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Speaking of Hope

ABUNDANT HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. Mark-Anthony Middleton, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved,

Peace and Power. Welcome to the month of May at Abundant Hope. **This is a month and a season of Planning, Power, and Progress.** We declare that the persistent forecasts of economic gloom and doom have no bearing on the plans of God for His people. There are some very important things going on this month and I want to invite all disciples of Hope to ready themselves for full engagement.

We are blessed and honored to host a major meeting of the delegates of Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:30 p.m. The focus of the assembly will be improving the educational situation of our children attending Durham Public Schools. Many of our city's elected officials will be present. All Hope disciples who understand and believe our philosophy of intense community involvement should make every effort to attend this summit. Our children are depending on us.

Planning and Progress are on the agenda for our church. Two very important events are on the radar for this month. Our family meeting will take place on

Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. Then our first ministry fair will be scheduled soon thereafter. I am so excited about the new season that the Lord is ushering in for our ministry. Next month we will celebrate our sixth anniversary, and as I look back my heart and spirit fill up greatly with how much the Lord has done with so little. Now is the time to speak to our situations and to declare the vision the Lord has bestowed: **Abundant Hope is going to take the gospel message to the streets of our city; we have an edifice to build; we have new ministers to introduce to the world; we have relationships to restore; we are going to taste the fruit of being plugged into resurrection power.**

We must understand the nature and responsibilities in participating in the dynamic of God's power. I invite you to walk with me in preaching and teaching all of this month on **"The Principles of Power"**. All of our plans and hope for progress both as a church and as individuals are futile without the proper exercise of Godly power. Let us walk together and help each other discover just how powerful we are. I love you and I love being your pastor.

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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, May 9 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

Save your tabs from soda, vegetable, soup, and pet food cans and bring them the 4th Sunday of each month. 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.

MAY'S SERMON SERIES

"The Principles of Power"

May 3rd *"You Better Ask Somebody"*

Isaiah 40:28-29

May 10th *"Mama Used To Say..."*

Isaiah 40:30-31

May 17th *"Rules Of Engagement"*

Matthew 28:18-20

May 24th *"Knowledge Ain't Power"*

Acts 1:1-11

May 31st **YOUTH SUNDAY**

(CASUAL DRESS)

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



The Men's Ministry will host its annual breakfast to honor mothers of AHCC Sunday, May 10, from 9 am - 10am. Please sign-up after service if you plan to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mother/Daughter Brunch—

Mark your calendars...

Saturday, June 6, 3pm at Pearsontown Elementary—all interested ladies please contact Sis. Tanya Johnson. More details to follow!

Father's Day Breakfast—

Sunday, June 21 8:45 to 9:45.

ALL men are invited! If you are interested in assisting with breakfast please see Minister Christine Cotton.

Meetings & Rehearsals

Adult Choir: Thursdays, 7:00 pm at church office; all who are interested please feel free to join us.

Adult Praise Dance: May 9 & 30, 9:00-11:00am; new members are welcome to attend

Alliances of Hope Leaders:

May 24 after service in cafeteria

Christian Education: Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 pm at Pearsontown

Community Outreach: Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm at Pearsontown

Men's Ministry: Saturday, May 30, 9:00am in the church office

Usher's Ministry: Sunday, June 7 8:30am in Pearsontown cafeteria

Women's Ministry: Tuesday, May 19, 6:15pm at Pearsontown

Youth Choir: The children will sing 5th Sunday in May and 4th Sunday in June. Rehearsal times and days TBD. Contact Sis. Leslie Jones at alphadelta27@hotmail.com

Youth Praise Dance: 2nd & 5th Saturdays from 11am-1pm

AHCC Alliances of Hope Quarterly Bake Sale

Sunday, May 17, 2009, after service in the Pearsontown Cafeteria

All first and second quarter Alliances of Hope members (those with birthdays January through June) are asked to see Sis. Vinnia McCoy to sign-up to bring baked goods and to volunteer for other duties regarding the bake sale.