GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
153RD ANNIVERSARY

*153 YEARS* TAKING **HOPE** TO THE WORLD

# APRIL 2025

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS**
JOIN US AND REJOICE.
HE IS RISEN!

**HOOPS 4 HOPE**
AGES 6-12
REGISTER TODAY

**1 TO 1 DISCIPLESHIP WITH BLESS**
BLESS OTHERS AND GROW IN FAITH

**2025 GRADUATES CLASS OF 2025**
GRADUATION SPIRIT DAY
MAY 25TH

# HAPPY **EASTER**, FAMILY!

**In a culture where people often seek to lessen the significance of faith-based beliefs, it remains uncontended that Jesus Christ rose from the dead.** From countless archaeological facts to eyewitness testimonies, God left substantial evidence of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Nevertheless, this unique miracle's power was not limited to thousands of years ago. It extends into the lives of every individual who accepts His gift of salvation to transform their lives for the better. Hence, not only is He alive because He defeated death and the grave, but as you allow, He lives in you.

Take time this Easter to reflect on what Christ's sacrifice means for you personally. Remember the priceless choice that He made so that you could spend eternity with Him. Can others see Him exemplified in your daily walk? If not, there's still time left to represent Him well. What a blessing to know that He paid it all. May we never forget His incessant love. Happy Easter, Family!

I AM WHO I AM

# HE IS RISEN

## REMEMBERING **THE RESURRECTION**

**Jesus Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! The resurrection of Jesus symbolizes hope, renewal, and the promise of eternal life. Let's celebrate this Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at three services: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon, as we remember the love of Jesus Christ.**

He loved us so much that He suffered and died for our sins. Then, on the third day, He rose again. His Resurrection means He defeated death and now gives us all eternal life by placing faith in Him. Romans 10:9 reminds us: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Without the resurrection, we would not have any hope at all. Since the Lord has been resurrected, we can now have hope for the future and for our eternal home with Him in heaven. The resurrection of Jesus gives our weary hearts and minds hope in a dark world.

During Easter, we have the chance to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and give Him the praise He deserves. We should be celebrating Jesus every day, but Easter is the special day when we are celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Remember, Easter is more than an event! We want to make sure it becomes the start of your Discipleship Journey as you either come to know Jesus or come to grow in Jesus.

## APRIL HAIKUS

**RENEWAL**
April showers fall.
Refreshing many gardens.
Beauty arrives soon.

**RADIANCE**
The sun shines brightly.
Glistening on the flowers' dew.
Warmth soothes many hearts.

**IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES**
Dream of what could be.
There is power in the soil.
Prepare for new growth.

# **5 WAYS** TO REDUCE STRESS AND ANXIETY

Whether you're a high-profile executive, college student, stay-at-home mom or somewhere in between, it's highly likely that you may have felt an uptick in your stress since the beginning of the year. However, stress and anxiety are bad for your body (and your mind, not to mention your relationships)! April is Stress Awareness Month, and this year's theme is #LeadwithLove. Here are five ways among many that you can begin reducing your personal stress and anxiety.

1. Spend Time Meditating on God's Word – Among the best ways to soothe your soul is by reflecting on God's promises. Keep His message close to your heart by internalizing His meaningful words.
2. Show 30 Days of Intentional Kindness – Find ways to be kind to others purposefully without expecting anything in return. You'd be surprised at how rewarding these gestures are!
3. Choose Healthier Eating Habits – What we eat has a huge impact on how we feel. Explore options that leave you feeling lighter from the inside out.
4. Write in a Journal – Writing for yourself personally can be a very therapeutic moment. Sharing your thoughts releases them from your heart to your hand. Try it with no restrictions.
5. Create an Appreciation Wall – Post what you're thankful for in a place where it can be viewed and celebrated. It will remind you of your many blessings!

In Philippians 4:6, God says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus." Let Him help you where you need Him most. He is more than able!

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

**Are you a poet and you know it? Or perhaps you don't, but you'd like to try. This powerful genre is filled with opportunities for exploration for writers of every level. If you'd like to dive in to the possibilities, try a few of these on for size:**

- Challenge yourself to write a poem a day.
- Share your personal poetry with someone you trust – or on your social media platform(s).
- Check out a book of poetry from your local library.
- Make a poetry playlist and send it to a friend.
- Organize a poetry reading, open mic or poetry slam in your neighborhood.

Poetry is much more complex than the nursery rhymes many learned in elementary school. This imagery-rich writing is filled with twists, turns and picturesque stories of the world around us. Don't be afraid to engage with poetry if you really haven't given it a chance. This expressive art form could become one of your favorite hobbies. Happy National Poetry Month!

Happy Anniversary GOOD HOPE FAMILY!

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# HOOPS 4 HOPE
BASKETBALL

In Person Registration & Evaluations:
Saturday, May 31, 2025
Saturday, June 7, 2025
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Parents/Guardians must register participants under 18

Season May 31 - August 10, 2025
Practice start the week of June 9th

Online Registration:

$50 Per person
$40 per additional sibling
Financial assistance available

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE SUMMER 2025 HOOPS 4 HOPE SEASON. EVALUATIONS START MAY 31ST. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING SUMMER SEASON OF BASKETBALL, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, TEAM BUILDING, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND FUN!

OUR GAMES WILL BE PLAYED
JUNE 14 - AUGUST 10
BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 6-12 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
PRACTICES: MON & WED OR TUES & THUR
GAMES: SATURDAYS: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
HELP US TO SHARE THE GOSPEL BY SPONSORING A PLAYER FOR $50.00 THE 2025 SEASON.

# 1-TO-1 DISCIPLESHIP WITH BLESS

B BEGIN PRAYING FOR PEOPLE
L LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES
E EAT MEALS TOGETHER
S SERVE THEIR NEEDS
S SHARE YOUR STORY

ROOTED & GROUNDED

DO YOU WANT TO DISCIPLE SOMEONE AND WONDER WHERE TO START? HERE IS A SIMPLE WAY TO BLESS OTHERS AND START A JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP WITH THEM. THERE'S NO SPECIAL TRAINING OR SKILL NEEDED. ALLOW GOD TO USE YOU TO BLESS SOMEONE TODAY!

# JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 2025 GRADUATES!

CLASS OF 2025

## Graduation Spirit Day

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH, | 10:00 AM
REGISTRATION CLOSES: MAY 05, 2025

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
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# TRU Youth Fellowship

JOIN THE TRU YOUTH MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP ON FRIDAY, MAY 2ND AS WE EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD TO VIEW "THE WIZ" AT THE HOBBY CENTER. THE TICKET COST IS $45.00 FOR YOUTH AND $85 FOR ADULTS. MEZZANINE LEVEL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE -FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH.

Friday, May 2, 2025
The Hobby Center
7:30 PM
Youth Tickets - $45
Sponsor a Youth - $45
Adult Tickets - $85

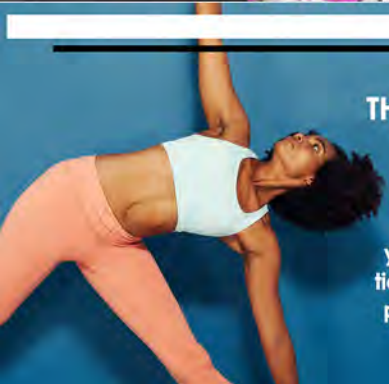
April 16
7:00 PM

# Children's Easter PROGRAM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

APRIL 16TH 7PM

# 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.

## CHEAP SKATE NIGHTS AT THE RINK

APRIL 7TH, 5:00PM
DISCOVERY GREEN

FREE EVENT

## JAZZY SUNDAYS IN THE PARK: KENDRICK SCOTT

APRIL 13TH
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