

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church office hours are Monday through Friday 9 - 5 p.m.
Announcements for the bulletin are due by Thursday at 5 p.m.
Small Groups meet various nights in homes and at the worship center.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Middle School (Grades 6-8) meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Senior High (Grades 9-12) meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- † **7:10 – 7:30 a.m.** - Radio Program on WMBS 590 AM
- † **8:45 – 9:00 a.m.** – Refreshments & Fellowship
- † **9:00 a.m.** – A previously recorded ALC worship service is televised on CUTV cable channel #17 (Atlantic Broadband) or online at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/cutv-live>
- † **9:00 a.m.** – Worship Service; Nursery (ages 0-2 ½) in **Room 6**
- † **9:15 a.m.** – **Bible classes during the sermon:** Ages 2 - Kindergarten in **Room 7**, 1st & 2nd grade in **Room 5**, 3rd – 5th grade in **Room 9**, 6th – 8th grade in **Room 14**, 9th – 12th grade in **Room 12/13**.
- † **9:15 a.m.** – **Adult Bible Studies** are held weekly in **Room 10, Room 8 and Room 11**
- † **10:15 – 10:40 a.m.** – Refreshments & Fellowship
- † **10:45 a.m.** – Worship Service and Nursery (open for ages 0-3) in **Room 6**.
- † **11:00 a.m.** – Ages 3, 4 & 5 in **Room 5**, Jr. Church: 1st - 3rd Grade in **Room 10**, Jr. Church: 4th & 5th grade in **Room 8**, Grades 6-12 in **Room 12/13**
- † Watch us on **Cornerstone Network** Pittsburgh Faith & Family Channel WPCB DT 40.2 on Saturday at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

CARE & CONCERN

Those in medical facilities or recuperating as of 12-22-17

Marcia Martin – Uniontown Hospital Room 2115 gall bladder surgery
Marge Zebley – Uniontown Hospital Room 1409 fractured pelvis
Paula Gibson – Shadyside Hospital Room 503
Robert Creese – Mt. Macrina Room 701
Chuck Toms – at home recovering from lung surgery
Vicky Miller – undergoing cancer treatment
Mike & Jeannine Schnatterly – at home with ongoing health problems
Frank Maldovan – awaiting new lungs for transplant
Dorothy Bowlen – Liberty Hall, 27 Kyle Ln, Fairchance

Prayer Chain: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
CINDY DAWSON (724) 564-5893
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Abundant Life Church exists to exalt Jesus (**worship**), to teach the Bible (**grow**), to share the gospel (**reach**), to love one another (**connect**), and to serve the Lord (**serve**).



THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS



What is the meaning and purpose of Christmas? First, we need to know that Christmas is not about family or friends. It is not about parties and gifts. Those are good things. And, they reflect the joy which we experience when we understand the correct answer to the question. So, here is the true and only meaning and purpose of Christmas: “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ...Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.” Now you know what Christmas is all about. Call the church office if you need a deeper explanation. “You think about that.” Amen.

We have emerald **WELCOME** packets in the lobby which contain much information. If you did not receive one, or if you have any questions, feel free to call our office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays at 724-425-9700 or visit us online at www.myabundantlife.org.

CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT CHRIST. Invite your family and friends to worship with us again this evening. Remember: Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. Everything else is secondary. Celebrating Christmas without attending worship services makes Christmas pretty meaningless.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – will be held **TONIGHT at 7:30 p.m.** There will be **NO** childcare during the service; however, parents with small children may watch the service on closed circuit TV from the nursery, the lobby, and the library.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS –If you purchased a poinsettia for the sanctuary, don’t forget to take it home or to a friend after the Christmas Eve Service tonight!

CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership” – will be held on **Sunday, January 21st at 2:30 p.m.** This class is required if you wish to become a member of ALC. However, if you attend the class, you are not required to become a member. Please sign up in the lobby or call the office if you plan to attend.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS ARE NEEDED – If you enjoy welcoming people and sharing a handshake and a smile, please consider joining the Greeter’s Ministry. Please sign-up in the lobby or call Garrett at 724-425-9700 and we’ll get you plugged-in!

ALC IS NOW ON ABB CHANNEL 119: The Sunday service of ALC is now broadcast three times each week on Atlantic Broadband Channel 119 on the Cornerstone Network Pittsburgh Faith & Family Channel WPCB DT 40.2. The broadcast times are: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and, Saturday at 12:01 a.m. Tell your friends and family that they can also watch the services 24 hours a day by clicking Sermons on our webpage at www.myabundantlife.org.

GRIEFSHARE is held on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 8.** This Christ-centered, biblically based ministry helps those who are going through the grief which comes from the loss of a loved one. Please tell those of your friends or families who need the comfort and support of this ministry. Call Geri at 724-438-0961 for more info.

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT – is **January 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Invite your friends and family to come and see **All Saints.** “All Saints is based on the inspiring story of salesman-turned pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.”

NOTHIN’ SAYS LOVIN’ LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE OVEN! - The Meal Ministry needs people to prepare meals for those in our church family who are experiencing a lengthy illness or are recovering from surgery. If cooking’s not your gift, you’re welcome to purchase prepared/deli/take-out meals instead of making your own. Please sign-up in the lobby or call Garrett at 724-425-9700 and we’ll get you plugged-in!

THE NETWORKING IN THE BODY FLIER is published **as needed** and is available to allow those who attend Abundant Life Church to let needs be known for employment, household items (needed, sold, or free), babysitters, needs for repairs, and skills we have to offer. Please call Melanie at 724-425-9700 if you would like to place an announcement in the flier.

PLEASE PASS the teal **Attendance Pads** down your row of seats & fill out the attendance records during each worship service so that we may know who has worshiped with us. For those who are visiting, looking for a church home, or would like more information, please fill out a **Connection Card** and place it in an offering box at the rear of the auditorium.

JESUS HAD A SMALL GROUP and He expects you to have one, too. Small groups are God’s idea for how His church is to function. Talk to our small group director Garrett Howard or call him at 724-425-9700 to get started on your small group journey. Love God. Love people. Serve both.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Christmas is about God taking extreme measures to reclaim those who were lost.” ~ Our Daily Bread