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YEAR
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
CELEBRATION KEEPING THE
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154 YEARS OF MINISTRY

For 154 years, **Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church** has stood as a living testimony to the faithfulness of God. Founded in 1872 by Father Samuel Grantham, and newly emancipated believers with nothing but faith, courage, and determination, Good Hope was birthed in prayer and sustained by perseverance. Through Reconstruction, segregation, social change, the Great Depression, economic shifts, and cultural transitions, this church has remained a beacon of light in Houston's historic Third Ward and beyond. One hundred fifty-four years is more than a number—it is a witness.

A 154th church anniversary is important because it reminds us that we are standing on sacred ground. We worship where others wept, prayed, sacrificed, and believed. Every hymn sung today echoes the voices of those who trusted God when circumstances were uncertain. Every ministry we lead today builds upon foundations laid by faithful hands decades ago.

Longevity in ministry does not happen by accident. It happens because generations chose unity over division, service over self, and mission over comfort. It happens because God has honored the faith of His people.

This anniversary is not merely a celebration of history—it is a recommitment to purpose. Under the gifted and visionary leadership of Dr. D.Z. Cofield since 1994, Good Hope has grown from a congregation of approximately 150 members to an active membership of more than 2500. Dr. Cofield has also led Good Hope in planting 4 churches out of the congregation and has commissioned 2 full-time missionaries to Africa.

For more than a century and a half, Good Hope has been a beacon in the Third Ward community. Our history gives us confidence. Our legacy gives us responsibility. Since the pandemic, under Dr. Cofield's leadership, Good Hope has reset its ministry culture to make the main thing the only thing - making disciples who make disciples, which is The Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20. In 2022, Good Hope transitioned from a discipleship program to a church-wide culture. This shift has enabled Good Hope to reach thousands of individuals in many countries and several states across the nation while equipping hundreds to serve thousands.

We are the beneficiaries of 154 years of sacrifice. Anniversaries should never cause us to simply look backward—they should propel us forward. As we move into the future, we do so with:

- A commitment to our culture of discipleship.
- A heart for impact in our community, nation and throughout the world.
- A passion for mentoring and developing young leaders.
- A dedication to the Eight Expressions of Faith from Acts 2:42-47.
- An unwavering focus on the Gospel.

The work ahead of us is just as important as the work behind us. The call remains the same—to preach Christ, to be disciples who make disciples, to serve with compassion, and to transform lives.

One hundred fifty-four years later, Good Hope is still standing. Still praying. Still serving. Still believing. And by God's grace, the best is yet to come.

Join us on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate with the theme: Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church Anniversary Celebrating Keeping the Main Thing The Only Thing!
Happy 154th Anniversary Good Hope!

As the dawn breaks on the glorious Resurrection Sunday morning, we are reminded of the power of resurrection—the moment when darkness gave way to light, and death was defeated by life. Today, we celebrate the risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who brings hope to every heart and new life to all who believe.

As a church, we reflect on how the resurrection reminds us that no situation is beyond God's redemption. If you feel weary, let this be a day of renewal. If you feel broken, let the risen Christ restore your spirit. As we gather in faith, we are a people of hope, believing that because He lives, we too shall live.

Join us Easter Sunday
Sunday April 5, 2026
at 8:00am.,10:00am or 12:00 noon
for Easter Worship Service

Rooted and Grounded: A Season of New Growth

March often brings the first signs of spring—longer days, blooming flowers, and the quiet reminder that new life is beginning again. After months of dormancy, the earth starts to awaken, and we are reminded of a beautiful spiritual truth: growth is often happening even when we cannot see it. Beneath the soil, roots are stretching deeper and stronger before anything appears above the surface. In the same way, God is always at work in our lives, nurturing our faith and preparing us for what is ahead, even in seasons that feel slow or hidden.

Scripture tells us that those who are planted in the Lord will flourish (Psalm 92:12–13). Yet flourishing does not happen without seasons of waiting. There are times when God is developing patience, strengthening trust, or reshaping our hearts before visible change comes. These moments can feel uncertain, but they are often where the deepest spiritual growth occurs. When we remain rooted in Christ, we can trust that He is working beneath the surface, producing endurance, wisdom, and maturity in us.

Jesus also reminds us in John 15 that pruning is part of healthy growth. Pruning can feel uncomfortable—it involves letting go, being stretched, or walking through challenges—but its purpose is always greater fruit. God never wastes a season. What feels like delay may actually be preparation, and what feels like loss may be refinement. When we stay connected to Him, every season has purpose.

Spring ultimately points us to renewal and hope. No matter what the previous season held, God offers fresh beginnings. Lamentations 3:22–23 tells us that His mercies are new every morning. This month, may we embrace the invitation to trust God's process—growing even when we cannot see it, waiting with faith, and allowing Him to shape us through every season. As we remain rooted in His love, we can move forward with confidence, knowing He is faithfully bringing new life in His perfect timing.

Good Hope's Internship Program with Texas Southern University

Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church family has partnered with Texas Southern University to create to a College Internship Program.

This initiative is designed to provide students with hands-on, faith-centered experience in media and communications while actively supporting our church's mission. Through digital storytelling, event production, youth engagement, and strategic communications, students will play a vital role in helping us share the message of hope, service, and community impact.

During their time with us, interns will gain real-world experience in media production, marketing, journalism, audio engineering, and communications. They will work alongside ministry leaders and media professionals who are committed not only to excellence in their craft, but also to investing in each intern's growth. Beyond professional development, this program emphasizes spiritual formation through intentional mentorship and discipleship, ensuring that our interns grow both in skill and in faith.

We believe this internship is more than a résumé-building opportunity. It is a season of preparation, purpose, and partnership. As our interns lend their creativity, energy, and insight to our ministry, we pray that they will leave strengthened, sharpened, and inspired for the next chapter of their journey.

ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC

The Legal Aid & Social Justice Ministry and The People's Legal Clinic will host a Will and Estate Planning Clinic on April 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The Clinic is free to attend and attendees may request a simple will be prepared

UPWARD Christian Soccer League

UPWARD Christian Soccer League - Ages 5 years - 6th grade. Soccer Evaluations start 3/21/26 @ 9am. First practice will be held 3/24/26. First game will be 4/4/26. Practices and games will be held at the Ennis Field across from the Center for Hope (3015 N. MacGregor Houston, TX 77004). Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Marriage Retreat Announcement

Join us for a refreshing overnight getaway set against the beautiful backdrop of Galveston Bay. This retreat offers the perfect opportunity to step away from daily routines and focus on what matters most—your marriage and your faith. The cost is $450. per couple for an overnight stay and $205.00 per couple for Saturday Conference only. Cost includes Friday night Dinner, Saturday breakfast, snacks, and lunch.

Baby Blessing Ceremony and Easter Egg Hunt

We're excited to host our Annual Baby Blessing Ceremony and Easter Egg Hunt, and we would love to see children and families from across our church and community take part. Let's gather together to celebrate our risen Savior and dedicate our little ones to Him!
Saturday, April 4, 2026
Baby Blessing Ceremony - 10:00 AM
Easter Egg Hunt - 11:00 AM
Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are welcome. Church family—this is a perfect moment to invite your friends, coworkers, and extended family to experience the warmth of Good Hope. Let's fill the campus with joy and community as we celebrate the season together.
We can't wait to see you and your children there!