

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 25, 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 Faithfulness

“Be faithful, even to the point of death.” (Revelation 2:10)

Faithfulness comes in many forms. Jesus told His disciples to be faithful by letting “yes” mean “yes” and “no” mean “no”. Paul told his churches to be faithful in their behavior and their giving. Here in Revelation, Jesus tells the church at Smyrna to be faithful in the midst of persecution. In every case, the stakes are high. In Smyrna’s case, they’re extremely high.

Faithfulness is relative in our society. Many people define their faithfulness in a relationship as a temporary burden to bear until the relationship fizzles out. In our culture, “yes” has lots of meanings. So does “no.” Simple agreements necessitate long contracts because we’ve nuanced our language in alarmingly deceptive ways. And, in our age, faithfulness to a cause or to a person is admirable, but certainly never expected. Death is too much to ask of anyone, so we JUST don’t ask. We always define faithfulness to a point.

God doesn’t. His faithfulness is eternal, and He calls us to be like Him. Our faithfulness should reflect the constancy of His. Our integrity should go to the very depths of our being and to the farthest reaches of our relationships. Our character, like God’s, should be inviolable and incorruptible.

It isn’t, of course. We’re fallen sinners, and we’re as fickle as a political poll. Though Jesus tells His disciples to be faithful even in the small things, it’s especially the small things that we can be so casual with. When it comes to God’s constancy and reliability, we just don’t fit very well.

God knows that. Nearly every biblical reference to faithfulness is about Him, not about us. We’re certainly called to be like Him, but we’re never held up in Scripture as the ideal. Only God is.

That’s why faithfulness simply must be a fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22 confirms it; we can only be faithful because of a work that God does in us, not because of ourselves. The measure of our faithfulness will be defined by the measure of our relationship to Him.

Taken from the July 23, 2021 reading in INDEED.

Quote of the Week

“The cross means the verdict which God will pronounce over us on the day of judgement has been brought into the present.” – Anthony Hoeckema

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL–WILDERNESS ESCAPE A special thank you to those who donated and lent items for this year’s Vacation Bible School and donated to the Center of Hope ministry. We had 120 children and volunteers participate this year! Thank you to our volunteers who invested their time and efforts into the children. The body of Christ came together to share the experiences of Moses and the Israelites. We appreciate all of you!

COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st 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.

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 26th at 6:30 p.m. for this six-week study which clearly explains that the Holy Spirit’s chief desire is to enjoy a personal relationship with each of us - 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/>.

TUESDAY VIDEO GROUP Will be starting a new series from Robert Morris called “Living in His Presence” on August 3rd at 6:30 p.m. here at ALC in room 10. In this 8-week study you will discover the power of living in His presence by changing the way you think about your relationship with God and how powerful His presence can be in your life. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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!**

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.**

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.