

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership” – will be held on Monday, September 21st 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.

LOOKING TO SERVE? We have lots of opportunities for you to serve in church! From cooking food for Wednesday Family Night, serving in the children's ministry on Weds or Sundays, to being a small group leader for our new Plugged In Groups. We are also looking for volunteers to join our “Keepers of the House” crew! “...we will not forsake the house of our God.” Neh. 10:39 Mondays and Fridays we meet at the church from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to clean the worship center. Together many hands make light work! Call the office at 724-425-9700!

MONDAY MEN'S MINISTRY is back in session tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.! All men are encouraged to attend!

ALC WOMEN'S STUDY: ROMANS – GOOD NEWS CHANGES EVERYTHING: 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.

GENE CUNNINGHAM'S 2020 WESTERN PA CONFERENCE “The Message of Jesus to the Seven Churches” will be held at Abundant Life Church on Friday evening, **October 23rd** from 7 to 9:15 p.m., on Saturday, **October 24th** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (breakfast and lunch will be provided), and on **Sunday, October 25th** during both worship services. Sign-ups are in the lobby for registration and/or if you can help in the kitchen, bring a snack Friday night or a salad for the lunch on Saturday. **Please remember to feed money to “George the Giraffe” in the lobby for the benefit of Nan Cunningham's ministry to children in India.**

CITY SERVE - The mayor of Uniontown is looking for a team of volunteers on **Saturday, September 19th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to serve in a city-wide clean-up. Volunteers are asked to gather at the gravel lot next to 71 N. Gallatin Ave. by 9:00 a.m. Gloves will be provided and trucks are needed. For more information, email Jason Lamer pastorjason@myfaithassembly.org. If you are able to put together a team, let Pastor Jason know A.S.A.P. so they can coordinate more effectively.

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. Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to attend. Please call 724-425-9700 if you plan to attend dinner so that we know for how many to prepare!



Sunday, September 13, 2020 A.D.

Prayer Chain: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Cindy Dawson Home: 724-564-5893 Cell: 724-208-5437
Email: prayerchain@myabundantlife.org
Church Office: (724) 425-9700

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 TRUE YOU

Make every effort to confirm your calling and election. 2 Peter 1:10

In Word: On the surface, Peter's instruction might create a lot of insecurity in us. Isn't our calling already certain? Is God thinking about "unchoosing" us? Doesn't this verse encourage efforts to earn something rather than simply resting in grace? It could easily stir up our anxiety about whether we really belong in the kingdom.

But Peter's instruction isn't about earning something you don't have yet. It's about demonstrating something you already do have. The original language simply encourages us to be eager to show evidence of who we really are in Christ. Those qualities Peter listed a few verses earlier are not demands imposed upon us. They are an unveiling of our core identity as new creatures in Christ. We don't have to get them; we only need to uncover them. They are already there. This is a description of who we were designated to be.

In that sense, this verse doesn't create insecurity. It does the opposite. It assures us that our calling is validated simply by our response to it – not by our perfection or inherent goodness, but by our acceptance of it. It unveils the Jesus who is already within us, the Spirit from which we were born when we believed. The fact that we can have the qualities Peter has listed is great confirmation that we are God's children. His nature is within us. We are free to display it whenever and wherever we please.

In Deed: Any time Scripture instructs you to do or be something, don't look at it as a command to be something you're not. Look at it as an invitation to be who you really are. The Spirit within you has already equipped you with everything you need – this passage has assured us of that – and it only needs to be revealed. When it is, you confirm your true calling and chosenness. You step forward as a kingdom citizen and a child of God, the very evidence the world has been looking for (Romans 8:19). You become a reflection of the King who chose you as His own – just as He always intended.

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from September 8 – My Utmost for His Highest

...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God... —2 Corinthians 10:5

Determinedly Demolish Some Things. Deliverance from sin is not the same as deliverance from human nature. There are things in human nature, such as prejudices, that the saint can only destroy through sheer neglect. But there are other things that have to be destroyed through violence, that is, through God's divine strength imparted by His Spirit. There are some things over which we are not to fight, but only to "stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord..." (see Exodus 14:13). But every theory or thought that raises itself up as a fortified barrier "against the knowledge of God" is to be determinedly demolished by drawing on God's power, not through human effort or by compromise (see 2 Corinthians 10:4).

It is only when God has transformed our nature and we have entered into the experience of sanctification that the fight begins. The warfare is not against sin; we can never fight against sin— Jesus Christ conquered that in His redemption of us. The conflict is waged overturning our natural life into a spiritual life. This is never done easily, nor does God intend that it be so. It is accomplished only through a series of moral choices. God does not make us holy in the sense that He makes our character holy. He makes us holy in the sense that He has made us innocent before Him. And then we have to turn that innocence into holy character through the moral choices we make. These choices are continually opposed and hostile to the things of our natural life which have become so deeply entrenched— the very things that raise themselves up as fortified barriers "against the knowledge of God." We can either turn back, making ourselves of no value to the kingdom of God, or we can determinedly demolish these things, allowing Jesus to bring another son to glory (see Hebrews 2:10).

by Oswald Chambers

Quote of the Week

"It is so stupid of modern civilization to believe that the devil does not exist when the devil is the only explanation for the existence of modern civilization." ~ Ronald Knox