Anything that is expected to last must have a **strong foundation**.

Jesus Christ is the **Head** of the Church. Matthew 16:13-19

There are 2 types of churches: **Visible** and **Invisible**.

The 2 types of churches are also called **Universal** and **local**. I Cor. 1:2; Rev. 1:20

Every church is a part of the Universal Church. Churches should not be **enemies**. Fighting amongst churches is a sign of **immaturity** and **carnality**. I Cor. 1:10-13; I Cor. 3:1-11

The “7 Pillars of Our Church” refer to the “**core values**” that we will focus on within **The House of Hope Macon**. These “pillars” will be the **principles** that will **undergird** all that we seek to do for God’s Kingdom and Church. These core values will comprise the “**DNA**” of our ministry. They will establish a **healthy culture** for **The House of Hope Macon**.

**PILLAR #1: Bible-based Preaching and Teaching**

*Scripture* - II Timothy 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

*Description* - At **The House of Hope Macon**, we **believe** and **teach** the principles of the **Bible**. We value the **presentation** of the Bible in a **comprehensive**, profound, yet **practical** way.

I. The **Mandate** to Preach The Word - II Timothy 4:2
   A. The Bible is the **content** that we **preach**.
   B. The Bible is what we **consistently** preach.

II. The **Ministers** Who Preach The Word - Ephesians 4:7-11; Jer. 3:15
   A. Ministers are God’s **gifts**.
   B. Ministers should **help** people to **grow**.

III. The **Motivation** for Preaching The Word - Romans 10:17
   A. Preaching helps people to find **salvation**.
   B. Preaching helps people to be **strong**.