

## 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.

## MONDAY NIGHTS

Please participate in our weekly men's and women's gatherings at ALC **every Monday at 6:30 p.m.** Childcare is provided.

## 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 following praise and worship. 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 – 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 rooms 12-13
- † 10:20 – 10:45 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship in the lobby
- † 10:45 a.m. Worship service in the sanctuary
- † 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.

**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](mailto:prayerchain@myabundantlife.org)**

***Abundant Life Church***

*Week of July 11, 2021, A.D.*

**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**).

## Reflecting Holiness

Something within us interprets the call to holiness very rigidly. We almost always associate it with becoming pure and sinless. And our attempts to do so almost always devolve into the impossible life of legalism: We assume we must do a better job of following the rules.

But reflecting God's holiness is not simply a matter of keeping the rules and being a better person. Human motivation and self-discipline are horribly inadequate to get us close to God's holiness. We cannot accomplish the fruit of the Spirit by the works of the flesh.

In order to reflect God's holiness, we first need to have a better understanding of what it is. God's "otherness" requires a challenging response from us: It is a call to be set apart for His specific use. Does that mean purity? Yes, but it means much more. It also means distinctiveness. We can no longer fit into the actions and beliefs of the fallen cultures of this world. There is to be a quality in the believer's life that distinguishes him or her from the society at large. As Peter goes on to say in his first letter, we are to submit when most people would resist; we are to endure when most people would cave in; we are to suffer when most people avoid suffering at all costs. Just as God's holiness makes Him radically distinct from anything we can conceive, our reflection of His holiness should make us radically distinct from the world. Having faith in Christ is the ultimate counter-cultural experience.

Have you ever thought of holiness that way? Holiness has never been a matter of hair style, fashion, or any other sort of legalism. Holiness will certainly involve the externals in our lives, but holiness is not defined by them. Far from being a matter of strict behavior simply for behavior's sake, holiness is more a matter of a radically changed heart. Holiness will always separate a believer from his surroundings—not physically, but in his emotional attachments, his perceptions of reality, and then, as a result, in his behavior. As a work of the Holy Spirit, your holiness begins from within you.

Taken from the July 9, 2021 reading in **INDEED**.

## Quote of the Week

"A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine." – D.L. Moody

## Announcements

**CENTER OF HOPE COMMUNITY DAY** Thank you volunteers and everyone that attended this event. The very first Center of Hope Community Day was so much fun!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – WILDERNESS ESCAPE** This year's VBS is the evenings of July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night. You can register your family online by visiting [www.myabundantlife.org/vbs](http://www.myabundantlife.org/vbs) or sign up in the lobby.

**MONDAY NIGHT GROUP STUDY:** Who is the Holy Spirit, and exactly what does He do? Many people find the Holy Spirit mysterious and confounding. Why is the third person of the Godhead - the one Jesus said would be the believer's ultimate source of truth and comfort - the source of such confusion? Join us on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for this six-week study which clearly explains that the Holy Spirit's chief desire is for relationship - to offer us the encouragement and guidance of a trusted friend. You can sign up in the lobby or on our website by visiting <https://www.myabundantlife.org/signups/>.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for men to connect, laugh, talk, and grow in their faith! Please sign up in the lobby or online at <https://www.myabundantlife.org/signups/>.

**ALC's ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC** Saturday, August 21, 2021 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Hotdogs, hamburgers & beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite dessert, salad, or side dish for others to enjoy! **Please sign up in the lobby so that we know for how many to plan! Many volunteers are needed for recreation activities or to help set-up, serve, or clean-up afterward. Sign up in the lobby or online!**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Women's Retreat, Jumonville Camp, November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Details will be released soon!

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Abundant Life Church in Room 10**. This is a support group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly and is for people who have Parkinson disease (and their family members or friends) to answer some questions that you may have about this illness. All who are interested are encouraged to attend.

**HEARTS FOR SERVICE!** is a ministry dedicated to serving our congregation and our community. Please call the church office if you need handyman assistance or other help at home. This is a ministry which requires nothing in return for its labor. They simply want to help you by using the skills that God has given to them.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available from the information booth during both Sunday worship services. Please speak with the info booth volunteer to request a device if you need one.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CD COPY OF TODAY'S SERMON**, please sign your name on the sheet by the information booth. We currently do not make DVD copies; but you can watch the sermon videos and/or download this week's bulletin and Bible study notes from our website ([www.myabundantlife.org](http://www.myabundantlife.org))

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**GOOD NEWS CLUB** – We had a combined total of 40 children attending Good News Club at two schools! Help is needed for new schools in the fall. The Good News Club meets 3 hours one day a week from November to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up now in order to get all the clearances and paperwork completed. Volunteers can be from outside the ALC congregation so please ask your friends & family members! Come and help reach children with the love and gospel of Jesus!

**NURSERY WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR AGES 0 to 3** - to help the next generation by watching the little ones while their parents worship during either service. Please call 724-425-9700 if you can help one Sunday a month.

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**PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC TEAMS** are looking for additional talented instrumentalists (acoustic guitar, bass guitar, brass, conga drums, etc.) and vocalists. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please call Garrett at 724-425-9700 and let him know.

**THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 11:45 a.m. in the back room at Eat 'n Park. All women are welcome to attend.

**COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> at 10:25 A.M.** Please remain after the 9:00 a.m. service or arrive early for the 10:45 a.m. service so that we may share communion together as the body of Christ.

**GRIEFSHARE** will held on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 8 beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. This Christ-centered, biblically based ministry helps those who are going through the grief which comes from the loss of a loved one. Please tell those of your friends or families who need the comfort and support of this ministry. For more info call Geri at 724-438-0961.

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**NOTHIN' SAYS LOVIN' LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE OVEN!** - The Meal Ministry prepares meals for those in our church family who are experiencing a lengthy illness, are recovering from surgery, or just had a baby. If cooking's not your gift, you can volunteer to purchase prepared/deli/take-out meals instead. Please sign-up in the lobby or call Garrett at 724-425-9700 to get involved.

**SUNDAY MORNING KITCHEN HELPERS ARE NEEDED** to serve coffee, donuts, and juices for the 10:45 a.m. worship service on the **3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday every month**. If you can meet this need; or, if you are available for a different Sunday or service time, please sign the sheet in the lobby!

**FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us on **Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** for the movie **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE!** –“*The inspiring and unknown true story (that was just in theaters in March) behind MercyMe’s beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.*” **Doors open at 7:30 p.m.** Free snacks and soda too!

**NURSERY WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR AGES up to 3** – Loving people are needed to help out the next generation by watching the little ones while their parents worship during either service. Please sign-up in the lobby if you can help during one of the services one Sunday a month.

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**THE FOOD BANK MINISTRY** is held at Abundant Life Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly. **This ministry is in need of food items such as peanut butter, jelly, cereal and many other items that are found on the lists in the lobby. Food donations can be brought to the church at any time that it is open.**

**PRESCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS** are needed during either worship service. We use a rotating schedule between 4 teachers based on their availability. All children’s ministry volunteers must complete the background clearance form (found in the information booth) or submit their clearances if they already have them. Please call the church office for more information at 724-425-9700.

**CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership”** – will be held on **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** This class is required if you wish to become a member of ALC. However, if you attend the class, you are not required to become a member. Please sign up in the lobby or call the office if you plan to attend.

**CHRISTIANITY 201 – “Discovering Spiritual Maturity”** – **Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** You must have taken Christianity 101 before you take this class. Learn how to grow in your prayer and devotional life. Please sign up in the lobby.

**CHRISTIANITY 301 - “Discovering Your Ministry”** will be offered on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** You must have already taken classes 101 and 201. Please sign up in the lobby.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**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!