



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,

Welcome to 2009 and the next great phase in the development of our beloved Abundant Hope Christian Church! What a year 2008 has been for us. We have seen great changes in the make up and in the life of our church. I have watched God sustain us through parting with old friends and embracing new ones. I have watched God turn us into landowners even as our nation and people are in tough economic times. I have watched God order and direct as He sees fit and have learned in an even greater way to "lean not to my own understanding." 2009 will find us a different church and me a different pastor but one thing remains - there is still Hope in Jesus Christ!

For those of you that have walked with me during our series on Spiritual Gifts it's time now to put your Servant Profiles to work. There are areas in the ministry that are ripe for "new blood" and fresh ideas. From public relations to youth ministry, your church has an area of ministry in which your gifts are needed. You've heard of a career fair haven't you? Well stay tuned for Abundant Hope's 2009 ministry fair.

We're going to have a day when all of our ministry areas will be on display so you can ask questions and get involved.

In a few days our nation will celebrate an event of mammoth historical proportions. America will have her first African-American president. Many of us have said and continue to say "I'd never thought that I would see it in my lifetime." As a pastor, I often encounter believers that have placed many things on that "never in my lifetime" list. I believe that for many of us 2009 will be the year of the impossible. The bible declares that "I can do all things through Christ." I invite you to start the year off with me in our preaching and teaching time considering the series –"**NO LIMITS: Removing the IM from Our POSSIBLE**". Whatever happened in your life in 2008 is over; let us press on for what God has before us. I love you and I love being your pastor. 2009 - Let's get to it!

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www.abundanthopecc.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Please join Community Outreach as we fellowship for 1 hour with the residents of Durham Ridge Assisted Living facility on Saturday, February 14 at 1:00. Durham Ridge is located on 3420 Holloway Street.

March 1 - March 6, 2009—IHN Week

Feel free to join us on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 to prepare the living quarters for the residents and/or Friday, March 6 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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

AHCC LADIES: February 8, 2009— Join churches nationwide by wearing red to raise awareness that heart disease is the #1 killer of women. The color red and the red dress stand for the ability all women have to improve their heart health.

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

Focused (Heart Health) Women's Bible study—Guest Speaker and Mime Presentation at this month's meeting

Black History Quiz Bowl- Saturday, February 28, 2009-Time to be determined—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

Meetings & Rehearsals

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

Adult Praise Dance: February 7 & 24, 9:00-11:00am; new members are welcome to attend

Alliances of Hope Leaders: February 8 after service in the Pearson town cafeteria

Christian Ed.: No meeting this month

Community Outreach: February 10, 6:30pm in Pearson town cafeteria

Men's Ministry: February 28, 9:00am in the church office

Usher's Ministry: March 1 8:30am in Pearson 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.

Women's Ministry: February 21, 10:00am at church office

Youth Choir: Please meet in cafeteria after service **February 8** if interested

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