

HE HAS RISEN!



Worship: 10:00am

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Christian Foundations Institute: Sundays at 11:00am (For children ages 3-12)

Fasting and meditation: Each Wednesday

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ABUNDANT HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark-Anthony Middleton, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved,

James Brown used to sing about the "Big Payback", well this is the time of year for the "Big Comeback!" I greet you with all of the excitement and anticipation of Easter Sunday. However, before we get to Easter there are some important steps we must take starting with Palm Sunday. I invite each of us to consider the "crowds" that we find ourselves part of and make sure that they truly reflect who we are. We don't want to yell Hosanna one week, and then crucify Him the next.

April will be extremely busy and exciting for us. Our family meeting and ministry fair will occur this month; I'll be preaching several Holy Week services; and we'll be introducing some new folks to our church's governance structure. Let us all continue to honor our covenant by placing our church "above every organization of human origin" as we start our Spring together.

As we prepare to leave the wilderness this month we will find ourselves face to face with the power of the resurrection. Easter is about getting up

again - it's about another chance. I want to challenge us as a family about the proper use of our power; and of our new chances. After his resurrection Jesus declared that "**...All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**" (**Matthew 28:18**) Starting on Easter we will turn our preaching and teaching attention to the subject of **POWER -How to get it and what to do with it.** As the people of Hope we have more power than we realize. I invite you to walk with me as we celebrate the return of flowers knowing that if God will do it in nature then there's hope for our Big Comeback! I love you and I love being your pastor.

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PASTOR'S UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 7:00 PM

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

801 COLFAX STREET, DURHAM NC

The Music and Usher's Ministries are asked to serve.



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THERE IS HOPE IN CHRIST!

We're on the Web:

www.abundanthopecc.com

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



The Men's Ministry will host its annual breakfast to honor the mothers of Abundant Hope on Sunday, May 10, from 9:00am - 10:00am. Please sign-up beginning the 1st Sunday in April if you plan to attend.

Meetings & Rehearsals

Adult Choir: Thursdays, 7:15 pm
at church office

Adult Praise Dance: April 11 &
25, 9:00-11:00am; new members
are welcome to attend

Alliances of Hope Leaders:
April 26 after service in cafeteria

Community Outreach: Tuesday,
April 14, 6:30pm at Pearsons town

Men's Ministry: Saturday, April
25 9:00am in the church office

Usher's Ministry: Sunday, May 3,
8:30am in Pearsons town cafeteria

We're looking for a few good men, women, teens (age 13-18) and children (age 8-12) to join us. If you are outgoing, loving, committed, flexible and interested in serving, please see Bro. Tony Williams.

Youth Praise Dance: 2nd & 4th
Saturdays from 11am-1pm

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Durham Ridge Assisted Living Please join Community Outreach as we fellowship for 1 hour with the residents of Durham Ridge Assisted Living facility on Saturday, April 11 at 1:00. Durham Ridge is located on 3420 Holloway Street.

Ronald McDonald House

Community Outreach is seeking a team of 8 disciples to serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House Wednesday, April 22. Dinner is served at 6:00pm. See Sister Paulette Scott or call 806-1787 to volunteer.

Tab Collection—Sunday, April 26

Tabs from soda, vegetable, soup and pet food cans will be collected for the Ronald McDonald House Sunday, April 26. The Ronald McDonald House uses the tabs to carry out its mission to "provide a home away from home" for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM HOPE!

