

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 – 1st & 2nd Grades
 ROOM 7 – Preschool and Kindergarten
 ROOM 9 – 3rd thru 5th 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 1st Grade
 ROOM 9 – 2nd thru 5th 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
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A Bitter Pill to Swallow

Opening Prayer

Lord, keep me on the hot part of the stove.

“Were the whole realm of nature mine, / that were an offering far too small;
/ love so amazing, so divine, / demands my soul, my life, my all” (Isaac
Watts, 1674–1745).

The church members at Smyrna thought they were poor when actually they were rich. The church members at Laodicea, a prosperous manufacturing city, thought they had it all—but were in fact poor. Sadly, what they do have will not endure the test of fire. A question we need to ask of our own deeds and church programs is whether they are of human convention or of the Spirit: human gold or spiritual gold? How hard it must have been back then for those who loved Jesus to hear his discipline and words. How differently Christ evaluates things. How could they be poor when they enjoy luxury, naked when they make such fine clothes, blind when they manufacture such famous eye ointments? (For more detail, see John Stott, *What Christ Thinks of the Church* and J. Ramsey Michaels, *Revelation*.)

Christ comes not to destroy, but to build, for he loves his church. We too are surrounded by resources outside and inside the church—but are we using them for the glory of God? These church members are rich, but what they need is humility and a desire to obey God’s words, allowing his Spirit to prosper in and through them.

God’s love for this prodigal church is clear: “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock” (20). He does the same with us. Nothing is beyond his healing spiritual touch.

Are we rich or poor? How do we measure that? If Christ were to write a letter to us or our church, what would it say?

Prayer

Lord, I am open to Your brutally honest evaluation of my walk with You, and I live each day with that in mind.

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Announcements

DIVORCE CARE- Will be held every Thursday 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/>

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

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/>

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.

Quote of the Week

Jesus says. “I have not come to torment your natural self but to kill it.”

~ C .S Lewis