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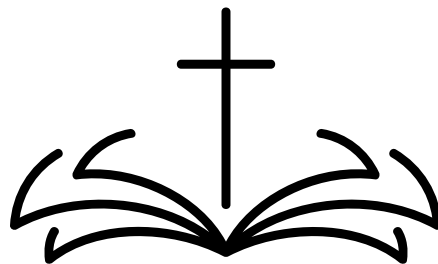
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Please send all submissions to  
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## August 2026 Birthdays

|    |                           |    |                            |
|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Lula Jefferson            | 10 | Nyzeke Wilson              |
| 1  | Glenda Rowland            | 11 | Branell Anderson           |
| 2  | Willie Bates              | 11 | Gerald Haynes              |
| 3  | Jamal Hicks               | 11 | Xavier White               |
| 3  | Rhonda Rogers Hunt        | 13 | Paula Williams             |
| 3  | Brittani Williams         | 14 | Alexis Miller              |
| 4  | Richard Brown             | 15 | Bessye Clark               |
| 4  | Brigott Lewis             | 15 | Tiffany Wilson             |
| 4  | Brandon Scott             | 16 | Myasha Smith               |
| 5  | Patricia Davis            | 17 | Beverly Bullard            |
| 5  | Mary Simpson              | 17 | Everett Johnson            |
| 6  | Tiffany Booth             | 17 | Angela Williams            |
| 6  | Jaden King                | 18 | Sandra Davis               |
| 6  | Walter Fuller             | 19 | Roger Fleming              |
| 6  | Ashley Johnson            | 19 | Tiffany Stevens            |
| 6  | Michael Sanders Jr.       | 19 | Rathel Whittaker           |
| 7  | Deundra Washington-Conway | 22 | Terence Jefferson          |
| 7  | Doris White               | 22 | Aline Kyle-Taylor          |
| 9  | Tosha Curry               | 23 | Harriet Cobb               |
| 9  | Eva Harvey                | 23 | Brooklyn Hamilton-Malveaux |
| 9  | Cleopatra Parish          | 26 | Janice James               |
| 10 | Ella Allen                |    |                            |

## Happy Anniversary!!!

**August 4** **Rev. Terrence and Sis. Rhonda Bullard**  
25 years of marriage

**August 19** **Bro. Arthur and Sis. Valerie Jackson**  
37 years of marriage

**August 25** **Bro. Leo and Sonia Gobar**  
14 years of marriage



# The Messenger

## Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church Newsletter

*The Church Where the Love of Christ is on Display*



**Dr. Danny Davis,**  
**Pastor**

**Volume 20, Issue 8**  
**August 2, 2026**

### Invitation

**New Hope Bible Church,**  
**Pastor Mark Davis**  
**Appreciation Service**  
August 16, at 3:00 pm

### Coming Event

**Sunday School Recognition**  
**Program**  
August 23, at 9:30 am

### Welcome New Members

\*Jalynn Flores  
\*Marlon Christian, II  
\*McKenzley Christian  
\*Dasani Burton  
\*Jada Kuykendall  
\*Princess Burton  
\*Bailee Rogers

*\*Denotes a member who was baptized.*

### *From the Pastor's Desk...*

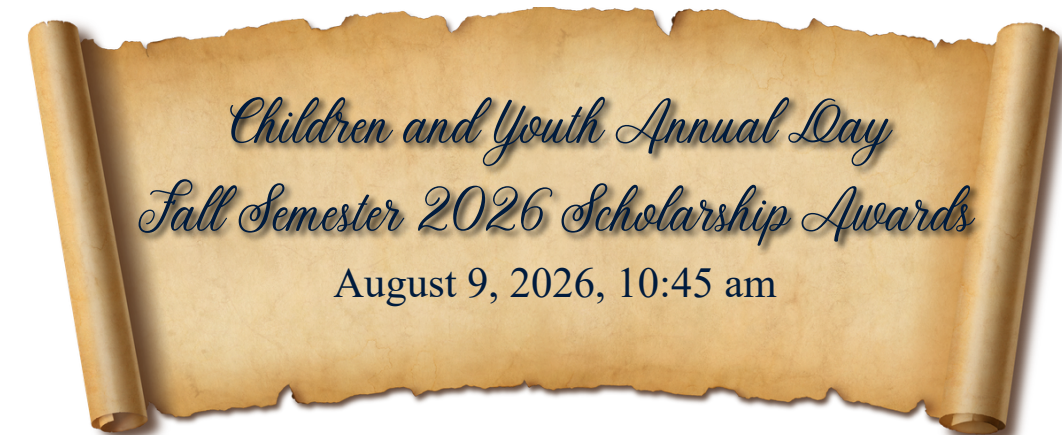
God makes it clear in His word that when we are in a relationship with Him, there is no reason for any of us to be alarmed by anything. No headline, diagnosis, or hardship gets the final word. He does.

Because we have a **personal commitment** from Him that He is with us always, not just in the good seasons, but in every season.

Because we have a **permanent connection** with Him that guarantees His presence in the worst of times. That connection cannot be broken by circumstance, and it does not weaken when life gets hard.

Because we have His **perceptive conclusion** that when it's all said and done, we will end up exactly where He wants us to be. Not where fear would take us, not where doubt would leave us, but where His purpose is already leading us.

Reality would ruin all of us if it weren't for our relationship with God. Hold on to Him, church. He is holding on to you.



# Celebrating 147 Years: Jordan Grove's Anniversary

Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church marked 147 years of ministry this year, celebrating under the theme "The Church Where the Love of Christ Continues to be on Display." The occasion honored not only the church's history but the members whose faithfulness has carried that legacy forward.

## 50 Year Members

Four members were recognized for 50 years of membership and service to Jordan Grove: **Bro. Ronnie Perry, Bro. Byron Robinson, Dea. Franklin Clark, and Sis. Nedzra Ward.** Their decades of faithfulness stand as a living testament to the church's endurance and the strength of a congregation built on commitment.

## Special Service Awards

Rev. Dorothy Randle and Sis. Sharon Richard were honored with Special Service Awards, recognizing their dedicated service to the church and community.

## The Word

Dr. Gaidi Burgess delivered the anniversary sermon, "He Said Yes," drawn from the Prayer of Jabez. The message called the congregation to boldness in asking God to enlarge their territory, a fitting word for a church stepping into its next chapter.

## A Goal Met

The celebration also carried good news on the practical side of ministry: Jordan Grove reached its financial goal to repair the church roof, a milestone made possible through the generosity of members and friends of the church.

Together, these moments reflect the heart of Jordan Grove's anniversary celebration: a church rooted in longevity, faithfulness, and love in action.

# Invitation



**PASTOR MARK C. DAVIS**  
and  
**FIRST LADY Monica Davis**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PASTORAL Anniversary**

SUNDAY, **AUGUST 16, 2026**  
@ 3:00PM

Special Guest:  
Dr. Danny Davis  
Jordan Grove MBC

**NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH**  
3801 McKinney Ext.  
LaMarque, Tx 77568

# From A Grateful Heart

Kindness is a small gesture that makes a big difference. July 14, 2026 was my 70th birthday. Thank you to Pastor Davis and all in attendance at morning Bible Study for making that birthday "one for the ages", the best one yet.

Sis. Josephine Johnson

# Kudos

Introducing our new "Kudos" column, a regular feature celebrating the great things our members are doing. Know a member worth recognizing? Let us know so we can share their story by submitting to [news@jordangrove.org](mailto:news@jordangrove.org)

- Congrats to **Sis. Lisa Waddell** for a job well done. Our 2026 VBS was extraordinary!
- Way to Go **Sis. Earlane Brazier** for earning Straight As for three consecutive years.
- Hats Off to **Bro. Taylor Gerac** for receiving special commendation from the President of SFA.

# Pray for Our Members Who are Ill

|                           |                                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Alton Adams               | 6215 Hummingbird, Houston, TX 77096               |
| Lawrence Barnes           | 5333 Dieppe, Houston, TX 77053                    |
| Elma Bates                | 12107 Duane St., Houston, TX 77047                |
| LB Bullard                | 14823 Gladebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77068           |
| JoAnn Cannon              | 3507 Wentworth St., TX 77004                      |
| Franklin and Bessye Clark | 850 Imperial Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77498          |
| Terry Cleveland, Jr.      | 3345 Southmore Blvd., Houston, TX 77004           |
| Joyce Cooper              | 5805 Southcrest, Houston, TX 77033                |
| Kenneth and Myra Curry    | 12655 Crossroads Park Dr. #421, Houston, TX 77065 |
| Carolyn Darkis            | 8502 Quailcroft, Missouri City, TX 77489          |
| Rosemary Davis            |                                                   |
| Diana Dennis              | 5103 Dickens, Houston, TX 77021                   |
| Annette Eggleston         | PO Box 35944, Houston, TX 77275                   |
| Roger and Veronca Fleming | 12111 Fondren Place, Houston, TX 77071            |
| Walter Fuller             | 1127 Herkimer #209, Houston, TX 77008             |
| Elliot Gould              | 4002 Blue Heron Dr., Pearland, TX 77581           |
| Elliot Gould, II          | 15911 Ridgerock Rd., Missouri City, TX 77489      |
| Minnie Green              | 2014 Rosedale, Houston, TX 77004                  |
| Helen Hall                | 11745 Broadway St. #4203, Pearland, TX 77584      |
| James and Donna Harrison  | 828 Fortune, Houston, TX 77088                    |
| Eva Harvey                | 2529 N. MacGregor Way, Houston, TX 77004          |
| Janet Hill                | 2824 Dennis, Houston, TX 77004                    |
| Lula Jefferson            | 4622 Larkspur, Houston, TX 77051                  |
| Leo Lawrence              | 3800 Canfield #503, Houston, TX 77004             |
| Rev. Bobby Lenor          | 13480 S. Thorntree Dr. #409, Houston, TX 77015    |
| Charles Lewis, Sr.        | 3336 Reeves St., Houston, TX 77004                |
| Loretha Lewis             | 8214 Sierra Dawn Dr., Tomball, TX 77375           |
| Sharon Lewis              | 2411 Pioneer Oaks, Fresno, TX 77545               |
| Beverly Modique           | 11834 S. Marcia Cir., Houston, TX 77071           |
| Ida Phoenix               | 3420 Blodgett, Houston, TX 77004                  |
| Glenda Rowland            | 11414 Buck Canyon, San Antonio, TX 78252          |
| Bennie Spiller            | 7943 West Airport, Houston, TX 77071              |
| Myrtle Terrell            | 12715 Greenshire, Houston, TX 77048               |
| Lee Tyler                 | 3223 Colleville Sur Mer Ln., Spring, TX 77388     |
| Johnnie Walker            | 9430 Autumn Joy Dr., Spring, TX 77379             |
| Cynthia Wesley            | 5847 Overdale St., Houston, TX 77033              |
| Heloise Wesley            | 5847 Overdale St., Houston, TX 77033              |
| Doris White               | 605 Berry Rd. #2109, Houston, TX 77022            |
| Rathel Whittaker, Sr.     | 3224 Calumet St., Houston, TX 77004               |
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| Rodney Wilson             | 2535 Morning Meadow Dr., Missouri City, TX 77489  |
| Brenda Zeno               | 12800 Dunlap #701, Houston, TX 77085              |

# Flowers on the Altar

In Loving Memory of My Dad, Bro. Eddie Williams and My Sister, Sis. Veronica Williams.

August is a bittersweet month for me and my heart is filled with both sorrow and gratitude. On today, August 2nd, I remember my beloved dad, and on August 23rd, I honor my precious sister. Though they are no longer with us, the love they gave and the memories they left behind continue to live in my heart every day. To honor their lives and their lasting impact on my family, flowers will be placed on the altar on both Sundays in their loving memory. I thank God for the gift of their lives, for the love they shared, and for the blessed assurance that they are now resting in His presence. They are deeply loved, greatly missed, and forever remembered.

Rena’

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” — Psalm 116:15

# Called from Labor to Reward



Sis. Marcia Fields

July 19, 2026

Homegoing Celebration was held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 11:00 am

# A Gentle Word on Church Etiquette

"Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Corinthians 14:40)

Beloved, worship is our sacred time to give God our very best. As we gather each week in this house that has stood for 147 years, let us honor the space, the service, and one another with a few simple, loving reminders:

- Come expecting to meet the Lord. Arrive a few minutes early when you can, so you can settle your heart before service begins.
- Enter quietly if you are late. Wait for an usher to seat you at an appropriate moment, rather than during prayer, scripture reading, or the sermon. NO WALKING DURING PRAYER OR SCRIPTURE READING. These are holy pauses.
- Silence your cell phone before you enter the sanctuary. If you must take a call or step out, do so gently and return the same way.
- Hold conversations until after the benediction. Greet one another warmly, for fellowship is part of our worship, but once service begins, let every soul around you hear the Word clearly.
- Give the Lord your voice. Say "Amen," lift a hymn, and worship freely. Our tradition is rich with praise, and heartfelt worship blesses the whole body.
- Teach our children by example. Help the little ones understand that the sanctuary is a special place, and model the reverence we hope they will carry for a lifetime.
- God is not looking at your circumstances; He is looking at your heart. No matter what the condition of your heart, you are welcome here, and you belong.

# August 2026 Hymn of the Month

“Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand”  
II Corinthians 1:24 KJV

## “Glory To His Name” (Down At the Cross) 1878

Written by: Elisha A. Hoffman  
Music Composed by : John Stockton

### History Behind the Hymn:

This hymn is often sung during the time leading to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior in most churches and Communion time.  
“Glory to His Name”is also referred to as “Down At The Cross” in most hymnals.  
The birth of this hymn came about through Hoffmans’s reading about Jesus’s crucifixion in the Book of Matthew. Through his readings he had deep thoughts of how God saved men from their sins by allowing Jesus to die on the cross. He was inspired to compose a poem and called it “Glory to His Name”. The poem was then set to music by John Stockton, a musician and member of Hoffman's church.

Musically,  
Sis. Sharon Richard  
Minister of Music



# Ministry Focus: Social Services

## Nourishment, Clothing, and Hope: Inside the Jordan Grove Social Service Ministry

Since its founding, Jordan Grove's Social Service Ministry has quietly become one of the church's most tangible expressions of the love of Christ. Operating as a 501(c)(3) non-profit under the umbrella of the ministry, the Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry provides nourishment, clothing, and hope to individuals and families across Houston facing hardship.

The ministry is led by *Pastor Dr. Danny Davis*, with governance from the Board of Trustees under Trustee Chairman *Dea. Daniel Nellums*. Day-to-day operations are guided by Food Pantry Director *Sis. Maureen Gordon* and Assistant Director *Sis. Earnestine Hogan*, supported by Trustee Liaisons *Bro. Samuel Pratt* and *Dea. Patrick Sias*, and Volunteer Driver *Dea. William Denson*. Behind them stands a dedicated team of more than 30 regular and part-time volunteers who show up week after week to make the work possible: *Ella Allen, Laura D. Choice, Michelle Edwards, Debbie Muhammad, Joy Warner, Ada Bolden, Stacie Richard, Fraulyn Baisey, Michelle Denson, Jackie Hughes, Helen Muhammad, Dorothy Wilson, Judy K. Brown, Sandra Risper, Vincent Beasley, Sandra K. Dotson, Gwendolyn Johnson, Grace Macklin, Lavette Muhammad, Coatnie Wright, Pamela Franklin, Audrey Seals, Drucilla Bolden, Gail Edwards, Kevin Johnson, Bobbie Thomas, Stephanie Muhammad, Sonia Jordan, D'Hania Miller, Lelita Titus.*

### A mission rooted in dignity

The ministry's mission is simple but powerful: to meet basic needs, uplift spirits, and foster dignity within the community, guided by love, compassion, and faith. The vision looks further ahead, aiming to decrease the need for food distribution over time through continued volunteer support, generous giving from members and donors, and referrals to other community resources.

### How it works

Each week, the pantry serves families facing food insecurity from every zip code in Houston and the surrounding area. Neighbors take part in Jordan Grove's Neighbor Choice Program, shopping the shelves and selecting the food that best fits their household. That inventory is stocked through church-funded food purchases, food drives, and donations, with the bulk of supply coming from partnerships with Second Servings and the Houston Food Bank.

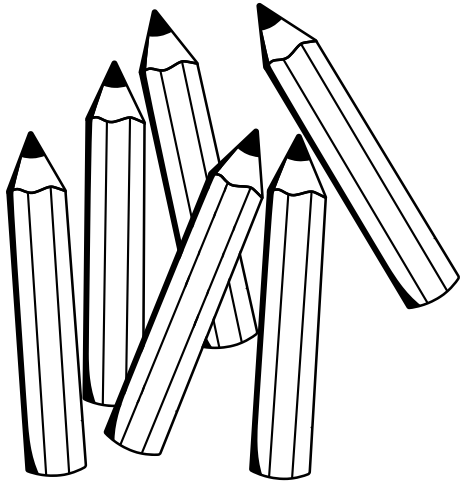
The ministry also provides clothing on a case-by-case basis, along with designated outdoor clothing distributions when weather and volunteer availability allow. Every item given away, food or clothing, has been donated to the pantry.

### When to find us

The pantry distributes food on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On the 2nd Wednesday, hours shift to 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to better serve neighbors who work during the day.

From the leadership team to the volunteers who load boxes and drive routes, the Social Service Ministry reflects Jordan Grove's commitment to loving our neighbors in a way they can see, and taste, and wear. If you'd like to give your time or support this work, reach out to the Food Pantry Director to learn how to get involved.

# Kids Korner



A black and white line drawing of four children (two girls and two boys) standing together, looking upwards with their hands clasped in prayer. There are stars or sparkles around their heads.

Word Search Puzzle

Truth - Commandment - Helper - Father - Holy - Spirit  
Peace - Heart - Judas - Love - Jesus - Teacher

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# August 2026 Calendar of Events

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday | Tuesday                                                                                              | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                                                                                                               | Friday | Saturday                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |                                                                                                      |           |                                                                                                                                                                        |        | 1<br>11:00 am - Homegoing Celebration for<br>Sis. Marcia Fields |
| 2<br>9:30 am - Sunday School<br>9:30 am - New Member Orientation<br>10:45 am - Morning Worship<br>10:45 am - Nursery Open<br>10:45 am - Children’s Church                                                                                  | 3      | 4<br>11:30 am - Mid-Day Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting<br>7:00 pm - All Church Bible Study  | 5         | 6<br>12:00 pm - Thankful Thursday<br>5:45 pm - Brotherhood<br>6:00 pm - King’s Kids Choir Rehearsal<br>6:45 pm - Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 pm - Grief Share | 7      | 8                                                               |
| 9<br><b>Children &amp; Youth Annual Day<br/>Fall 2026 Scholarship Presentation</b><br>9:30 am - Sunday School<br>9:30 am - New Member Orientation<br>10:45 am - Morning Worship<br>10:45 am - Nursery Open<br>10:45 am - Children’s Church | 10     | 11<br>11:30 am - Mid-Day Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting<br>7:00 pm - All Church Bible Study | 12        | 13<br>5:45 pm - Brotherhood<br>6:30 pm - Men’s Chorus Rehearsal<br>6:30 pm - Grief Share                                                                               | 14     | 15<br>?                                                         |
| 16<br>9:30 am - Sunday School<br>9:30 am - New Member Orientation<br>10:45 am - Morning Worship<br>10:45 am - Nursery Open<br>10:45 am - Children’s Church<br>3:00 pm - Pastor Mark Davis<br>Appreciation at New Hope                      | 17     | 18<br>11:30 am - Mid-Day Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting<br>7:00 pm - All Church Bible Study | 19        | 20<br>5:45 pm - Brotherhood<br>5:45 pm - Women’s Ministry Meeting<br>6:30 pm - VOP’s Choir Rehearsal                                                                   | 21     | 22                                                              |
| 23<br>9:30 am - Sunday School Recognition<br>Progam<br>9:30 am - New Member Orientation<br>10:45 am - Morning Worship<br>10:45 am - Nursery Open<br>10:45 am - Children’s Church                                                           | 24     | 25<br>11:30 am - Mid-Day Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting<br>7:00 pm - All Church Bible Study | 26        | 27<br>5:45 pm - Brotherhood                                                                                                                                            | 28     | 29                                                              |
| 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 31     |                                                                                                      |           |                                                                                                                                                                        |        |                                                                 |