CHRISTMAS

Celebrating THE BIRTH OF *Christ*

DECEMBER 2025

The Comfort in Christmas Truths
Celebrate the Very Best Gift of All!

Rooted and Grounded:
Finishing the Year With Faith!

TRUYouth Prayer Brunch
This Event is free, R.S.V.P. by December 22, 2025

TRUYouth AWANA Club Kick Off
Middle and High-School
January 2026

153 YEARS TAKING **HOPE** TO THE WORLD

The Comfort in Christmas Truths

The hustle and bustle of the holidays can always be a blur. For some, this time is one of joyous togetherness, making memories with family and friends. Others may find themselves laden with grief due to the loss of loved ones who are no longer here. Regardless of where people fall on the spectrum of holiday happenings, there is great comfort in Christmas truths.

It is during this time that we remember the miraculous entry into the world that changed the trajectory of mankind. His birth, followed by His death and resurrection are a beautiful reminder of our ability to be reconnected to Him. Finally, His very existence and His incomparable sacrifice give us an eternal hope that extends far beyond this lifetime!

It's easy to get lost in holiday traditions – just as easy as it is to be buried in sorrows about what we wished for, but may not have received. Nevertheless, may we all remember that the best part of Christmas really is "Christ." Don't forget to celebrate the very best gift of all!

Rooted and Grounded: Finishing the Year With Faith

As we stand at the close of another year, it's natural to reflect on everything we've walked through—our victories, our challenges, our surprises, and even the moments that stretched us more than we expected. Yet through it all, one truth remains steady: God has been faithful. Even in seasons where we didn't have all the answers, He carried us, strengthened us, and reminded us that our hope is rooted not in circumstances, but in Christ alone. When we pause to look back, we don't just see the year behind us—we see the grace that sustained us every step of the way.

Being rooted and grounded means choosing to anchor ourselves in God's Word and His unwavering love, even when life feels uncertain. It means allowing our roots to grow deeper, not just in the good times but in the challenging ones. This year may have brought moments that caught us off guard, but it also brought opportunities for growth, stretching, and renewed trust in the One who never changes. In every high and every low, God has been cultivating something within us—strength, endurance, and a deeper dependence on Him.

As we enter a new year, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and expectation. We don't know everything the next season will hold, but we do know Who holds us. And that confidence gives us peace. Let us step forward with a renewed commitment to remain rooted in God's truth, grounded in His love, and open to the great things He is preparing for us. May the coming year be one where our faith grows deeper, our worship grows richer, and our lives shine even brighter for His glory.

TRUYouth Prayer Brunch

Join us for the TRU Youth 2026 Prayer Brunch on Sunday, January 4, 2026, as we begin the new year in heartfelt prayer with and for our youth. This special gathering will celebrate our 2025 accomplishments and share the vision for our 2026 goals, highlighting the growth, service, and spiritual strides our students are making. It's a meaningful way to start the year together—lifting our youth, our leaders, and our mission before God. The event is free, but RSVP is required by December 22, 2025.

5 Fun Things to Do in the Winter Season

It's hard to believe the end of the year is already here, but we've been blessed to see yet another Season's Greetings! Looking for a few fun things to do with your crew? Try these on for size, whether it's a first time for you or déjà vu!

1. **Attend Houston Zoo Lights** – Though zoo visits are normally reserved for the summer, sauntering in during the winter holiday season is an experience unlike any other. Visit your neighborhood wildlife and marvel at the beautiful lights.

2. Enjoy a Holiday Showing of the Nutcracker –

Have you been to the ballet recently? Give yourself a personal treat. Enjoy an evocative performance that will leave you on the edge of your seat!

3. Visit the Moody Gardens Festival of Lights in Galveston –

Nothing says holiday with a Texas twist like the Festival of Lights in Galveston. Indulge your senses in the sights and sounds of the Festival.

4. Have a Hot Chocolate & Tea Party –

Add a Hot Chocolate Bar and Tea Party Delights to your next get together. Have fun with toppings and decadent additions that will make your rendezvous a winter wonderland.

5. Make Homemade Christmas Cards for Family & Friends –

Christmas Cards are in abundance at stores, but only you can make a personal card one of a kind with your indelible imprint. Make cards that they won't forget, and add a little sentiment to brighten the season!

TRUYouth AWANA Club Kick Off

The TRU Youth AWANA Club kicks off on January 7, 2026 thru March 4, 2026. We invite all middle school and high school students to join us. The cost for the program is $45, and financial assistance is available. Youth will engage in meaningful lessons, strong fellowship, and a chance for students to grow in their faith. We look forward to seeing your teens there!

TRUYouth Stewardship Sunday

Our TRU Youth Ministry will host Cookies and Hot Cocoa Stewardship Day on Sunday, December 21st after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am worship services to close out a year of Sharing, Saving, and Serving others. For a small donation, supporters will be served cookies and their choice of Hot Cocoa or Wassail. Proceeds will support the Youth Ministry and Discipleship activities.

Learn a Foreign Language Month

Bienvenidos! Embracing the beauty of cultures all over the world, National Foreign Language Month, each December, is a celebration of linguistics. This month focuses specifically on promoting the importance of learning and appreciating languages of numerous communities. Did you know that there are cognitive, cultural and practical benefits to learning foreign languages? Doing so includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Strengthening the memory, problem-solving skills and critical thinking abilities

2. Offering greater insight into cultures, promoting empathy as well as helping learners navigate cross-cultural understanding

3. Heightening career opportunities, because individuals who have bilingual skill sets can communicate with a greater number of people and command a higher pay. If you've never delved into a foreign language (beyond high school), it's not too late to try again! Explore apps, leisure learning or online/in-person classes to nurture a love for learning languages. You just might surprise yourself! Au Revoir!

Star of Hope Project

Angel Tree Party: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Location: The Vue | 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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Good Hope Church 7day Cruise
Cruising the Greek Isles on the Norweigan Cruise Ship "The Pearl"

Thursday - Monday, July 17 – 28, 2026

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Cruising Greek Isles from Athens: Santorini, Croatia, & Olympia to Venice, Italy

December 1-21
Take the Soul Train to Christmas
The Ensemble Theater

December 7, 1-5 p.m.
Univision's Fiestas Navideñas
Discovery Green

December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Smart Financial Centre
Sugar Land, TX

December 13, 7:00 p.m.
Carols on the Green
Discovery Green

December 14, 6:30 p.m.
Houston Ballet – The Nutcracker
Brown Theatre, Wortham Center

GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8 AM & 10 AM

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