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# ***SPEAKING OF HOPE***

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***CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF HOPE 2003–2008***

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# AHCC

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## AHCC Weekly

**Sunday Worship:** 10:00am

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 7:00pm

### Christian Foundations

**Institute:** Each Sunday except 1st at 11:00am (For children ages 3–12)

**Weekly time of fasting and meditation:** Each Wednesday



**THERE IS HOPE!**



***THE AUDACITY OF HOPE*** With hope, Barack Obama ran an incredible campaign and became the first African-American elected President of the United States of America.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Beloved,

It is hard to overstate how incredible a time this is for our nation. It seems that there are so many historical things going on in the natural realm that remind us of the possibilities of overcoming in the spiritual realm. As we approach the holiday season I pray that one of the gifts that we will give our children is the realization that all things are possible not because of their national citizenship, but because of their kingdom citizenship. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

I'm looking forward to getting back to "Unwrapping Our Gifts" in Bible Study this month. PTA meetings, national elections, and holidays have taken their toll on us but we are still on target to completing our module on Spiritual Gifts both in Sunday worship and in Tuesday night Bible Study. I believe that we should be expecting a new spirit of energy and excitement as we start 2009 because we will have a host of fellow disciples that are excited about working in the church according to their gifts.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your wonderful expressions of love towards me for Pastor's Appreciation month. I never cease to be overwhelmed by the caliber of folk that God has placed at Abundant Hope. You should know that if you never did another nice thing for me, I consider the greatest gift of all to be the privilege of waking up each day and doing the exact thing that is the desire of your heart. My prayer is that God would grant each of you the grace and courage to seize the "blessing of Abraham" and in faith-fueled boldness move towards your destiny.

I love you and I love being your pastor.

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## Ministry Meetings & Rehearsals

**Adult Praise Dance:**  
November 22, 9:00-11:00am

**Alliances of Hope Leaders:**  
Monthly meeting with Sis. Gail Lloyd  
**Sunday, November 9** after service  
in the Pearsontown Cafeteria.

**Men's Ministry:**  
Saturday, **December 6** 9:00am in  
the church office —All AHCC men  
are encouraged to attend.

**Usher's Ministry:**  
**December 7**, 8:30am in Pearson-  
town's cafeteria

**Youth Praise Dance:**  
**2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays** from  
11:00am-1:00pm

## AHCC SHOE DRIVE



The Topaz alliance is continuing to collect shoes through the month of November. We ask that you continue to bring in your gently worn shoes. We have collected an impressive amount but know that we have only scratched the surface. So we ask that you continue to clean your closets and ask your neighbors and friends to support our efforts. We will also have a shoe drop off at Pearsontown on November 22 from 9-12. Thanks again for your continued support!



## OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY

### Magazines for Durham VA Medical Center

Do you have magazines from 2008 that you have read and no longer need? Please consider donating them to the Durham VA Medical Center. Magazines can be brought weekly and given to Sister Shajuana McMillan.

### Tab Collection

Donate tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Save your tabs from soda, vegetable, soup, and pet food cans and bring them the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you to each disciple that consistently donates tabs.

### Cell Phone Donations

The Durham Crisis Response Center works with the community to end domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, education, support and prevention. To support this effort, the Community Outreach Ministry encourages you to bring your cell phone donations on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY Care Package Committee

Sis. Christine Cotton and the Care package committee are accepting donations for the COLLEGE STUDENTS thru November 15. If you are interested in donating items contact Sis. Cotton at:  
[chritine\\_cotton@med.unc.edu](mailto:chritine_cotton@med.unc.edu).

### ITEMS NEEDED:

10/12 pack juices, 24 count of bottle water, box of hot chocolate, 8/10 count package of chocolate bars, 8/10 count package of 'little' cakes Pringles 'chips', 12/24 count packages of 'different chips' chewing gum, breakfast bars, packages of hot chocolate, etc.  
**NOTE: Gift cards to Target and Walmart are always GREAT!**

TASTE OF HOPE is finally being printed and will be in soon!  
Reserve your copy TODAY at the great price of \$12.50.



The Abundant Hope immediate and extended family has contributed almost 200 of their favorite recipes to our memorable collection. Pre-order a copy for yourself, family members, and friends. Taste of Hope will make a great **Christmas gift!**  
All proceeds go to the Nehemiah Building Fund.