

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 – 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
- † 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 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.

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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Abundant Life Church

Week of July 18, 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 Goodness

The goal of every true follower of Christ is not only to experience God, but also to reflect the personality of God. We are not only to enjoy God's attributes, but we are also to grow into those attributes. So, when we experience the goodness of God—when we truly believe the goodness of God and trust that God's plans for us will be satisfying—we have a response. The response is that we become good ourselves.

What does that mean in real life? It means, as verses 13 and 14 of the psalm spell out, that we will make it publicly clear that God has been good to us. We will declare God's favor and proclaim God's salvation. We will become visible examples of God's blessing, attributing the blessing not to good fortune or our natural abilities, but to the God from whom all good gifts are received.

Not only are we to tell of God's good favor, but we are to demonstrate God's good favor as well. The believer who knows that he has been blessed by a generous God cannot help but become generous. It is an inviolable principle: Our worship of any characteristic of God will cultivate that same characteristic in our own hearts. It may be slow growth sometimes, but the attributes of God will always grow within hearts that appreciate those attributes. If we honor God for His goodness, we will become good. Our generosity will reflect His, our kindness will reflect His, and our actions will reflect His. Worshipers of a good God will grow to be just like that good God.

This is an exciting principle, isn't it? While many believers thank God for His goodness and then move on to the next favor they need, true followers of Christ know that receiving a blessing is not the end of the cycle. Receiving a blessing from God calls for a dual response: Gratitude toward God and a reflection of God for others to see.

How can you be good like God? Think of what God has done for you. God gave you the truth. So it would be good for you to share the truth with others. God has met your needs. So it would be good for you to meet the needs of others. Any good thing that God has done for us is to be imitated by those who love Him.

Taken from the July 7, 2021 reading in **INDEED.**

Quote of the Week

"God's goodness is the root of all goodness; and our goodness, if we have any, springs out of His goodness." – William Tyndale

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL–WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS begins tomorrow!

Get ready for a family adventure to the Israelite camps where we will learn how we can trust God! We will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm each night (Monday-Friday). Registration is online at <https://www.abundantlife.org/vbs> and at the church.

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 12th 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 31st 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/>.

CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING CREW Volunteers are needed for weekly rotation teams for church housekeeping. There will be an organizational meeting in August to assign teams/days (the date & time will be announced soon). Please sign up in the lobby or online at <https://www.myabundantlife.org/housekeeping/>. Please call Sandy Thorpe, 724-557-1450, if you have any questions or need more information.

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 5th-7th. The cost for the retreat is \$115. Signups with more details will be released soon!

THE FAYETTE COUNTY PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Tuesday, July 27th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Abundant Life Church in Room 10. This is a support group that meets on the 4th 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.

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.