



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

NOVEMBER 2009

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Speaking of Hope

ABUNDANT HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark-Anthony Middleton, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved,

As we enter into the holiday season many of us will engage in those familiar rituals of over shopping, overeating, and over planning all of the life altering changes we're going to make in the New Year. The pressures of these holiday rituals combined with the realities of our nation's current economic situation will make this time very stressful for many of us. This is precisely why the message and meaning of Jesus should be on full volume as we start this month. Good health, sound financial practices, and righteousness or "right life choices" should be the principles that guide the Christian holiday season. I'm asking all of us to work together to make Abundant Hope a place where the stressors of the holiday season are met with a reminder of what a life in Christ is really about.

As always there are some exciting things going on this month that invite our attention and participation so be certain to read this entire issue. I'm particularly excited that this month we will hold our first annual Thanksgiving service in our church's history.

On **Tuesday evening, November 24th** we will **celebrate the goodness of God in a worship service in place of our traditional bible study.** Stay tuned for the announcement of our special guests. **On Saturday, November 7th at 4:00 pm,** I'd like for as many of you as possible to meet me at the theater at **Southpoint Mall for a viewing of Where The Wild Things Are.** This will be a special "field trip" to supplement our ongoing series *Jesus: Who He Is, What He Said and Why He Matters.*

On behalf of myself and my entire pulpit staff I want to thank all of you for the wonderful gestures of love and appreciation shown during clergy appreciation month. You should know that our level of commitment and desire to serve you with excellence only grows with each passing day. Let's all continue to strive for the restoration and elevation of one another. I love you and I love being your pastor.

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Community Fall Revival

*Monday-Wednesday
November 16th-18th
7:00 p.m. nightly*

*Antioch
Baptist Church
1415 Holloway St.
Durham, NC
(919) 688-8893*

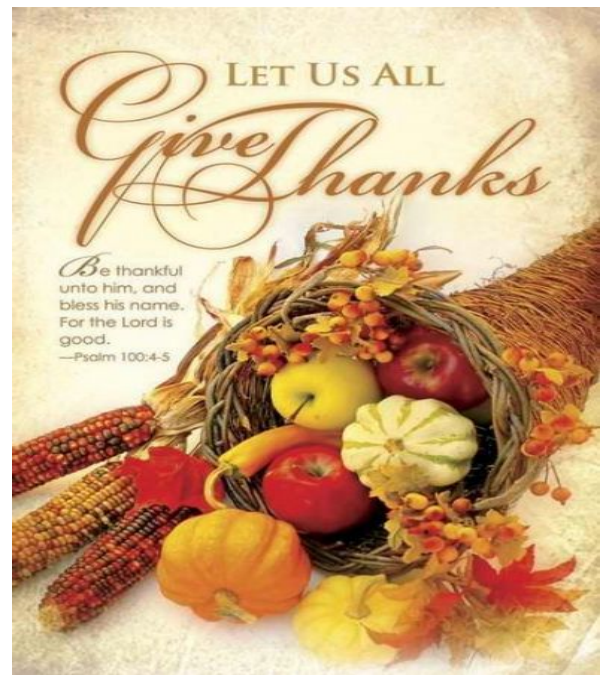
*Guest Evangelist:
Rev. Dr. DeForest
"Buster" Soaries Jr.
First Baptist Church
of Lincoln Gardens
Somerset, New Jersey*

*Sponsored by:
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From the Women's Ministry:

NOVEMBER
★ AMERICAN ★
DIABETES MONTH®

- *November is American Diabetes Month®—a time to shine a spotlight on a serious disease that leads to potentially life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and amputation. This year, we need to take a bolder, more audacious approach to American Diabetes Month. Consider that:
24 million children and adults in the United States live with diabetes*
- *57 million Americans are at risk for type 2 diabetes*
- *1 out of every 3 children born today will face a future with diabetes if current trends continue*
- *We ask you to join the American Diabetes Association in launching a national movement to Stop Diabetes – help us confront it, fight it, and most importantly, stop it.
Here's how you can become involved:
Share. Inspire others to join the movement by sharing your personal story. Visit stopdiabetes.com and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn about all the exciting ways to be a part of the Stop Diabetes movement. Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to join this effort as well.*
- ***Act.** Whether you want to [walk](#)*, [bike](#)* or simply tell a friend, there will be many ways to help us build momentum for the Stop Diabetes movement.*
- ***Learn.** The American Diabetes Association has many resources throughout the country to help Stop Diabetes. If you, or a loved one, already [have diabetes](#)* or are [at risk](#)* for developing it, we can provide medical, lifestyle and motivational information to prevent this disease from taking control of your life and the lives of those around you.*
- ***Give.** Sign up with your local American Diabetes Association office to help raise money for diabetes research, federal and state advocacy and public education.*



NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

All ladies are asked to donate foods items or store voucher/s for a Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need. We will collect items starting Tuesday, Nov. 3-(before bible study) thru Sunday, Nov. 22.-See Sis Leslie Jones for more details.



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THERE IS HOPE IN CHRIST!

We're on the Web:
www.abundanthopecc.com

AHCC Logo Christmas Ornaments on Sale Now!!

AHCC logo Christmas Ornaments will be on display and for sale beginning this month. The ornaments are priced at \$10.00 each with proceeds going toward the Nehemiah Building fund. Please visit the display table outside the worship space after service or contact Sister Vinnia McCoy to purchase your ornaments.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Durham Ridge Assisted Living Center

You are invited to come for 1 hour of fun and fellowship with the residents of Durham Ridge Assisted Living Center Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 pm. The facility is located at 3420 Holloway Street.

CELL PHONES CAN HELP DURHAM CRISIS RESPONSE CENTER

Put that old cell phone to work as something other than a paperweight. Most everyone has at least one sitting around, so don't throw it away! You can donate your cell phone(s). Durham Crisis Response Center will distribute the cell phones (911 ready) free of charge to high-risk victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. A collection container will be set-up at the back of the worship space each Sunday.

ALLIANCES OF HOPE NEWS

AHCC Alliances of Hope Bakery - Open on December 20!

The AHCC Alliances of Hope Bakery will open for the 4th quarter bake sale on Sunday, December 20 after service in the Pearsontown Cafeteria. All 4th quarter Alliances of Hope team members (if your birthday is in October, November, or December) are asked to donate whole baked items (cakes, pies, and other goodies) for the sale. Pre-orders for baked items can be made beginning this month. To sign-up to donate items or to place pre-orders, please contact: Sister Vinna McCoy or Sister Gail Lloyd

Stay Tuned for New FUNd Raisers!!!!

A couple of new fund raisers will kick-off in December: "**Spare Change for Hope**" and **AHCC's First Fashion Show**

Don't get left out; listen out for more details.

Meetings & Rehearsals

Adult Choir: Thursdays, 7:00 pm at church office; Praise Team ONLY on Nov. 19. Singing Engagements:

Sunday, November 8, 3pm at Pilgrim Baptist Church

Wednesday, November 18, 7pm at Antioch Baptist Church (Praise team)

Adult Praise Dance:

Saturday, **November 14 & 21**
9:00-11:00am

Alliances of Hope Leaders:

Sunday, **November 8**, after service in the Pearsontown Cafeteria.

Usher's Ministry: Sunday, **December 6**, 8:30am in Pearsontown cafeteria

Women's Ministry: Saturday, **November 21**, 10:00 am at church office.

Youth Choir: November 3 & 17 at 7pm (during bible study); **November 19** at 7pm (church office). The youth will render music on Sunday, November 22. The attire will be black bottoms and red or yellow/gold tops.

Youth Praise Dance:

Saturday, **November 14 & 21**, 11am-1pm.