

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 worship service which 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. 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.

Abundant Life Church

Week of October 3, 2021, A.D.

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

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**).

Insignificant Toys

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"
(Mark 8:36)

A bumper sticker says, "Whoever dies with the most toys wins." While the statement is a humorous look at the shallow pursuits of mankind, it is also the implicit principle beneath many actual lifestyles. Though we acknowledge the superficiality of a life built on possessions, we have the tendency to build our lives on possessions anyway. We embrace the superficial with alarming ease. We forget the truth behind the joke: Whoever dies with the most toys is dead—just like the person who dies with nothing.

Jesus' comment on discipleship pierces the lie. What good is it to have a lot of things—even the whole world—for a fallen life that cannot even see heaven without a rebirth? In other words, it's not what you have, it's who you are. Or, more accurately, it's who you relate to. And if you don't relate to the eternal God then your life is a disappearing vapor. Whoever dies without the life of God within them is simply dead. Painfully empty, unfulfilled, and spiritually dead. Forever.

Why is it so hard for us to grasp the essentials of the kingdom? In spite of Jesus' stark warnings, we spend an awful lot of time worrying about what we have, insuring it well, and striving to earn more so we can buy more. The minimum standard of living keeps rising, and we (who live in America) find ourselves unwilling to do without the things most of the world considers luxuries. Meanwhile, the true life that we've been entrusted with is neglected. We stock up on materials while depleting ourselves of character. We invest in the wrong things.

Is that too harsh? Perhaps so, but Jesus was not afraid to say harsh things to His disciples. His judgment on materialism has been watered down over the years. Perhaps Jesus wouldn't condemn how much we have; He would only condemn how much we've valued it. To Jesus, the soul matters. So does the kingdom. So do the hearts of His disciples. Give Jesus a heart purified of possessions. Whoever dies with nothing but a love for God is really the one who wins.

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Quote of the Week

"Nobody can fight properly and boldly for the faith if he clings to fear of being stripped of earthly possessions."

— Peter Damian

ALC MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES are meeting each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. The men meet in the sanctuary and the women meet in the Youth room. Please feel free to join us!

COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 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.

GENE CUNNINGHAM'S 2021 WESTERN PA CONFERENCE "Hind Feet on High Places" Will be held at **ALC, Friday, October 8th – Sunday, October 10th.**

- ❖ Friday, Oct. 8th from 7-9:15 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, Oct. 9th continental breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., sessions are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with a provided lunch from noon – 1 p.m.
- ❖ Gene will be teaching during both Sunday, October 10th worship services.
- ❖ Nan Cunningham will be speaking to the children during both services in Room 10. The children absolutely love Nan and her real-life stories about her ministry with children in India.
- ❖ Volunteers are asked to bring salads & cookies/snacks. Please sign up in the lobby if you can volunteer to bring food.
- ❖ Copies of the conference schedule can be found on tables throughout the lobby.
- ❖ There will be no childcare services available during the Friday & Saturday sessions.

You can register online at [myabundantlife.org/gene](https://www.myabundantlife.org/gene) or sign up in the lobby.

FAITH & BLUE BARBEQUE- Please join us as we partner with local churches and our local law enforcement officers to strengthen our bond of unity and purpose within our community. **This social gathering and barbeque will take place at Bailey Park on October 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

ALC's ANNUAL HAYRIDE & BONFIRE will be held on **Wednesday, October 13th from 5 to 8 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a night of Fun and Fellowship! We'll have hot dogs, S'mores, and chili along with apple cider and hot chocolate! For young children there will be pony rides and pumpkin painting. For young and old alike, we will have bean bag toss and the hayride on our beautiful 20 acres of property! We encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert if you so desire. Please register online at <https://www.myabundantlife.org/hayride/> or sign-up in the lobby.

CHRISTIANITY 101 – "Discovering Church Membership" – will be held on Thursday, October 28th at 6:00 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 online or in the lobby if you plan to attend

ELECTION POLL WORKERS NEEDED – The Fayette County Election Bureau is in need of people to work the polls on November 2nd. There are various positions that need to be filled. Two-hour trainings are available the week of October 4th. Please call Cheryl at the Election Bureau, 724-430-1289, ext. 103 to learn more information.