

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 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 at 6:15. Senior High students leave the sanctuary and go to 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 in the lobby.

† 9:00 a.m. – Worship service in the sanctuary

† 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 rooms 12-13.

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† 10:45 a.m. - Worship service in the sanctuary.

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.

Abundant Life Church

“Lighting our community with the love of Jesus Christ”

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Week of December 13, 2020 A.D.

No Regrets

“Then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.”
(Matthew 24:30)

All the peoples of the earth – or all the tribes of the land – will mourn. Why? Many will grieve because they never recognized Him before He appeared. Even those who rejoice at His coming will be overwhelmed by how much more they could have devoted to Him and will mourn for those who missed the opportunity. In some ways, it will be a day of celebration, but it will also be a traumatic one. The appearance of the Son, crucified unjustly, will be an earth – altering crisis.

Some look forward to that day and others dread it, but another response is better than those. We need to imagine all the thoughts, motives, regrets, dreams, and goals that will be stirred up then and apply them to our lives today. Might we have regrets on that day? Then we need to take care to live without regret now, doing the things we would later regret not doing. Might His appearance rearrange our priorities? Then we should go ahead and rearrange them before He comes. Will any of our dreams prove pointless when we see Him? Then we need to discard those and cultivate dreams in keeping with His kingdom. Whatever thoughts we can project for that time can be applied and compensated for now. We don't have to be traumatized by His coming.

That's what it means to live in view of that day. Paul, Peter, John, and others lived with the end in sight, and we should too, no matter how far off in the future it happens to be. Whether He returns in our lifetime or not, we know we will encounter Him personally in a matter of mere decades. The fellowship with His Spirit within us will transform into a face-to-face meeting. And, we want to have no regrets when it does.

No one should go through life randomly or reactively. We live in the now, but we prepare for the future He has laid out before us. We're intentional and proactive, focused on the purposes He has declared. We can therefore live with clarity. And peace. And a heart that welcomes His coming.

Taken from INDEED Magazine 12-18-2020

Quote of the Week

“The primitive church thought more about the second coming of Jesus Christ than about death or about heaven.”
~Alexander Maclaren

Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – Will be held on **Thursday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m.** There will be **NO** childcare during the service; however, parents with small children may watch the service on closed circuit TV from the nursery, the lobby, and the library.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Please sign up in the lobby to sponsor one of the Red Poinsettias which decorate the stage. Each sponsor may take theirs home after the Christmas Eve Service. The cost is \$7.50 per plant. Make checks payable to Abundant Life Church with “Poinsettia” on the memo line and then place them in the offering box by December 22, 2020.

SALVATION ARMY TREASURES FOR CHILDREN GIFT TAGS – Thank you to everyone who grabbed a salvation army tag on the tree. **PLEASE DELIVER the UNWRAPPED gifts with the TREASURES TAG to our INFORMATION BOOTH OR TO THE UNIONTOWN WAL-MART no later than TUESDAY, December 15th.**

DIVORCE CARE - Is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. here at ALC. Please sign-up in the lobby if you or anyone you know plan to attend. Or go to the website at <https://www.myabundantlife.org/events/divorcecare/> to register online.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!! It is a tremendous joy to serve one another within our church family. Serving one another is something that Jesus commands us to do. We have several ministries available for you to enjoy. Please sign up in the lobby or call the church office at 724-425-9700 so that we can help you find the ministry which is the perfect fit for you.

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

SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING -Is held on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in room 10. If you are interested in learning American Sign Language, please call Donna Bupp at 724-550-8520 to enroll.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE - Will be showing “Voices of Christmas” On December 18th at 7:00 p.m. exclusively on Sight & Sound TV for \$15.

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of
Lori Zebley Allison who departed this world to be with our Lord
Jesus on December 8, 2020.*

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