

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BURGERS AND DOGS! NEXT Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> we will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. followed by Burgers & Dogs in the Pavilion.** Food and beverages will be provided. Please join us for worship, food, fellowship, and fun! Please sign up in the lobby or call 724-425-9700 if you plan to attend!

**CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership” – will be held on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 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 if you plan to attend.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!!** Have you been wanting to get involved in serving at ALC? Now is the time to act, we have several ministries available for you to join. Please sign up in the lobby or call the church office at 724-425-9700. Garrett will contact you and help you find the right ministry for you.

**MOVE-UP DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN'S CLASSES IS TODAY!** Please be sure that your children advance to their appropriate grades for the start of the fall curriculum.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** - Join us every Wednesday for a mid-week spiritual refill! The service starts at 6:15 p.m. with music and singing followed by a mini sermon to get you through the rest of the week. There are classes for children grades 1 – 8. Senior High students (Grades 9 – 12) meet for youth group after the music portion of the worship service has ended.

**AUTHENTIC MANHOOD MEN'S MINISTRY IS HELD ON MONDAYS AT 6:30 p.m. at ALC-** This weekly gathering equips men with an inspiring, God-centered vision of what it means to be a man in the upside-down culture in which we are living. Each week, we discuss and identify the issues that are at the core of every man's existence. Men, please bring a friend with you. You and he will be glad that you did!

**ALC WOMEN NEW STUDY: ROMANS – GOOD NEWS CHANGES EVERYTHING:** In this 6-session DVD Study of Romans, Melissa Spoelstra challenges women to explore the truths found in the book of Romans that will reframe the bad news and remind us of our hope for the future. Beginning August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, all women ages 12 and up are welcome to attend either on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Room 10. Please sign up in the lobby or use the online form posted here: <https://www.myabundantlife.org/womens-ministry/>

**THANK YOU FROM THE CENTER OF HOPE:** Dear Donna Bupp and AL Bible School Students: Thank you so much for the changing table, diaper bag, new items, diapers, and potty chair. We appreciate your support. The mothers and babies of Fayette County will reap the benefits of your kindness. May God bless all of you. Sincerely, Wendy Rozgony, Director, C.O.H.



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**Sunday, August 30, 2020 A.D.**

Prayer Chain: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
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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**).

## Relentless Hope

**“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed” Romans 4:18**

We have a few problems with hope when all is going well and the future looks bright. But God doesn't normally cultivate our hope in that context, does He? No, He lets our hope run into obstacles and challenges and contradictions far more often than we're comfortable with, stretching us to a near-breaking point until our hope either fades or stands in unrealistic defiance against visible circumstances. At times, He even seems to oppose our hope Himself, seeing if we'll hang on to what we know to be true about Him, though all reason suggests we're wrong. These are the fires in which real hope- the kind rooted in eternity – is forged.

We don't like that process. We aren't comfortable with hoping “against all hope” (NIV) or when there is “no reason” visibly supporting us (NLT). We don't enjoy critics who think we're irrational or delusional or naïve. Like all human beings, we love respect and affirmation. But when all the underpinnings for our hope seem to have been removed, we don't get much understanding from those around us. We can only wait for vindication at the end of the promise.

That's what kingdom hope looks like. It's rooted in love, the kind that allows us to look at our King with complete trust that He will not let us down. Without that foundation, hanging on to our hope is a hopeless endeavor. But knowing who He is -relentlessly clinging to His character and goodness and love- puts us on solid footing in His kingdom. We see things that other people can't see. We look for evidence of His kingdom coming into dark places. We pray persistently for the signs of the kingdom and the will of the King. We hope no matter what.

Whatever it takes, cultivate hope in your heart. God is never pessimistic about your life; neither should you be. See through hope-colored lenses. Refuse to listen to any thought that doesn't come from the mind of God. Be as stubborn as Abraham in waiting for God's promises. Eventually, true, God-given hope is fulfilled.

Taken from Indeed devotional

7/10/2020

## The Theology of Resting In God

**“Why are you fearful. O you of little faith?” Matthew 8:26**

When we are afraid, the least we can do is pray to God. But our Lord has a right to expect that those who name His name have an underlying confidence in Him. God expects His children to be so confident in Him that in any crisis they are the ones who are reliable. Yet our trust is only in God up to a certain point, then we turn back to the elementary panic-stricken prayers of those people who do not even know God. We come to our wits' end, showing that we don't have even the slightest amount of confidence in Him or in His sovereign control of the world. To us He seems to be asleep, and we can see nothing but giant, breaking waves on the sea ahead of us.

“O you of little faith!” What a stinging pain must have shot through the disciples as they surely thought to themselves, “We missed the mark again!” And what a sharp pain will go through us when we suddenly realize that we could have produced complete and utter joy in the heart of Jesus by remaining absolutely confident in Him, in spite of what we were facing.

There are times when there is no storm or crisis in our lives, and we do all that is humanly possible. But it is when a crisis arises that we instantly reveal upon whom we rely. If we have been learning to worship God and to place our trust in Him, the crisis will reveal that we can go to the point of breaking, yet without breaking our confidence in Him.

We have been talking quite a lot about sanctification, but what will be the result in our lives? It will be expressed in our lives as a peaceful resting in God, which means a total oneness with Him. And this oneness will make us not only blameless in His sight, but also a profound joy to Him.

By Oswald Chambers [My Utmost for His Highest](#)

August 12

## Quote of the Week

**“God is not saving the world. He has already saved it. Our business is to get men and women to realize it.”**

~Oswald Chambers