

ABUNDANT HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH • REV. MARK-ANTHONY MIDDLETON, PASTOR
CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF HOPE 2003–2008

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AHCC Weekly

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00pm

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

Weekly time of fasting and meditation: Every Wednesday

**STAY TUNED FOR
THE AUGUST
SERMON SERIES...**

**“THE TRUMPET
SERIES”**



Pastor Middleton at 2008 Heritage Gala with award presented to him by AHCC disciples in recognition of 5 years of service and dedication.

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved,

Well what can be said about our Fifth Anniversary celebration? I am hard pressed to adequately express how awesome the festivities were. The Lord blessed us tremendously through the week and the spirit of love, cooperation, pride and gratefulness was very high. Thank you Abundant Hope for being who you are and for the wonderful way in which you celebrated God’s hand on us for the last five years. I hope that you’ll take some time to enjoy the small photographic collage of some of the anniversary week events contained in this issue as a gift to you.

Let us now prepare ourselves for a new chapter in the life of Abundant Hope. Five is a number of establishment and we are now five years old. We are landowners and we have become a voice of service and commitment in our city. It is time for us to increase our level of devotion to our God and commitment to our church. After our exciting Summer Series is over, we will begin an intensive church wide exploration of spiritual gifts to

JULY SERMON SERIES

“THE ESTABLISHMENT SERIES”

July 6

“What Rich Folk Pray For”
II Chronicles 1:1-13

July 13

“What Ya Gonna Do
When You Get Out?”
Psalm 40:1-4

July 20

“Being Church”
Hebrews 13

July 27 “Being Church Pt. II”
Hebrews 13

better understand our places in ministry. This month we focus our preaching lenses on **The Establishment Series**. Let us pray and fast as the Lord desires us to remember even as a young church what it really means to be a church.

Thank you all for the kind words and expressions of love during our anniversary celebration. I am fired up about where God is taking us and I am humbled to be making the journey with such a great people. I love you and I love being your pastor.

Stay HOPEFUL!

PM

PASTOR'S UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.
Fresh Anointed Tabernacle
608 Harriett Street
Henderson, NC
Bishop Cranford Davis, Pastor

**AHCC Choir, Ushers & Disciples are
asked to attend.**

Get Ready! Get Ready! Get Ready!.....

AHCC SUMMER Series 2008

Is about to Kick Off !

SUMMERTIME FUN BEGINS...

Tuesday, July 15

**Martial Arts demos, Wii Fitness Sessions, Fun and different
Exercise demos**

Tuesday, July 22

Celebration of Our Brothers

Tuesday, July 29

Women's Ministry Night

Tuesday, August 5

Express Yourself

Tuesday, August 12

Back to School Bash

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS!!!

We look forward to seeing you there!



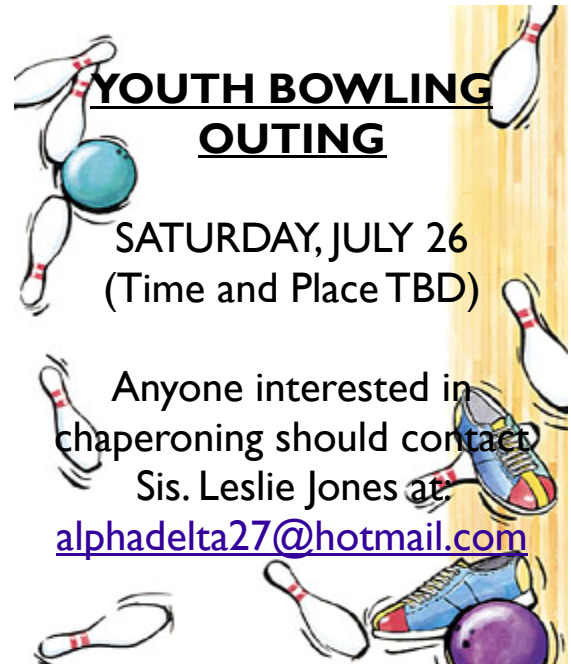
- * Drink plenty of water every 2-4 hrs
- *Wear sunscreen with SPV of 30 or higher
- *Wear 100% UV protected sunglasses
- *Modify outdoor exercise to early morning or evenings
- *Wear bug repellent to avoid chiggers, mosquitoes & insects
- *Wear light colored clothing to keep cool/reflect the sunlight
- *Wear the appropriate helmets/protective gear
- *Avoid eating, and drinking prior to swimming
- *Be mindful of consuming any foods that have been exposed to the summer heat

FULL OF HOPE

"Full of Hope", Abundant Hope's Cookbook is now on sale for \$12.50.

The Abundant Hope immediate and extended family contributed their favorite recipes to our memorable collection, so pre-order a copy for yourself, family members, and friends. Full of Hope will make a great gift!

NOTE: Because all proceeds will go to the Nehemiah Building Fund, **presales** are necessary to send our cookbook to print. If you have any questions please contact, Melissa Butler.

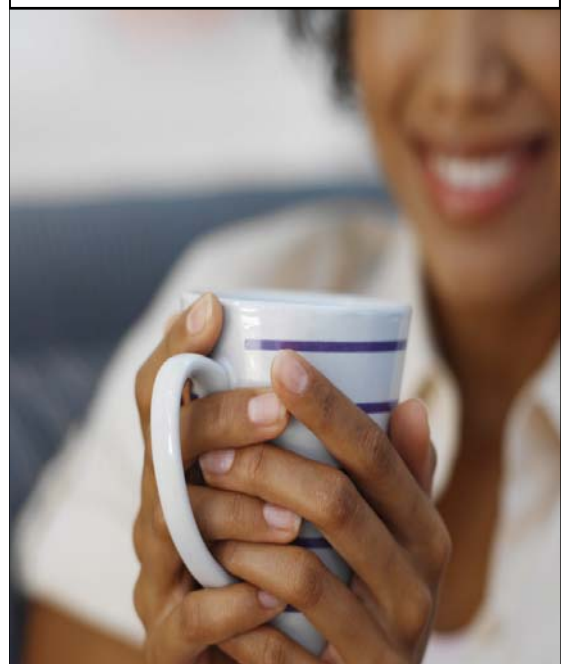


YOUTH BOWLING OUTING

SATURDAY, JULY 26
(Time and Place TBD)

Anyone interested in chaperoning should contact
Sis. Leslie Jones at
alphadelta27@hotmail.com

CONVERSATION OVER A CUP
Join Pastor Middleton for a time of informal conversation
Bexley at Brier Creek Clubhouse
Sunday, July 27
At 6:30 pm



Scenes from 2008 Heritage Gala

JULY 2008



The Honorable Yvonne D. Johnson (Above)
Mayor of Greensboro and keynote speaker



Ministry Meetings & Rehearsals

Adult Choir:

Each Monday at 6:45pm

Adult Praise Dance Rehearsal:

July 12 & 26, 9:00-11:00am

Alliances of Hope Leaders:

Monthly meeting with Sister Gail Lloyd, Sunday, **July 13** after service in the Pearsontown cafeteria

BALM Wellness Ministry:

Conference call meeting Monday, **July 14**, 7:00pm-Dial 866-391-5998
Enter conference code: 2282821

Community Outreach Ministry:

Tuesday, **July 8**, 6:30pm in Pearsontown's cafeteria

Emerald Alliance:

Brief meeting Sunday, **July 20**—
Everyone born in May is invited to attend.

Men's Ministry:

Saturday, **July 26**, 9:00am in the church office —All AHCC men are encouraged to attend.

Nehemiah Ministry:

July 17 & 31, 7:00pm at the church office

Sapphire Alliance:

Sunday, **July 13**, immediately following service. This will be the most detailed meeting. Everyone born in September is urged to attend.

Topaz Alliance:

Brief meeting Sunday, **July 20**—
Everyone born in November is requested to meet in the cafeteria after worship.

Usher's Ministry:

August 3, 8:30am in Pearsontown's cafeteria

Women's Ministry:

Saturday, **July 19**, 10:00am at the church office



OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY

IHN Week July 6— July 11

**Mt. Sylvan United Methodist
Church**

Feel free to join us on Sunday, July 6 at 4:00 to prepare the living quarters for the residents and/or Friday, July 11 at 5:30 for dinner and fellowship at Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Center. For more information please see Sisters Shajuana McMillan or Melissa Butler.

**Saturday, July 12, 2008
Durham Ridge Assisted Living
Center at 1:00**

Community Outreach invites you to come for 1 hour of fun and fellowship with the residents of Durham Ridge Assisted Living facility on Saturday, July 12. Durham Ridge Assisted Living Center is located on 3420 Holloway Street.

**Wednesday, July 30, 2008
Ronald McDonald House**

Community Outreach is seeking a team of 8 disciples to serve dinner for the Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday, July 30. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Please see Paulette Scott after Sunday service or call 806-1787.



Help 'KISS' Domestic Violence Goodbye!

You can join the fight to Kiss Domestic Violence Goodbye by purchasing a lipstick or lip gloss. Proceeds from your purchase will go to The Coalition against Domestic Violence.

Visit www.marykay.com/abridges-epps to make your purchase or call me at (919) 484-8749.

Please, please pass this on to your friends, family and co-workers to help reach the goal of 14,000 lipsticks and lip glosses purchased. Working together we can all make a difference in someone's life.

Domestic Violence Facts:

*On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day.

*As many as 324,000 women each year experience intimate partner violence during their pregnancy.

Women of all races are about equally vulnerable to violence by a husband or boyfriend

54 percent of female homicide victims were shot and killed with a gun
80% of women who are stalked by former husbands are physical assaulted by that partner and 30 percent are sexually assaulted by that partner.

**Won't you help 'Kiss' Domestic
Violence Goodbye?**

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