

## 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.

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT!

Join us every Wednesday for your mid-week spiritual refill! The service starts at 6:15 p.m. with praise & music followed by a mini sermon to get you through the rest of the week. There are classes for children grades 1 – 8. Senior High (Grades 9 – 12) continue with youth group after the praise & music.

## 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 & 10:45 a.m. – ROOM 5 - NURSERY (ages 0 – 3)
- 9:15 a.m.      ROOM 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades  
                    ROOM 7 – Preschool and Kindergarten  
                    ROOM 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
                    ROOMS 8, 10 and 11 – Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:20 – 10:45 a.m. – BREAKFAST CLUB for grades 6 – 8 in Room 14 and grades 9 – 12 in the youth room (12/13)
- † 10:20 – 10:45 a.m. – Refreshments & Fellowship
- † 11:00 a.m.    ROOM 7 – Preschool thru 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
                    ROOM 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Watch us on **Cornerstone Network** Pittsburgh Faith & Family Channel WPCB DT 40.2 or **Atlantic Broadband Channel 119** on Saturday at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

## ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Are available from the information booth during both Sunday worship services. Please see the information booth volunteer to sign-out a device if you need one.

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



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**Sunday, October 11, 2020 A.D.**

## Before Life

***“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.” (Mark 8:35)***

It's perhaps the greatest kingdom paradox. If we want life, we shouldn't seek it. We should give it up. Lay it down. Cast ourselves into the soil like seed destined to become something other than seed. We must invest ourselves in God and others. We want life, of course, and there's nothing wrong with that longing. But getting it involves surrendering our desperate search for glory and giving it instead.

That isn't easy to do. No one distinctively pursues a desperate desire by forsaking it. That just isn't natural. No, if we want life, our instincts tell us to do everything we can to grab life wherever we can. For many, that results in the relentless pursuit of whatever makes them feel alive-- power, sex, entertainment, romance, money, travel, or any other package that promises excitement.

Eyes of faith see through all that. God is looking for those who recognize the difference between what leads to life and what doesn't. Nothing is wrong with pleasure, excitement, and adventure; those cravings are built into us. But to see the pleasure, excitement, and adventure in Him rather than in superficial gifts... that's faith. And in a very real sense it requires some kind of death before we experience the life He promises.

Knowing the future of His disciples, Jesus is actually hinting at martyrdom in this passage. But the truth applies to much more than physical death. The way to kingdom life involves forsaking all the self's strategies and investing in other lives. Then, almost apart from our own awareness, we find ourselves receiving the life we once craved. We don't attain fulfillment, we receive it. When we pour out ourselves, He pours Himself into us. And the death we thought we embraced becomes our means to life.

Taken from the INDEED devotional 10/5/2020

## Quote of the Week

**“It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”**

- Francis of Assisi

## Announcements

**HAYRIDE THIS FRIDAY-** is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your family and friends to the love and laughter which we share at ALC. Please invite them to join our annual fall Hayride this Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM. There will be pony rides, hayrides, roasted marshmallows, games hot dogs, chili, and more! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those who wish to attend, and also for those who wish to volunteer, or you can sign up at <https://myabundantlife.breezechms.com/form/f3e371787>.

**BILLY GRAHAM MINISTRIES-** We have the privilege of hosting Roy Graham (Billy Graham's grandson) at ALC on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The ALC praise team will lead us in music beginning at 6:30 P.M. Please register online at <https://www.myabundantlife.org/events/bgea/> or come see us in the lobby.

**DIVORCE CARE-** The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM here at ALC. If you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, please sign up in the lobby or go to: <https://www.myabundantlife.org/events/divorcecare/>

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST-** Will be held at ALC this Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Please sign up in the lobby or call the church if you plan on attending.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST-** Will be held at ALC on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 AM. Please sign-up in the lobby or call the church if you plan on attending.

**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 you can sign up to help in the kitchen, to bring a snack Friday night, or to bring 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. Last year we raised several hundred dollars! Let's do it again!**

**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 enjoy. Please sign up in the lobby or call the church office at 724-425-9700. Garrett will contact you and help you find the ministry which is right for you.

**ALC WOMEN BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS – GOOD NEWS CHANGES EVERYTHING:** All women ages 12 and up are invited 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/>

**MONDAY MEN'S MINISTRY-** Meets every Monday Night at 6:30 at ALC! All Men are encouraged to attend.

**SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING-**Will be held on Monday nights at 6:30pm in room 10. Anyone interested in learning American Sign Language can call Donna Bupp at 724-550-8520.