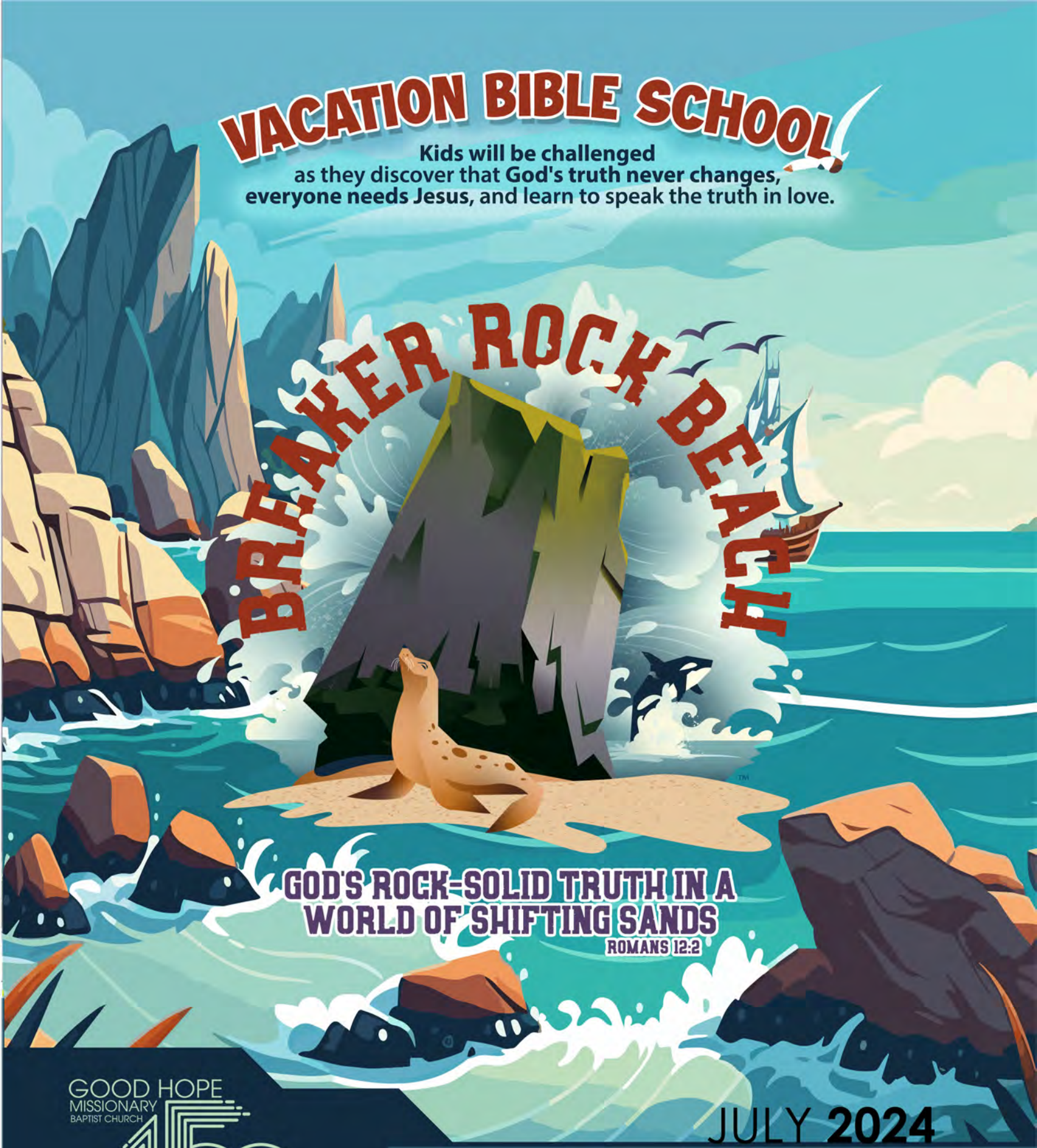


GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

152 YEARS

JULY **2024**

BREAKER ROCK BEACH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MEN OF HOPE SUMMA' TIME SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

TRU YOUTH LOCK IN FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND.

STANDING THROUGH THE STORM MARRIAGE RETREAT OCTOBER 25

MAKING THE MAIN THING THE ONLY THING: (PART 2)
INTERVIEW WITH DR. D.Z. COFIELD

1. Describe what it looks like for the Rooted and Grounded Culture to fully achieve God's Purpose.
I think once we get to the place where everybody recognizes that they are to be a disciple of Jesus and they are to make disciples of Jesus, we will be on the road we need to be on to really establish the culture in our church. Ultimately, the evidence will be when we are three-to-four generations deep in discipleship. That means we have people who have been discipled, who have discipled somebody, who have discipled somebody, who is discipling somebody. The goal is achieved once that becomes our norm. Right now, it's still an effort for some people who don't see themselves as being spiritual enough to be a disciple. But I'm encouraged to see people sometimes take "baby steps" toward discipleship. Sometimes it's taking big steps and saying, "You know what, I don't think I'm ready to facilitate a group or disciple people per se, but I'll be a co-facilitator." Helping them to see all that God has put in them and then watching them walk in that; there is no greater joy!

It is so powerful because I think so many people make discipleship to be something that it's not. Not that it's not serious; but when you move in the power of God and you allow God to use you where you are, you can help people where they are, and you can see God move you to where you need to be. You will start seeing your own personal growth beyond your own comfort level. So that's always exciting when you can be used by God. And for me, when I see people walking at a different level of growth, faith, and commitment to God - nothing is better.

2. What systems or protocols are in place to keep the momentum of Rooted and Grounded going and growing?
The key piece is continuing to work to make it part of our culture so that we get to a place where it's not new and it's not strange, but it doesn't feel right if we're not doing it. That's when I think it just becomes part of our life, part of our living. I think as this idea of discipleship becomes embedded in us, now we just see moments to be salt and light. It just becomes natural. For some people, that first step may be a little strange. You may think about it, and then later, you say, "Man, I had a chance right there to be salt and light, and I missed it." But as you move and grow closer to God, you make a commitment to be a disciple and really make disciples; you start seeing those opportunities and just taking advantage of them as they present themselves.

3. After your retirement (20 years from now), in what role do you see yourself supporting the work of Rooted and Grounded?
For me, it is a lifestyle; it is a focus. If the Lord says the same, I think I will be discipling pastors, helping them to continue to look at how they shift the culture of their churches. From personal conversations and conferences, I have witnessed pastors acknowledging they've never been discipled themselves and don't even have a concept of what that looks like. And it's hard to export what you haven't imported. So now, I see Good Hope as becoming a teaching church. For example, we currently have L.Y.F.E. groups for some of my former theological students, offering them a practical way to put this into effect. I just see myself focusing on this for the rest of my life until my season is up at Good Hope. Regarding the next pastor, my hope and my prayer is that we will be able to either find somebody who has this philosophy or raise up somebody within the congregation. I'm looking at the Children's and Youth Ministries now. We are being prayerful about what God wants us to do and the role that God wants us to play in the Kingdom to help other churches discover God's purpose for their existence, and then sharing with them whatever we have to assist them to move in that purpose.

4. Do you ever see a point where there will be static groups versus changing groups with each new curriculum experience?
I see the L.Y.F.E. groups as always switching/changing and members being prayerful when inviting friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to those groups. I see us always doing that because of the two emphasis points of the Great Commission: baptizing and teaching. We believe baptism is a conversion experience where people come to know Jesus, and then the edification is helping those who know Jesus, grow in Jesus. What ends up happening is we fall into and begin to lean into what is most comfortable. As a result, the longer we stay with people, the less likely we are to reach out, invite, or welcome new people. Sometimes, it's not even our intentions. But if you have a group that's been together for the last year and you invite a new person in, they must feel like an outsider when you all start talking about past experiences or laughing at inside jokes. I love the testimony of one of the ladies who has been at Good Hope since she was a little girl and never got involved in any of the previous small groups because people picked their friends to be in the group, and she didn't want to be an outsider. So, when she heard that the groups were going to be randomly put together, she jumped in and loved it. She said this is the first time she felt connected to the membership of the church in a meaningful way and has been able to develop friendships because she met people apart from their already established social circles.

Through Rooted and Grounded, you can organically develop close relationships. Once you have completed the curriculum, you can still hang out and fellowship with former group members. My wife and I both are still in contact with our past group members. Having the dynamic group model puts emphasis on reaching out and helping people come to know Jesus in the context of relationships, which is so powerful. Currently, 30-35% of our group members are not members of Good Hope. 41-42% of the people who have joined our church this year have been candidates for baptism, meaning they've been unchurched and/or unsaved. It's just a great opportunity for us to meet people where they are, show them the love of God where they are, and then help them to mature and grow. Our prayer is as they are discipled, we can turn them into disciples who help people who need Jesus, know Jesus, and people who know Jesus to grow in Jesus.

TRU YOUTH **SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY**

The TRU Youth Ministry is preparing for a great start to the upcoming school year with School Supply Give a Way. **Help us by donating school supplies for middle school and high students (grades 6-12) from our Amazon Wish List.** If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Cameron Jenkins at cjenkins@goodhope.org.

HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Have you already started diving into delicious books? If you haven't, it's not too late! Don't miss your chance to participate in Houston's Summer Reading Program, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," which will continue through July 31st! Patrons who participate can read books individually, with the help of friends and family or by listening to audiobooks. Children 4 and under are challenged to read 30 books, while those 5 and up are invited to read for 30 days. All ages can participate – because this spans from teens to adults! Reading is a wonderful way to stretch, grow and even relax. Register today to join this amazing event by visiting houstonlibrary.org. You'll be glad you did!

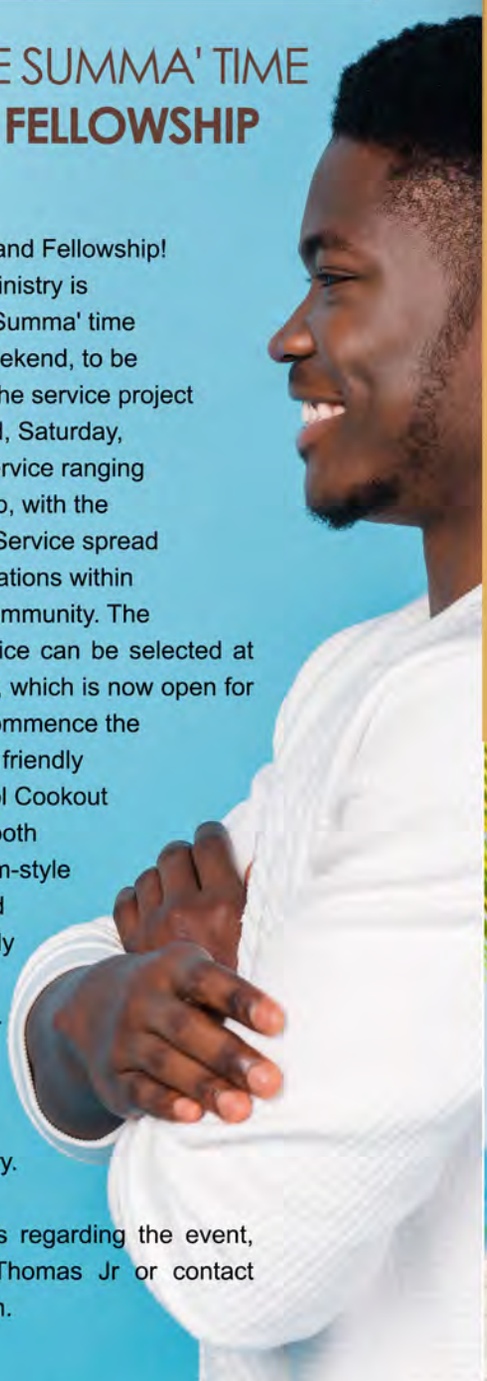
USING FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF **BIBLICAL COUNSELING** TO MAKE *Disciples*

How can we make disciples of Jesus Christ when so many people are struggling with mental health challenges, depression, anxiety, emotional trauma, excessive worry, and hopelessness? How can we best serve those who may be tempted to believe the Word of God is irrelevant, and the Church is ill-equipped to address the real issues of life for those who suffer in the world?

We are inviting all Good Hope leaders, including preachers, small group leaders, and other ministry leaders, to participate in a small group 6-week research project on, "Using Foundational Principles of Biblical Counseling to Make Disciples"

Contact Min. Darrell Rose email: drose@goodhope.org for additional information.

MEN OF HOPE SUMMA' TIME SERVICE AND **FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND**



Calling all Men to Service and Fellowship! The Men of Hope Men's Ministry is seeking servants for their Summa' time Service and Fellowship weekend, to be held July 20th and 21st . The service project will jumpstart the weekend, Saturday, July 20th, with hours for service ranging from 8a-12p and/or 12p-4p, with the goal of having #100MenInService spread across multiple service locations within Good Hope's reach and community. The preferred timeslot for service can be selected at the events registration link, which is now open for registrants. We will then commence the weekend in fellowship and friendly competition at the Ol' Skool Cookout Tournament Games, with both spades and dominoes team-style tournament play, to be held at The Vue, on Sunday, July 21st. Food and drink will be provided at NO COST . Show up ready to "slap or slam" and enjoy good fellowship with the Men of Hope Men's Ministry.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please see Bro. Micah Thomas Jr or contact micahthomasjr@gmail.com.

15 IDEAS FOR SUMMER FUN

Try these, spruce them up or create your own – but make sure you take advantage of soaking in summer fun. Here are 15 that we love. What about you? Enjoy!

1. Go on a digital photo safari and capture it on social media
2. Pursue the possibilities of painting with your friends
3. Visit the Children's Museum of Houston
4. Participate in a Summer Book Club
5. Try your hand at horseback riding
6. Make a homemade pinata filled with your favorite treats
7. Plan a picnic in the park with loved ones
8. Explore the Houston Arboretum
9. Create a signature brunch and enjoy with family
10. Behold nature's beauty while going on a bike ride
11. Plant a summer garden of your favorite herbs
12. Host an ice cream social with cool culinary treats
13. Challenge yourself to learn a new craft
14. Plan a perfect "staycation" to rest and relax
15. Play old-school games from the 70s with your favorite friends and family

Don't let summer pass you by! Get started – TODAY!

SUMMER *Haikus*

Sunshine
Beautiful sunrays.
Warming melanated skin.
Summertime is here.

Beautiful Blessings
Great generations.
Families are together.
Summer sings of love.

Laughs & Lemonade
Voices fill the air.
Liquid lemons soothe their souls.
Memories are made.

TRU YOUTH LOCK IN

TRU YOUTH WILL HOST THEIR END OF YEAR LOCK IN ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND. ALL YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO.

7:30 PM - CHECK IN
7:30 AM - PARENT PICK UP

BE PREPARED FOR:
HAVING LOTS OF FUN
SURVIVING ON LESS SLEEP THAN YOU NORMALLY OPERATE ON
GAMES IN THE DARK

TRU YOUTH MINISTRY

TRU YOUTH MINISTRY WILL HOST ITS 2ND ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP LEMONADE DAY

TRU YOUTH MINISTRY WILL HOST ITS 2ND ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP LEMONADE DAY SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 AFTER THE 8:00 AND 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND ENOJY FELLOWSHIPPING WITH OTHERS OVER A TALL, COLD GLASS OF LEMONADE.

Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Join the Good Hope family as we build a foundation in Christ, fellowship, make new friends and have FUN!

Theme: God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands
Scripture: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

JULY 8TH - 12TH
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Free (including dinner served nightly at 6:00pm)
3 years old - Adults
Vacation Bible School will be held in the Center for Hope.

Discipleship Research Project for Good Hope Leaders

USING BIBLICAL COUNSELING TO MAKE DISCIPLES

A Six Week Study on Sundays, Starting, July 21st
12PM – 1PM
Room 219 in the CFH
Making the Main Thing the Only Thing

STANDING THROUGH THE STORM

MATTHEW 7:25-26

COUPLES RETREAT

OCTOBER 25TH-26TH

PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE
$400 PER COUPLE - OVERNIGHT STAY FRIDAY. BREAKFAST, LUNCH & CONFERENCE INCLUDED

CONFERENCE ONLY
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 9AM-5PM
$205 PER COUPLE - LUNCH INCLUDED

2024 JULY EVENTS

THE LION KING
THURSDAY, JULY 11TH
THE HOBBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER SYMPHONY NIGHTS
FRIDAY, JULY 12TH
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
FREE EVENT

FLEA BY NIGHT
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
DISCOVERY GREEN
FREE EVENT

MATTER AND MOTION
JULY 7TH TO 31ST
HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

PAINT & PROCESS:
SUNDAY, JULY 28TH
THE HEALTH MUSEUM OF HOUSTON

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8AM & 10AM

Call
(713)-524-6578
for details

WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Via Streaming: 7PM
Featuring:
DR. Elliot Mallory-Greene

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