New Caledonia, Martinique, Chad, and Morocco. Our largest online watchers outside of the U.S. are in Mexico. Currently, we're working with some churches and leaders in Haiti and are partnering with the Grace School of Theology, looking at taking the L.Y.F.E. group model to the Philippines, the Caribbean, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. So, it's super exciting to see what God is doing and what He has done since launching the reset. We began planning and training in 2022 and then launched Rooted and Grounded in 2023. Last year we took in 200 new members. So far this year, we're already at 124. But we just want to make sure that we stay focused on doing what Jesus has commanded us to do.

4. What was your inspiration for the Rooted and Grounded Logo?

One factor was Rooted, our baseline curriculum for Rooted and Grounded. Another inspiration, the major one, is the focus on people. The church is not a building; the church is made up of people, and people are the church. So, if you look at the logo, at the base of it the trunk of the tree is two faces facing each other. And then when we think about fruit, the Bible says that Jesus commands us to be fruit producers. The two primary aspects of bearing fruit are helping people come to know Jesus and then helping them grow in Jesus. The third aspect is us living and exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit. In church, we typically emphasize the gifts of the Spirit, but the gifts of the Spirit will show up in a person's life even when they are spiritually immature. And so, we focus on the gifts, and the gifts get applauded, but I don't believe we spend enough time focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. I thought about "The Parable of the Fig Tree" when Jesus came, and there was no fruit, and the tree had nothing but leaves. So, we wanted to make sure that there was something present on the tree. Paul talks about us being rooted and grounded in love, which is central and key. The other scripture that helped shape the logo is "The Parable of the Sower" when the seed goes forward, and it grows at different rates depending on the soil it falls on. That parable illustrates that there's nothing wrong with the seed of The Word; it's dependent upon the soil (in our hearts) whether it will bear and produce fruit. All those things came together and were the catalyst behind the logo.

HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY DR. D.Z.COFIELD

Dr. D.Z. Cofield's journey as the Senior Pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church is a testament to his vision and unwavering commitment to community service and spiritual leadership. Celebrating his 30th anniversary as Senior Pastor, Dr. Cofield has transformed the church, its ministries and its outreach programs, making a significant impact on the Houston community and beyond.

Elected by the church leadership in March, 1994, Dr. Cofield became the sixth Pastor of the historic Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church. His vision of taking Hope to the World has become a reality as he has commissioned missionaries and helped to plant churches locally and in Africa.

One of Dr. Cofield's first major initiatives in 1995 was founding Hope for Families, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families in need. Fast forward to 2024, and under the umbrella of Hope for Families, our partnership with the Houston Food Bank, along with both Barbara Jordan International Preschool and Project Hope continue to be a beacon of light for the community.

His visions for our church have always been ahead of their times, and with the creation of iHope Church and Worship On Demand, in conjunction with social media and livestreaming, Good Hope is poised to continue to love God, love all people and change the world for decades to come! Through his tireless efforts and innovative approaches, Dr. Cofield has not only led Good Hope to new heights, but has also significantly contributed to the betterment of the Houston community. Just in the first five months of this year, Good Hope's Food Pantry has served nearly 4,000 people and 1,800 households in all 200 zip codes of Houston.

Dr. Cofield's accomplishments during his three decades as Senior Pastor of Good Hope are too numerous to list in this brief article. His visionary leadership has laid the foundation to make the main thing the only thing as he leads the Good Hope family to "be the church" as we become disciples who make disciples. His legacy of hope and service continues to inspire and uplift countless lives.

We are blessed to have a pastor, who after 30 years, remains as dedicated to his pastoral calling in 2024 as he was in 1994! We are extremely honored to call him our Pastor for he is certainly a servant worthy of double honor!

PASTOR D.Z. COFIELD

30TH ANNIVERSARY

REVIVAL Week

TUESDAY
JUNE 4
7:00 P.M.

REV. **MICHAEL A. PENDER, SR.**
SENIOR PASTOR - FALLBROOK CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 5
7:00 P.M.

TERRY K. ANDERSON
SENIOR PASTOR - LILLY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY
JUNE 6
7:00 P.M.

DR. **MARCUS D. COSBY**
SENIOR PASTOR - WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

TUESDAY
JUNE 11

REV. **ALAN LAMAR PATTERSON**
MT. CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 12

REV. **BYRON C. STEVENSON**
SENIOR PASTOR - THE FORT BEND CHURCH IN SUGAR LAND

THURSDAY
JUNE 13

DR. **ANDRE JERMAINE LEWIS, D.MIN.**
SENIOR PASTOR - NEW FAITH CHURCH

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30TH ANNIVERSARY

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WITH PASTOR **D.Z. COFIELD**

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2024 / 4 PM TO 7 PM
AT GOOD HOPE MBC
CASUAL ATTIRE
FOOD, FUN, GAMES, AND MORE!
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TO JOIN THE FUN!

QUARTERLY
LEADERSHIP MEETING

30TH PASTORAL
ANNIVERSARY
RECEPTION
SATURDAY
JUNE 1ST
9AM-11AM
CENTER
FOR HOPE

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

God's truth never changes, so join the Adventure and discover how Jesus speaks the truth in love. Explore and watch the mighty waves crash against the immovable Breaker Rock!

Join the Good Hope family as we build a foundation in Christ, fellowship, make new friends, eat great food, and have FUN!

Theme: "God's Truth Never Changes!"

Scripture: "Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is good, pleasing, and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2 (CSB)

When: Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm -8:30 pm
Cost: Free (Including dinner served nightly at 6:00 pm)
Ages: 3 Years -Adults
Location: Center for Hope

2024 GRADUATION-SPIRIT DAY
JUNE 9 @ 10AM
CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Make plans to join us as we honor our graduates during our 2024 Graduation Celebration and Spirit Day on Sunday, June 9th during 10:00 a.m. service.

Come celebrate our class of 2024 grads and wear your collegiate, Greek or high school spirit gear.

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JUNE 22, 2024
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YOUR MARRIAGE
NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND

2024 JUNE EVENTS

CELEBRATION! BLACK HISTORY FROM ANCIENT AFRICA
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5TH
MILLER OUTDOOR
THEATRE
FREE EVENT

CHINESE FOLKTALES
THURSDAY
JUNE 6TH
MILLER OUTDOOR
THEATRE
FREE EVENT

JUNETEENTH A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH ERAS
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH
MILLER OUTDOOR
THEATRE
FREE EVENT

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK HIP HOP
TUESDAY JUNE 18TH
MILLER OUTDOOR
THEATRE
FREE EVENT

THE KING COLE LEGACY EXPERIENCE
FRIDAY JUNE 21ST
MILLER OUTDOOR
THEATRE
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SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8AM & 10AM

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WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Via Streaming: 7PM
Featuring:
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