GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

153RD ANNIVERSARY

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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
153 YEARS TAKING **HOPE** TO THE WORLD

MARCH 2025

CELEBRATING GOOD HOPE'S 153RD ANNIVERSARY
LET'S CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH THROUGH PRAYER

COUPLES EXPERIENCING GOD
SUNDAY
MARCH 23RD
AT 10AM

HOMEBOUND VISIT & COMMUNION REQUEST
HEALING THROUGH PRAYER

ROOTED & GROUNDED

GREAT SEED - GOOD SOIL - MUCH FRUIT

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH THROUGH PRAYER

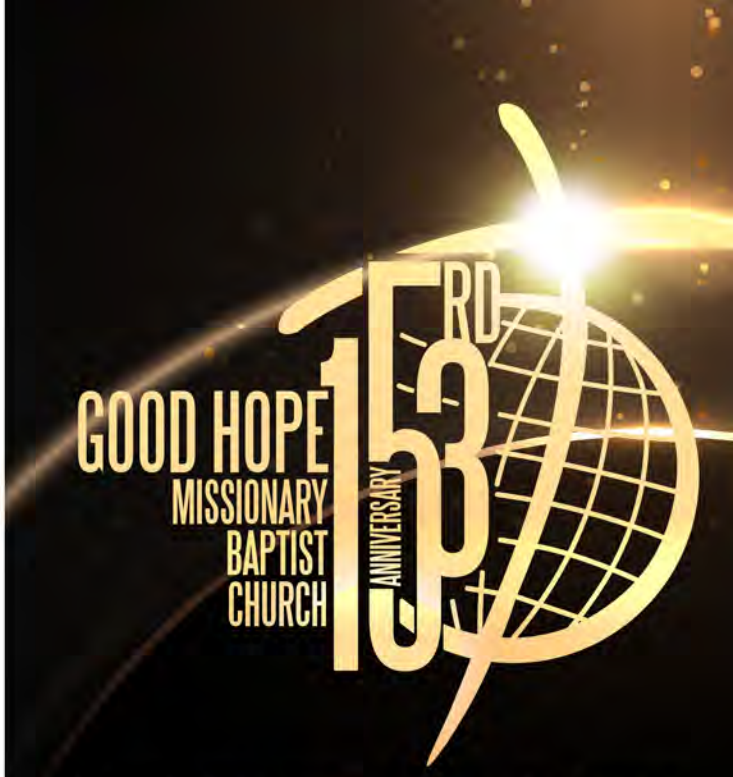
Prayer is essential for a believer's relationship with God, offering a direct connection to seek His guidance, express gratitude, and find peace. Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us, "***Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.***" Through prayer, we surrender our worries and receive God's peace, strengthening our faith.

Furthermore, prayer keeps us Rooted and Grounded in God's Word by reinforcing biblical truths in our daily lives. When we pray, we align our thoughts with His will, making it easier to discern His direction. Colossians 2:6-7 encourages believers to stay firmly established in faith: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Prayer, coupled with scripture, nourishes our spirit and builds a strong foundation that helps us stand firm against life's challenges.

Additionally, prayer transforms our hearts, making us more Christlike in our thoughts and actions. It humbles us before God and reminds us of our dependence on Him. Jesus Himself demonstrated the importance of prayer, often with drawing to commune with the Father (Luke 5:16). By following His example, we develop a habit of seeking God's wisdom and strength. As we persist in prayer, we experience spiritual growth and a deeper connection with God, allowing His Word to shape our lives. Through prayer, we not only communicate with God but also invite Him to transform us according to His will.

MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH

In honor of famed author, Dr. Seuss's birthday, March has been designated as National Reading Month. During this time, Americans of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to read books almost every day. Beyond being entertaining, reading is educational and gives students the leverage to change the trajectory of their lives! Encourage both children and adults in your life to read to learn and to live. Happy National Reading Month!



153 years! What a significant milestone for the historic Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church! This church anniversary gives us an opportunity to not only reflect on our church's history; it also provides us with a special moment to celebrate our culture of discipleship as we plan for our future.

Just to put things in perspective, Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church was established only 7 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued on June 19, 1865. Powered by the words of the Emancipation Proclamation, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, All Slaves Are Free," many former slaves moved from the rural areas and settled in Houston's Fourth Ward near downtown Houston, in what became known as the Freedman Town area.

Father Samuel Grantham was the founder and first pastor of Good Hope and the church was organized in his back yard under a brush arbor. Each pastor who followed Father Grantham (1872-1891) - Rev. Charles H. Hunt (1893-1921) Rev. Henry Cashaw (1922-1934); Rev. Albert A. Lucas (1935-1963); and Rev. Crawford Kimble (1964-1994) – created the building blocks on which we now stand.

Fast forward 153 years to 2025, and look at what God has done in the life of our historic church! Our Senior Pastor, Dr. D.Z. Cofield (1994-Present), has led Good Hope for 31 years, and is honored to be the sixth pastor in the history of our great church!

Since 1994, Dr. Cofield has introduced many new ministries with a foundation in media-driven ministry and an emphasis on community outreach. Pastor Cofield's vision and implementation of establishing a culture of discipleship has led to thousands of people participating in Living Your Faith Everyday (L.Y.F.E.) Groups. Currently, L.Y.F.E. groups have spread from our local church and community to 26 states and five countries.

Pastor Cofield is committed to revitalizing the church and changing the world one life at a time as we continue to become disciples who make disciples.

Our discipleship cultural shift has given members of our church the tools and opportunities to live out God's purpose for their lives. Under Dr. Cofield's leadership, the 7 Expressions of Faith, (Daily Devotional Time with God, Prayer, Repentance, Serving the Community, Sacrificial Generosity, Sharing Personal Testimonies of God's Grace, and Worship), undergirds everything we do and equips us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Led by our dynamic Senior Pastor, we will continue to serve the historic 3rd Ward, the Houston metropolitan area, the nation and the world by focusing on helping the two kinds of people in the world – those who know God, and those who need God!

Happy Church Anniversary
Good Hope Family!

WONDERFUL WOMEN IN HISTORY: CELEBRATING NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

While there is much work that needs to be done, women are constantly discovering new developments and making meaningful milestones. From politics and practical applications to engineering and education, women are increasingly contributing to the fabric of society.

Today, communities don't have to look in the ancient past to find women to be celebrated. They span centuries ago to modern day thinkers who are simply history in motion, and we're excited about it!

Inequities surface in many ways, but new champions are working diligently to create better environments to support them and help them succeed. Happy Women's Day to every woman who diligently seeks to make this world a better place through her time, talent and treasure.

Welcome Spring

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO LEAP INTO MEMORABLE MOMENTS THIS SPRING? TRY THESE ON FOR SIZE!

1. Plant a Spring Garden: And throw in a few of your favorite fresh herbs.
2. Take a Stroll on a Trail: Pay careful attention to new buds and spring blossoms. See how many you can name!
3. Have a Picnic at the Park: Enjoy the sunshine with some of your favorite treats – and place them in the picnic basket of your choice.
4. Be Good to Your Heart: And go for a run! Take in the scenery along the way.
5. Savor a Spring Time Dish: Whether you prepare it yourself or try a seasonal favorite, dive into a delectable meal!

This list doesn't cover all of your opportunities, but you can certainly start with these. Enjoy this season! Sunshine awaits!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring arrives promptly.
Blossoms' fragrance fill the air.
New season begun.

New Chances
Life's quickly budding.
Renewed opportunities.
Time to spring forward.

Master Artist
The world? His canvas.
A beautiful painted sky.
His handiwork shines.

SPRING BREAK 2K25

SATURDAY MARCH 8
DAY OF SERVICE
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

SUNDAY MARCH 9
SPRING BREAK POWER UP- PALACE SOCIAL

MONDAY MARCH 10
SPRING BREAK ROCK OUT- HOUSTON ROCKETS

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NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Join the Good Hope TRU Youth team for some Spring Break Fun. Please register for each individual event so we will know who is starting their Spring Break with TRU Youth.

COUPLES EXPERIENCING GOD

Join us Sunday, March 23rd at 10:00 am in the "Center for Hope", 2nd floor, in Rm 219; as we begin our new series, "Couples Experiencing God"

Perhaps you and your spouse have been believers for many years, but your Christian life has become dry and you both long to refresh your walk with God.

JOIN US EVERY 4TH SUNDAY AT 10AM

SCAN TO REGISTER

Would you like to experience the presence of God in your marriage and establish a deeper meaningful relationship with your spouse? Then join us for "Experiencing God for Couples". Sunday March 23rd at 10 am. The cost is $10 per person for the workbook.

Do You Have the Gifts of SERVING & Encouragement

OUR VIRTUAL WORSHIP CHAT TEAM NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEER

Do you have the gifts of serving and encouraging others?

If so, Activate Your Yes, God! by signing up to serve with the chat room ministry. Volunteers welcome and engage with members and visitors during online 8 AM and 10 AM Sunday worship services.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2 hours, one Sunday per month.

HOMEBOUND VISIT & COMMUNION REQUEST

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, nursing facility or homebound and request a visit and communion, please let us know.

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HOSPITALIZED & RECOVERING MEMBER REQUEST

We are here for you!
If you are your loved one is hospitalized or in recovery at home, please let us know. Completing the form will allow the Prayer Ministry and Deacons/Deaconesses to pray and care for you.

2025 EVENTS

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 April 12th, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 15, 4:00PM
DISCOVERY GREEN
FREE EVENT

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ
MARCH 28TH
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
FREE EVENT

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8AM & 10AM

Call
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WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP IN THE WORD

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

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