

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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Sufferings

“For even here unto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.” (1 Peter 2:21)

Peter’s first epistle, written during a time of bitter persecution, deals with the matter of suffering. Peter reminds us that Christ suffered for us and that it is a privilege to suffer for Him. We are “called” to suffering and should “think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try” us (4:12).

Christ’s suffering was foretold (1:11), as is ours. We see that He had patience, humility, and submission in His sufferings (2:23) in order to bear “our sins in his own body on the tree” (2:24). He suffered unjustly, “the just for the unjust” (3:18), not only in His spirit, but “Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh” (4:1), being witnessed personally by Peter (5:1).

Since we are likewise “called” to suffer, Peter explains that we also will be “suffering wrongfully” (2:19) even “when ye do well” (v. 20). We will “suffer for righteousness’ sake” (3:14) and “for well doing” (v. 17). To avoid being taken by surprise, we are to prepare ourselves to suffer “in the flesh” (4:1), if need be. We will “be reproached for the name of Christ” (4:14) and should “not be ashamed” if we “suffer as a Christian” (4:16). It is much better to suffer in such a way than to have done something evil to deserve it (v. 15).

Suffering while following Christ’s example is “acceptable with God” (2:20), and even makes us “happy” (3:14; 4:14). Through it we can “glorify God on this behalf” (4:16) because it is “according to the will of God” (4:19). There is even a magnificent reward awaiting the sufferer (5:10).

In view of all of this, there is little wonder that Peter says, “Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy” (4:13).

~John D. Morris, Days of Praise, October 1, 2020 published by Institute for Creation Research

Quote of The Week

“No sin is worse than the sin of self-pity because it obliterates God and puts self-interest on the throne.”

- Oswald Chambers

Announcements

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.

BAPTISM- Will be held on October 11th at 10:30 AM. Sign up in the lobby or call the church office if you intend to be baptized.

FAITH & BLUE BARBEQUE- Please join us as we partner with local churches and our local law enforcement officers to strengthen our bond of unity and purpose within our community. This gathering will take place on October 10th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Bailey Park. There will be free BBQ, games for the kids, and a k-9 demonstration.

HAYRIDE - Our annual fall Hayride will be held on Friday October 16th. There will be games, prizes, 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>.

THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Tuesday October 6th at 12:00 PM. here at Abundant Life Church. Pizza and salad will be served. All the women of ALC are invited to attend.

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST- Will be held at ALC on Saturday October 17th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 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 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 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.

BILLY GRAHAM MINISTRIES- We have the privilege of hosting Roy Graham (Billy Graham’s grandson) at ALC on Tuesday October 20th at 7:00 P.M. The ALC praise team will lead us in music beginning at 6:30 P.M.

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 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.**