

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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Announcements

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**).

The God Who Wounds

Job 5:18 “He wounds, but He also binds up. He injures, but His hands also heal.”

Have you suffered wounds from God? We'd prefer never to know pain at His hands, but the Bible gives us no such promise. What we're promised is comforting, but much less relaxing than what we'd like to hear. We want a God who will always give us what we want and will never teach us the hard lessons of life. We want to be conformed to the image of Jesus without allowing God to apply the chisel that shapes us. God's hand, though always good, isn't always easy. He takes us not only through joys and comfort, but also through pain. A quick survey of Scripture should be enough to convince us. Just ask Job—or Abraham, Joseph, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, John the Baptist, John the disciple, Peter, Paul, Stephen, or any other person whom God has used. The godly life is joyful but it is also painful.

Or we could just ask our living Lord. That sacred head which was wounded on the cross has a testimony for us: Those who worship God in this world will be traumatized by the contradictions between the life of joy and the life of pain. Count on it. And it isn't just an unfortunate spiritual dynamic; the God we worship has ordained it. Whether for correction or for building our character, it's from Him.

Is that unsettling? Don't worry; His wounds are never deeper than they must be, and never beyond His ability to heal. In fact, He has promised to heal our wounds. But we must suffer the wounds if He is to shape us. There's no way we can be like Jesus without wearing scars in this world.

Did you think the Christian life was going to be without pain? Look at Jesus. Look at His disciples. Look at 2,000 years of church history. Or, closer to home, look at the headlines. The crucified Lord has a crucified church. It's the only path to a resurrected life in Christ.

The Christian life is by no means without pain. It can't be, not if it is real and if it exists in a hostile world. And not if we're going to be like Jesus. But the Christian life also offers comfort and healing. That's why we can worship the God who wounds us as well as the God who restores us. He knows what He is doing; He is preparing us for glory.

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Quote of the Week

“You and I were created to tell the truth about God by reflecting His likeness. How many lies have you told about God this week?” ~Ian Thomas

SUPERBOWL PARTY AT ALC Join us on **Sunday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.** to watch the game on the big screen. This is a wonderful opportunity enjoy good food and to become friends with some of the people who you see each Sunday morning but whom you do not yet know. Invite your family, friends, and/or your small group to come and have fun! The more, the merrier! Please sign up online at www.myabundantlife.org/superbowlly or in person with the volunteers in the library so that we know how much food to prepare. **Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up.** Please sign up if you are willing to help. Also, please specify online if you plan on bringing any party food for others to enjoy. Bringing food is optional and by no means required. We just want to plan accordingly.

ALC MEN'S MINISTRY Sometimes circumstances in life make it difficult for a man to become all that God wants him to be. But Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success. The heroes of the Bible were ordinary men just as we are. As we look at their lives, this Bible study will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. You will learn that despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can find purpose, meaning, and direction in life and become the man that God has called you to be. Please come to ALC this **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** so that you may reap the benefits of in this life-changing study.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION Connecting with one another (the Bible calls it fellowship) is one of the five callings which God decrees for every Christian. In our efforts to improve our communications with you, better minister to you, and inform you of upcoming events, we are asking you to update your and your family's information in our database. You can do so at www.myabundantlife.org/update or scan the QR code with your phone's camera app. Here you can add your personal information and current contact information, children's information, etc. It is very important that families are correctly entered into our database so that we are able to quickly check your children into their Sunday School rooms. If you cannot use the online form, we will have volunteers in the library for the next 4 Sundays to help you update your information. You also can call or email the church office to do so.

PRAYER Please join us weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays for prayer in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

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!

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