GOOD HOPE

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

152 YEARS TAKING **HOPE** TO THE WORD

DECEMBER 2024

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND REJOICE OUR LORD IS BORN!

ROOTED & GROUNDED
BEING AN OBEDIENT SERVANT

DR. D.Z. COFIELD YOUTH CENTER
EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEER
WELCOMING KIDS FROM 4YRS TO 6TH GRADE

So often, communities around the world are swept up in the novelty and nuances of the holiday season. Much credit is given to the spirit of giving, but far more often people overlook the best message of all: Jesus is the Reason for the Season. How blessed we are to know and recognize that the sacrifice from our Father made the difference between life and death for all those who believe.

This season, as you wrap your gifts for those you love, let's remember to extend our thanks to Him; not only for the sacrifice that He made, but for the many blessings He continues to give even when we don't deserve it. Yes, we celebrate Christmas on December 25th every year, but we also understand that the true meaning of Christmas is demonstrated when we show the love of Christ each day. Happy Holidays to all, and may we always represent Him in the way that glorifies Him most. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS *Haikus*

ANTICIPATION
SNOWFLAKES FALL LIGHTLY
WINTER'S PRESENCE IS MADE KNOWN.
SPIRITS ARE RISING.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
FLYING AND DRIVING HOME.
HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH LOVE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
A GEM TO MANKIND.
JESUS CHRIST, LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
THE BEST GIFT OF ALL.

ROOTED & GROUNDED: BEING AN OBEDIENT SERVANT

ROOTED & GROUNDED
GREAT SEED - GOOD SOIL - MUCH FRUIT

"DO YOU CARE MORE ABOUT BEING SERVED OR BEING OF SERVICE?"

I first heard Pastor Cofield ask us this question a couple of years ago, and it hits just as hard today as it did then. Like me, you might not know the answer right away, but if you listen and are obedient to the Holy Spirit, He will guide you towards serving others and discovering purpose beyond yourself.

It's easy to get wrapped up in your own life and concerns, but that question about service versus self-interest is one that stays with you. Especially if you're stepping into a role of responsibility, like I did as a Rooted & Grounded facilitator. One day, while leading a group, an unexpected opportunity arose, leaving me torn about my commitment. At that crossroads, I realized I needed to trust God's guidance—and when I did, more doors opened than I'd ever anticipated.

A wise person once told me, "God sometimes gives you more than you can bear so that your only option is to look up." When things feel out of control, hold on to this truth and trust that God is in charge. Facilitating is challenging, but watching your group grow, break down strongholds, and deepen in faith outweighs any doubts.

Each step forward reminds you that God is working through your efforts, drawing you closer to Him. I encourage you to take self-inventory. Ask yourself, What strongholds are holding me back from true service? Rooted and Grounded is a journey for everyone involved—a path of growth for both the group and the facilitator. As our Pastor says, "What is at the center of your life is your anchor." Reflect on what anchors you and consider how it shapes your journey in faith and service.

INTRODUCING THE DR. D. Z. COFIELD YOUTH CENTER: EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

Located in Houston's historic Third Ward, the Dr. D. Z. Cofield Youth Center is a transformative space dedicated to uplifting at-risk youth. Situated on the second floor of the Center for Hope, it stands as a tribute to Dr. D. Z. Cofield's tireless work in empowering young people through education and innovative programs like Project Hope.

This state-of-the-art facility offers tools and opportunities for teens to explore creativity, gain life skills, and build confidence. From recording studios and gaming areas to counseling rooms and a full basketball court, the center provides a holistic environment for growth and success.

With programs like Project Hope's youth diversion initiative, the Cofield Youth Center equips teens to overcome challenges, develop resilience, and unlock their full potential. Join us in shaping the future—partner, donate, or volunteer today to help empower the next generation!

COFIELD YOUTH CENTER

JOIN US **IN EMPOWERING** THE NEXT **GENERATION!**

WAYS TO GIVE

1. One-Time Donation: Help us provide immediate resources to create more opportunities for teens to thrive.
2. Monthly Partnership: Become a sustaining partner and invest in the long-term success of the Cofield Youth Center and its programs.
3. Sponsor a Program or Facility: Leave a legacy by sponsoring specific spaces, like the recording studio, classrooms, or basketball court, or by funding programs like Project Hope or entrepreneurial training.
4. In-Kind Contributions: Support our efforts with equipment, supplies, or services that help expand our capabilities.
5. Volunteer Opportunities: Share your expertise and time to inspire and mentor the next generation.

With Project Hope and all the incredible facilities at their disposal, teens will be better equipped to make positive choices, gain new skills, and envision a brighter future for themselves.

Join us in empowering the next generation! The Cofield Youth Center is ready to make a lasting impact—are you?

The winter holiday season, often marked by gatherings and travel, can be a prime time for the flu to spread. Flu viruses thrive in colder, drier conditions, and indoor gatherings create ideal environments for transmission.

Getting a flu vaccine is crucial to protecting yourself and your loved ones during this period. By getting vaccinated, you significantly reduce your risk of contracting the flu, its associated complications, and the potential for spreading it to others.

The vaccine helps your immune system recognize and fight off the virus, minimizing the severity of illness and preventing hospitalization. Additionally, vaccination helps reduce the overall burden on healthcare systems, ensuring resources are available for those who need them most. By prioritizing vaccination, you contribute to a healthier community and ensure a more joyful and worry-free holiday season.

Spread Jesus, not germs! As winter respiratory season approaches, protect yourself and your loved ones by getting vaccinated against flu, COVID, RSV, whooping cough and pneumococcal pneumonia. Stop by the CVS booth on Sunday 12/1/24 with your insurance card to receive any of those needed vaccines. A nominal fee will apply for those who are uninsured.

CVS

STOP BY OUR BOOTH TO GET YOUR SEASONAL VACCINES

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEER LEAGUE ADMINSTRATION

- ONLINE REGISTRATION
- SCHEDULE GAMES
- ORDER SUPPLIES
- PARENT COMMUNICATION

UPWARD BASKETBALL CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

Since 2005, UPWARD has served as a Christian sports league teaching hundreds of children to ***"play with purpose"*** both on and off the court. If you're looking to get your children physically active as they learn to exemplify the character of Christ, consider registering your child today. Financial assistance is available and guests are welcome! Tasks can be done remotely.

REGISTER TODAY!

SALT & LIGHT

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16 (NASB)

Answer the call of #BEINGCHURCH and sign-up to serve today!

ANGELA HOUSE

ABOUT: The mission of Angela House is to successfully transition women into society after incarceration.

GET INVOLVED:

- Facility Maintenance: plumbing, painting, changing ceiling light bulbs
- Coordinate: community events for our women to attend
- Lead: healthy cooking classes, craft classes
- Facilitate: bring a meal and plan an activity: cards, games, crafts

Step Inside and Discover the Excitement!

YOUTH CENTER GRAND Opening

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2024

The Center For Hope | 2nd Floor
12:00 PM

TRU YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US IN EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION!

THE COFIELD YOUTH CENTER IS READY TO MAKE A LASTING IMPACT — ARE YOU?

Wednesdays
6 pm - 8 pm

Awana clubs

September 9- March 5

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO COME LEARN AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH AT AWANA!

WE CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF JESUS STARTING WEDNESDAY SEPT. 9TH- MARCH 5TH AT THE CENTER FOR HOPE. REGISTRATION IS $45 (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE). PLEASE CONTACT JELISA BOYKIN AT JSCOTT@GOODHOPE.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

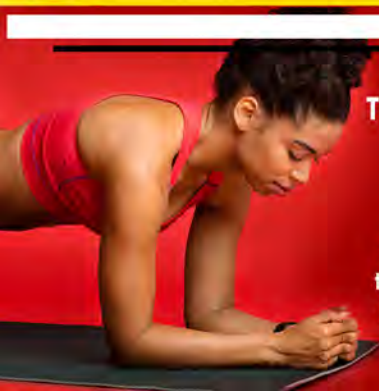
BE GENEROUS
BE KIND
REACH OUT AND BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD

2024 DEC EVENTS

5 Fun Indoor Winter Wonderland Activities. Ready for a few fun ideas for indoors this holiday season? Take a gander at these exciting activities:

1. Build Your Own Snowflakes – The only thing you need is white paper, scissors and plenty of imagination. Google fun ways to fold and cut to decorate with homemade snowflakes.
2. Popsicle Stick Paper Dolls – Save those sticks from your favorite frozen treats, and then create paper dolls and "custom outfits" that can be glued to each one. Fashion can take on a whole new flavor!
3. Create an Indoor Obstacle Course – Collect a few items and set them up in a large space and make a game that will keep you entertained! You decide how to score points!
4. Lights! Camera! Action! - Write a winter scene for a play you produce, and let your actors bring all the drama!
5. Put on a Puppet Show – Grab some paper bag lunch sacks and decorate them to create your favorite personalities. Use them to imagine the best conversation between interesting characters.

These few will get you started, but you can always add more. Bring on the fun! Happy Holidays!



THE WOMEN OF HOPE WILL BE HOSTING MONTHLY WELLNESS SATURDAYS

The Women of Hope will be hosting monthly Wellness Saturdays where participants will have yoga lessons, prayer, journaling, and an introduction to discipleship opportunities. The event will take place every 2nd Saturday of the month beginning December 14, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAYS WITH SANTA!

SUNDAYS
DEC. 1, 15 & 22
DISCOVERY GREEN

FREE EVENT

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

DEC. 14TH
DISCOVERY GREEN

FREE EVENT

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

we are HOPE