

Remembering the Dream...



**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,

As we begin 2010 let us allow the words of Paul to encourage us: "... **forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 3: 13-14). It's difficult sometimes to forget things. For many of us the same bills, illnesses, and heartaches of 2009 were waiting for us when we woke up on January 1, 2010. However, Paul is teaching us that there is a difference between standing still type forgetting, and pressing forward type forgetting. Pressing forward acknowledges the reality of today but also realizes that God is able to transform and deliver us. It is in that light that I invite each of you to a 2010 characterized by **Ministry That Matters**. We're going to press forward in areas of Spirituality, Health, Relationships, and Finances.

The first quarter is about our health. I'm inviting each disciple to join me in a concerted effort to lower our blood pressure and cholesterol, become more active, and to collectively lose 1000 pounds! If the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit then it is our responsibility to engage in good temple maintenance. As with all habits, they can be encouraged or discouraged by the company we keep. Therefore, we are all going to be

our brother and sister's keeper. It is important to have the understanding that covenant responsibility for one another includes the encouragement of healthy lifestyles.

It's been said that a strong beginning can set the tone for a journey. Let us start off this year **STRONGLY**. Regular worship and bible study attendance, faithful and cheerful financial stewardship as prescribed by the Word of God, prayer and fasting, and faithful participation in ministry groups are strong ways to start the year. They are also the marks of true "fans" of Jesus. This will be evident as we continue our preaching and teaching series on **Jesus: Who He Is, What He Said, and Why He Matters**. Let us press on together. I love you and I love being your pastor.

PM

**2010**

**MINISTRY THAT MATTERS**



**ABUNDANT HOPE  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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**THERE IS HOPE IN CHRIST!**

**We're on the Web:**

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

The Alliances of Hope will  
host a semi-formal event  
Saturday, February 13, 2010  
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
at Pearsonstown

Please join us for a  
"CELEBRATION OF  
LOVE". Ticket prices: \$75  
per couple, \$40 per single  
and \$25 per child.



PASTOR'S UPCOMING  
ENGAGEMENT

Sunday, January 31 at 4:00pm  
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist  
Church, 316 Allen Lewis Drive  
Cary, NC 27513

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Durham Ridge Assisted Living Center**

You are invited to come for 1 hour of fun  
and fellowship at Durham Ridge Assisted  
Living facility on Saturday, January 9 at  
1:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE**

IHN Week – Mt. Sylvan

**Sunday, January 3- Friday, January 8**

Feel free to join us on Sunday, January 3 at  
4:00 to prepare the living quarters for the  
residents and/or Friday, January 8 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).

ALLIANCES OF HOPE

**"Spare Change for Hope"**

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose of the  
"Spare Change for Hope" fundraiser is to  
support the building fund of Abundant  
Hope Christian Church.

**HOW YOU CAN BE A PART:**

This fundraiser is simple and it is easy to  
participate. All you need to get started is  
a collection container. Then, during the  
month, collect loose change. At the end  
of the month (normally the last Sunday in  
each month), bring your change to the  
worship space and place it in the desig-  
nated receptacle.

Meetings & Rehearsals

**Adult Praise Dance:**

Saturday, January 9 & 23,  
9:00-11:00am

**Alliances of Hope Leaders:**

Sunday, January 10, after ser-  
vice in the Pearsonstown Cafe-  
teria.

**Christian Education:**

Tuesday, January 5, 6:00 pm  
at church office

**Community Outreach:**

Tuesday, January 12, 6:15pm

**Men's Ministry:**

Saturday, January 30, 9:00am  
at Golden Corral

**Usher's Ministry:**

Sunday, February 7, 8:30am  
in Pearsonstown cafeteria. All  
active ushers and those inter-  
ested in joining the ministry are  
asked to attend.

**Youth Praise Dance:**

Saturday, January 9 & 23,  
11:30am—1:30 pm