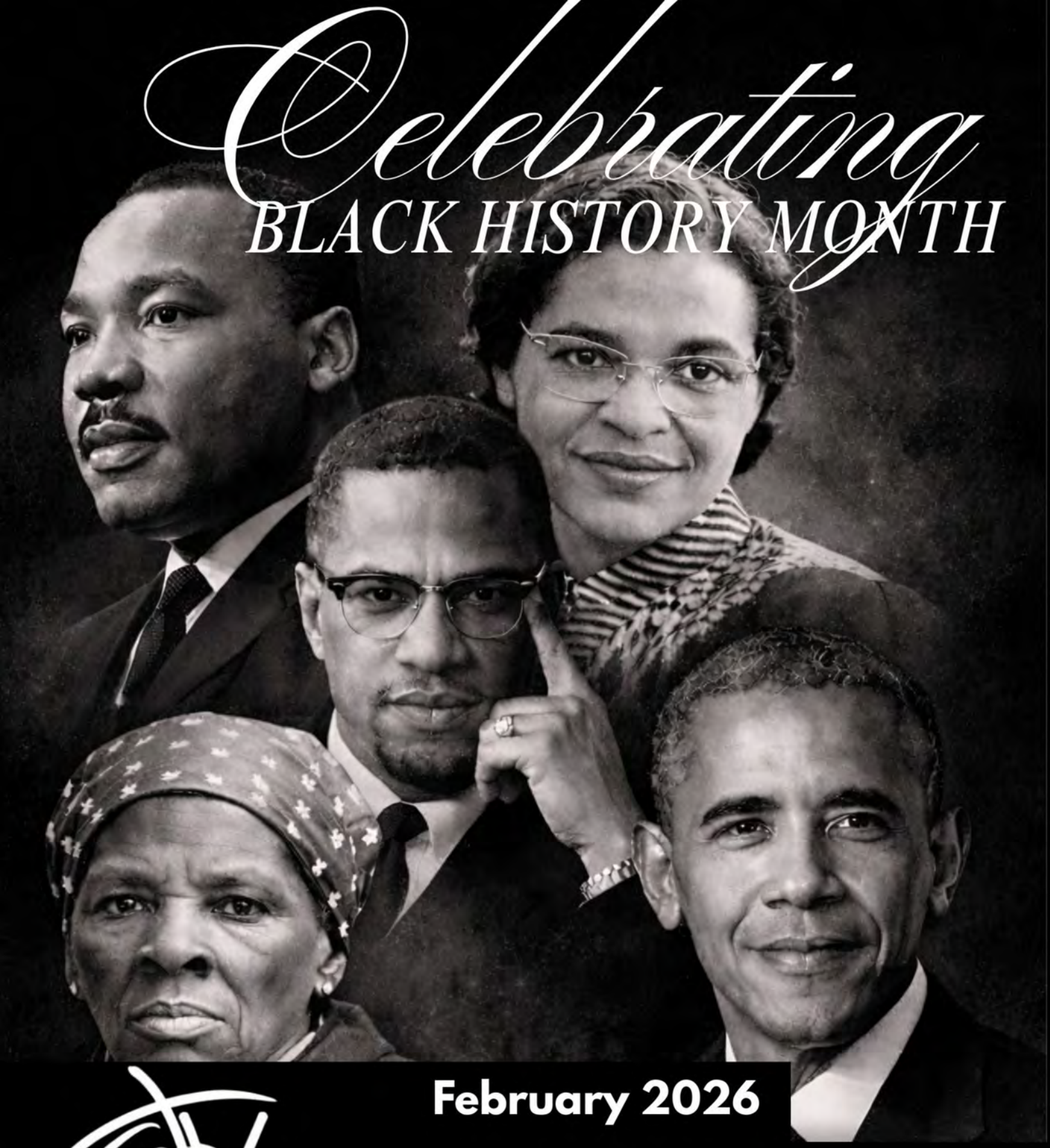

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153 YEARS TAKING HOPE TO THE WORLD

Rooted and Grounded: Growing in Love

Scripture reminds us that we are "rooted and established I love" (Ephesians 3:17). In February, as our culture emphasizes love, we are invited to reflect on the truest source of love—God Himself. His love is not based on seasons or circumstances, but is steadfast, sacrificial, and unchanging. When we remain rooted in Him, our lives begin to reflect that same love to those around us.

Jesus taught that love is the greatest mark of discipleship: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). Discipleship is not simply about learning more, but about becoming more like Christ. As we spend time in God's Word, pray, and walk in community, the Holy Spirit shapes our hearts, teaching us to love with patience, humility, and grace.

This month, may we allow God's Word to guide our hearts and actions. As we stay grounded in His truth, may our love grow deeper and our faith grow stronger. Let us love not just in words, but in action and in truth (1 John 3:18), pointing others to Christ through lives rooted in Him.

iHOPE CHURCH

iHope Church: Where Discipleship Reaches Beyond Walls

In a world that grows more connected every day, iHope Churchstands as a vibrant reminder that faith, too, can flourish without boundaries. As a digital extension of Houston's historic Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, iHope's mission is simple and sacred: to help people come to know Jesus and to help those who know Him, grow in Him.

iHope was born from Pastor D.Z. Cofield's heartfelt vision to create a church that reaches beyond its walls and takes discipleship to the world. We will warmly welcome you – wherever you are – when you join this caring community that is blending innovation with prayer and compassion. At the heart of this ministry is the belief that everyone—no matter their background or stage of faith—has a place in God's family. At iHope Church, the presence of God is discovered in the community of our discipleship L.Y.F.E. groups.

Expanding its reach even further, iHope is now collaborating with the University of Houston to offer on-campus Bible study opportunities. This partnership reflects iHope's commitment to meet people where they are—spiritually, geographically, and digitally.

For more information or to get connected:
To register for future iHope Church correspondence-
https://goodhope.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/613/responses/new

- ihopechurch

- I HOPE Church

Or email- **info@ihopechurch.org**

Salt & Light Ministry Partner Spotlight: Magnificat Houses

Magnificat Houses, Inc. (MHI) is a Texas nonprofit dedicated to addressing the challenges of homelessness, hunger, and mental illness. Through dignified housing and comprehensive support services, MHI provides stability, community, and hope for our unsheltered neighbors.

Current Needs

There are meaningful opportunities to serve at RoseMary's Place, the Moran Intake Center, and the St. Joseph Clubhouse. Volunteers are invited to host classes, meetings, and social events for residents. Whether you enjoy teaching computer skills, leading creative arts, or joining in for Bingo Night, there are several ways to share your gifts and brighten someone's day.

Want to Get Involved?

You can volunteer individually, with friends and family, or alongside your Rooted & Grounded L.Y.F.E. Group. Each act of service is an expression of #BEINGCHURCH with those in need.

Let's continue to shine the light of Christ by supporting our Salt & Light partner, Magnificat Houses.
To Volunteer, visit mhihouston.org or scan the QR code below:

Five Fun Ways to Cherish the Love in Your Life

Love is the heartbeat of our relationships, inspiring us to express gratitude, joy, and connection. Whether you're nurturing romance, friendship, or family ties, finding creative ways to honor your bonds can deepen your affection and enrich your life. Here are five fun ideas to cherish the love in your life and celebrate those special connections.

1. Plan a Surprise Adventure

Break from routine and whisk your loved one away for a spontaneous outing. This could be a scenic hike, a visit to a quirky museum, or a simple road trip to a nearby town. The excitement of discovering something new together creates shared memories and strengthens your bond.

2. Create a Memory Jar

Start a tradition by jotting down joyful moments, inside jokes, or heartfelt compliments on slips of paper and placing them in a jar. Revisit these notes on anniversaries, birthdays, or whenever you need a reminder of your shared happiness.

3. Host a Movie Night With a Twist

Transform your living room into a cozy theater, complete with themed snacks and decorations. Let your loved one choose the movie lineup, or surprise them with classics they adore. Add interactive games—like movie trivia or bingo—for extra laughs.

4. Cook a Special Meal Together

Cooking side by side can turn an ordinary night into an occasion. Pick a new recipe or recreate a favorite dish from a memorable trip. Set the mood with music, candles, and laughter as you savor the results of your collaboration.

5. Give the Gift of Your Time

Dedicate a day to your loved one, free from devices and distractions. Enjoy simple pleasures: take a walk, play board games, or reminisce over old photos. The presence and attention you offer can mean more than any material gift.

Cherishing love doesn't require grand gestures—just a bit of creativity and intention. By making time for fun and meaningful experiences, you strengthen your relationships and create lasting joy.

Events

February 6: Houston Grand Opera: Concert of Arias
Wortham Theater Center, 7:00 p.m.

February 7: Black History Month Celebration
Children's Museum Houston, 9a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

February 7: Houston Grand Opera: Hansel and Gretel
Wortham Theater Center, 7:30 p.m.

February 14: Bumper Cars on Green Mountain Energy Ice at Discovery Green, 6:00 p.m.

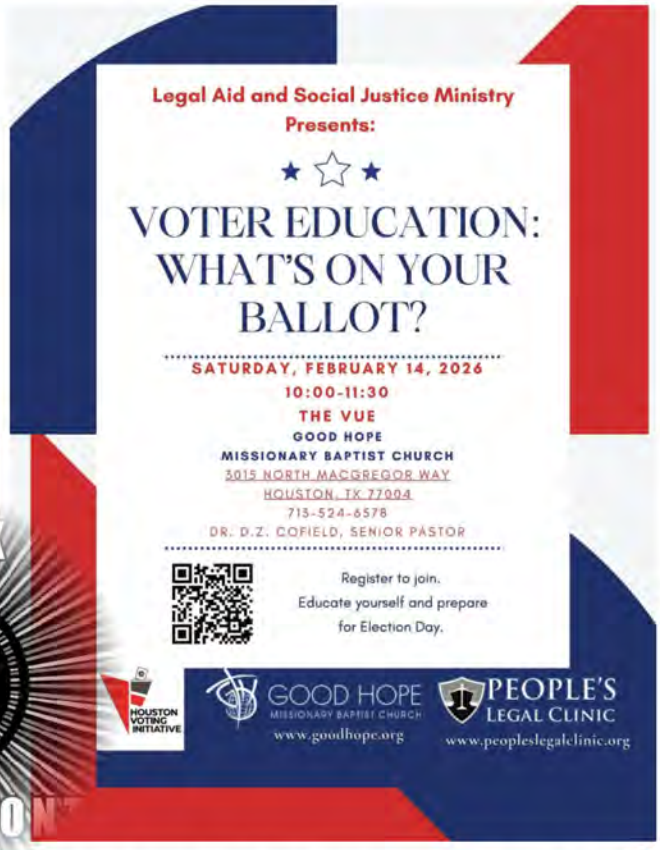
Feb. 17: Mardi Gras at Macy's, Galleria Houston, 4:00 p.m.

American Heart Month: Make It Meaningful

American Heart Month, recognized annually each February, serves as a vital initiative aimed at promoting cardiovascular health and raising public awareness about the prevention of heart disease, which remains the foremost cause of mortality across the United States. Throughout this month, a broad spectrum of stakeholders—including healthcare organizations, schools, companies, and local communities—actively participate in educational campaigns and advocacy events.

You can get involved, too! Notable activities include observing National Wear Red Day to honor those affected by heart disease, distributing comprehensive informational materials, facilitating heart health screenings, and organizing seminars on nutrition and physical fitness. The observance encourages individuals to adopt heart-healthy habits such as engaging in regular physical exercise, following a balanced diet low in sodium and saturated fats, refraining from tobacco use, and scheduling routine medical check-ups.

Someone you know, or perhaps you personally, have been affected by challenges connected to heart health. Through these collective efforts, American Heart Month empowers citizens to make informed lifestyle choices, thereby fostering a culture of wellness and reducing the risk of cardiovascular conditions nationwide. Join the movement and make American Heart Month meaningful. You'll be glad you did!



BLACK STORY MONTH

Christian Workers Interest Meeting

The Christian Workers ministry invites all members who have a desire to share the Gospel of Christ, and help other become disciples of our Lord, to attend our upcoming interest meeting - Sunday February 22, 2026 (12 p.m. - 1p.m.) in The Center for Hope Room 223. Please contact Deacon Alvin Martin (832-692-4375) to register.

Hearts in Memory of the One You Love

A Valentine's Day Celebration of Hope and Encouragement

February 13, 2026
6:30 pm - 8:00pm

Good Hope
Room 219 in the Center of Hope

A special evening of worship, encouragement, and hope for those navigating Valentine's Day after loss.

Come be strengthened through Scripture, prayer, community, and authentic fellowship as we seek God's comfort and allow His love to renew our hearts.

Join us for a time of discipleship, edification, and healing.

THE WILLS AND ESTATES PANEL DISCUSSION

Good Hope's Legal Ministry and The People's Legal Clinic will host a Wills & Estate Planning Panel Discussion on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at Good Hope. There is no cost to attend. Please register at GoodHope.org. For more information, please contact Denise Scott at (832) 512-1972.