

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BURGERS AND DOGS!** Join us today in the pavilion for a great time of food, fellowship and fun following the service!

**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.

**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!

**MONDAY MEN'S MINISTRY** will not meet tomorrow! Enjoy your Labor Day!!

**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. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN! 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/>

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 7 to 9:15 p.m., on Saturday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (breakfast and lunch will be provided), and on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.**



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**Sunday, September 6, 2020 A.D.**

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

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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**).

### Already Qualified

**“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” 2 Peter 1:3**

Jesus promised His followers that they would be able to do His works. He gave them kingdom power and sent them out to demonstrate it. He called them higher, deeper, and farther in the kingdom mission.

So why aren't many of us experiencing the fullness of these promises? Because we think we aren't qualified for them. Perhaps we haven't fully grown in the spiritual disciplines we think you need. We aren't prayer "masters" or spiritual clones of the apostle Paul. We don't live in the right era, or we don't work in the same culture, or...well, the rationalizing could go on forever. But the bottom line is that Jesus promised; and, the New Testament writers affirmed His words. They never indicated, not even once, that we aren't qualified for the full inheritance of the kingdom.

In fact, Peter plainly tells us in his second letter that we are already qualified. God's divine power has given us everything we need. If we earned spiritual status by our disciplines and efforts, then perhaps we might be justified in having low expectations. But discipleship isn't primarily about us. It's about Him. And He's enough.

Scripture is clear. We aren't partial saints, moderately holy, mostly justified, or somewhat cleansed of our sins. The work of Jesus is complete. Salvation is all or nothing, and those who believe have received all. We certainly have room to grow in our understanding, but we are already as pure and righteous as we will ever be in God's eyes. We are qualified for everything He offers, if we can receive it by faith. That makes any shortcoming a heart and mind issue, not a spiritual achievement issue. If we believe -and learn how to act on our belief-we can experience the fullness of God's promises. His divine power has already been given to us. We can begin walking in it whenever we take bold steps of faith.

Taken from Indeed devotional.  
9/2/2020

### A Life of Pure and Holy Sacrifice

**“He who believes in Me...out of his heart will flow...” John 7:38**

“Jesus did not say, “He who believes in Me will realize all the blessings of the fullness of God,” but, in essence, “He who believes in Me will have everything he receives escape out of him.” Our Lord's teaching was always anti-self-realization. His purpose is not the development of a person— His purpose is to make a person exactly like Himself, and the Son of God is characterized by self-expenditure. If we believe in Jesus, it is not what we gain but what He pours through us that really counts. God's purpose is not simply to make us beautiful, plump grapes, but to make us grapes so that He may squeeze the sweetness out of us. Our spiritual life cannot be measured by success as the world measures it, but only by what God pours through us— and we cannot measure that at all.

When Mary of Bethany “broke the flask...of very costly oil...and poured it on [Jesus'] head,” it was an act for which no one else saw any special occasion; in fact, “...there were some who...said, ‘Why was this fragrant oil wasted?’ ” (Mark 14:3-4). But Jesus commended Mary for her extravagant act of devotion, and said, “...wherever this gospel is preached...what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her” (Mark 14:9). Our Lord is filled with overflowing joy whenever He sees any of us doing what Mary did— not being bound by a particular set of rules, but being totally surrendered to Him. God poured out the life of His Son “that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:17). Are we prepared to pour out our lives for Him?

“He who believes in Me...out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”— and hundreds of other lives will be continually refreshed. Now is the time for us to break “the flask” of our lives, to stop seeking our own satisfaction, and to pour out our lives before Him. Our Lord is asking who of us will do it for Him?”

By Oswald Chambers My Utmost for His Highest

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Quote of the Week

*“When the dream in our heart is one that God has planted there... all of the spiritual resources of the universe are released to help us.” ~ Catherine Marshall*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CD COPY OF TODAY'S SERMON**, please sign your name on the sheet by the information booth. We currently do not make DVD copies; but you can watch the sermon videos and/or download this week's bulletin and Bible study notes from our website ([www.myabundantlife.org](http://www.myabundantlife.org))

**ALC WOMEN'S MINISTRY**: All ladies ages 12 and up are invited to attend our Monday evening Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held this **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for men to connect, laugh, talk, and grow in their faith! Please sign up in the lobby or call the office if you plan to attend.

**GOOD NEWS CLUB** – We had a combined total of 40 children attending Good News Club at two schools! Help is needed for new schools in the fall. The Good News Club meets 3 hours one day a week from November to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up now in order to get all the clearances and paperwork completed. Volunteers can be from outside the ALC congregation so please ask your friends & family members! Come and help reach children with the love and gospel of Jesus!

**NURSERY WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR AGES 0 to 3** - to help the next generation by watching the little ones while their parents worship during either service. Please call 724-425-9700 if you can help one Sunday a month.

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Abundant Life Church in Room 10**. This is a support group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly and is for people who have Parkinson disease (and their family members or friends) to answer some questions that you may have about this illness. All who are interested are encouraged to attend.

**HEARTS FOR SERVICE!** is a ministry dedicated to serving our congregation and our community. Please call the church office if you need handyman assistance or other help at home. This is a ministry which requires nothing in return for its labor. They simply want to help you by using the skills that God has given to them.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC TEAMS** are looking for additional talented instrumentalists (acoustic guitar, bass guitar, brass, conga drums, etc.) and vocalists. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please call Garrett at 724-425-9700 and let him know.

**THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 11:45 a.m. in the back room at Eat 'n Park. All women are welcome to attend.

**COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> at 10:25 A.M.** Please remain after the 9:00 a.m. service or arrive early for the 10:45 a.m. service so that we may share communion together as the body of Christ.

**GRIEFSHARE** will held on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 8 beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. 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. For more info call Geri at 724-438-0961.

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**NOTHIN' SAYS LOVIN' LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE OVEN!** - The Meal Ministry prepares meals for those in our church family who are experiencing a lengthy illness, are recovering from surgery, or just had a baby. If cooking's not your gift, you can volunteer to purchase prepared/deli/take-out meals instead. Please sign-up in the lobby or call Garrett at 724-425-9700 to get involved.

**SUNDAY MORNING KITCHEN HELPERS ARE NEEDED** to serve coffee, donuts and juices for the 10:45 a.m. worship service on the **3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday every month**. If you can meet this need; or, if you are available for a different Sunday or service time, please sign the sheet in the lobby!

**FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us on **Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** for the movie **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE!** –“*The inspiring and unknown true story (that was just in theaters in March) behind MercyMe’s beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.*” **Doors open at 7:30 p.m.** Free snacks and soda too!

**NURSERY WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR AGES up to 3** – Loving people are needed to help out the next generation by watching the little ones while their parents worship during either service. Please sign-up in the lobby if you can help during one of the services one Sunday a month.

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**THE FOOD BANK MINISTRY** is held at Abundant Life Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly. **This ministry is in need of food items such as peanut butter, jelly, cereal and many other items that are found on the lists in the lobby. Food donations can be brought to the church at any time that it is open.**

**PRESCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS** are needed during either worship service. We use a rotating schedule between 4 teachers based on their availability. All children’s ministry volunteers must complete the background clearance form (found in the information booth) or submit their clearances if they already have them. Please call the church office for more information at 724-425-9700.

**CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership”** – will be held on **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</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 or call the office if you plan to attend.

**CHRISTIANITY 201 – “Discovering Spiritual Maturity”** – **Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** You must have taken Christianity 101 before you take this class. Learn how to grow in your prayer and devotional life. Please sign up in the lobby.

**CHRISTIANITY 301 - “Discovering Your Ministry”** will be offered on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** You must have already taken classes 101 and 201. Please sign up in the lobby.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Tues & Weds Youth Groups:** When any 2 of the local school districts are closed, there will be NO evening youth group.

**Small Groups:** Each small group has its own policy. Please contact your small group leader regarding cancellation.

**For Sunday Worship:** We will have services unless the parking lot is impassable. Please use your own judgment and drive carefully!