



**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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# *Speaking of Hope*

**ABUNDANT HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Rev. Mark-Anthony Middleton, Pastor**

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Beloved,

We now enter into the season of Lent and begin our march towards the triumph of Easter. As we begin this season of fasting it is important that we gird ourselves up with intense focus on the word. As our savior has said, "**...one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**" (Matthew 4:4 NRSV)

Each of you should have begun your daily devotional found in the Lenten booklets that were passed out last Sunday. If you weren't in service, then you may pick up both your devotional book and gleaner on this Sunday in church. I'm asking that families of Abundant Hope would be intentional about studying your daily devotionals as much as possible as a family unit perhaps at the dinner table or before the first member retires for the evening.

During this season I invite you to walk with me in a very special series of teaching and preaching as we go "**Where The Wild Things Are**" (Matt. Chapters 3 & 4).

Please note that for the entire 40 days of Lent every Sunday at AHCC will be dress down/casual Sunday. Of course you know that at our church it really is casual Sunday every week but I want to officially declare it for this season. Feel free to turn the volume back up as high as you want on Easter Sunday.

I am praying that whatever you elect to "give up" for this season that you will be strengthened by the thought that Jesus gave up much more for you. One of the great themes of this season is temptation. Jesus taught us to combat temptation with the word of God. Therefore, let us make our sacrifices more temptation proof by doing whatever is necessary to be in attendance at bible study and church that we might encourage each other unto perseverance. For those of you that are feeling like you're in your wilderness, take heart because I heard that angels hang out there. I love you and I love being your pastor.

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## ABUNDANT HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### We're on the Web:

[www.abundanthopecc.com](http://www.abundanthopecc.com)

## 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, March 14 at 1:00. Durham Ridge is located on 3420 Holloway Street.

### March 15 - March 20, 2009— IHN Week

Feel free to join us on Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 to prepare the living quarters for the residents and/or Friday, March 20 at 5:30 for dinner and fellowship at Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church. For more information please see Sister Gail Lloyd or email her at [GL6732@aol.com](mailto:GL6732@aol.com)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Color Purple** outing FOR ALL AHCC DISCIPLES- Friday, May 15, 8pm. Cost: \$50 per ticket- payments being accepted now through February 28. All those interested in going should sign up IMMEDIATELY.

**Black History Quiz Bowl**— Date & time TBD—All interested please sign up with Minister Chris Cotton during CFI.

### Walking/Running Club-Running the Christian Race

*Philippians 3:14- "Press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called you."*

•Tuesday's-6 to 6:45pm, Thursday's 6:15 to 7:00pm, Details to follow-those interested in leading exercise class please contact Sis. Leslie: 800-1529 or [alphadelta27@hotmail.com](mailto:alphadelta27@hotmail.com)

### 2008 Durham CROP Walk

CROP hunger walk is an annual event designed to raise money for hungry people throughout the world. This year, the Durham CROP walk will be held on Sunday, March 22. If you are interested in walking or making a donation, please see Sister Shajuana McMillan. In addition, you can visit the Durham CROP website ([www.durhamcropwalk.org](http://www.durhamcropwalk.org)) for more details.

### Durham Rescue Mission

Do you have a green thumb? Do you enjoy improving landscape? Community Outreach invites you to join us on Saturday, March 28 8:00-Noon at the Good Samaritan Inn for a flower planting day. Good Samaritan Inn is located at 507 E. Knox Street. For more information, please see Sisters Rosita Hester or Robin Eason Irving.

### Spreading HOPE

Community Outreach is accepting tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, cell phones for the Durham Crisis Response Center, and 2009 magazines for the Durham VA Medical Center.

## Meetings & Rehearsals

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

**Adult Praise Dance:** March 14 & 28, 9:00-11:00am; new members are welcome to attend

### Alliances of Hope Leaders:

**March 8** after service in Pearson-town's cafeteria

**Christian Ed.:** Tuesday, March 3, 6:30pm at Pearsontown

**Men's Ministry:** Saturday, March 28 9:00am in the church office

**Usher's Ministry:** Sunday, April 5, 8:30am in Pearsontown 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



## Get your copy of 'Taste of Hope' TODAY!

'Taste of Hope' Abundant Hope's Cookbook is now on sale for \$12.50.

Includes almost 200 recipes from the AHCC immediate and extended families Proceeds go toward the Nehemiah Building Fund. If you have any questions please contact, Melissa Butler or Tim Minor