

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.**

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT!

Join us every Wednesday for your mid-week spiritual refill! The worship 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 the music portion of the service. Senior High students 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.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Tues & Weds Youth Groups: When any two 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!

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**).

Living to Please

"We instructed you how to live in order to please God."

— 1 Thessalonians 4:1

We know we aren't saved by our ability to please God. We understand that God is satisfied by our faith, not our works. But Paul, the great apostle of grace through faith, spoke a lot about obedience. In 1 Thessalonians, he actually spoke of ways to please God through behavior.

We want to please God, of course, and we know our obedience falls short. Coming to God on the basis of works makes for a frustrating relationship; it's never perfect. Even so, God is intensely concerned with what we do, and how we live has everything to do with what we offer to Him. It's not about earning His favor but about giving Him our best. Our worship is shaped not only by what we feel or what we say, but also in how we behave. Our works can honor God.

That's important to know in a culture that doesn't give much attention to obedience. Rules, in our day, are considered relative, always subject to interpretation. Even in the church, we emphasize faith more than obedience, and we're right to do so. But nowhere does the Bible tell us that our obedience becomes irrelevant. James is empathetic that faith without works is dead—even faith at all. That makes a lot of sense. If we say we believe Jesus is Lord and then fail to act as if He is, we have made a significant statement. We have demonstrated that our words don't mean very much.

Is obedience a part of your worship? Do your beliefs have implications for your behavior? More pointedly, when your desires and your Lord contradict each other, which do you obey? The behavior that comes from your lifestyle is the final word on what you really believe. No matter how strongly you feel a love for God, and no matter how deeply held you think your faith is, if it doesn't result in action, it's an illusion. Jesus said the same thing: "If you love me, you will keep my commands" (John 14:15). In other words, if you love Him, you will also love His words, and His words will guide your life. And that is immensely pleasing to God.

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Quote of the Week

"The best measure of a spiritual life is not its ecstasies but its obedience." — Oswald Chambers

Announcements for the Week of December 5, 2021

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT TODAY VERNON BREWER THE FOUNDER OF WORLD HELP which ministers to "the least of these" in 64 countries. You may sponsor a child or donate to their general fund. Learn more at the website of World Help, Forest, VA.

BAPTISM will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 10:25 a.m. If you would like to be baptized, please sign up in the lobby or online.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN- "THE MESSENGERS" MOVIE ALC will be hosting this special movie event on Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are required to attend this event and can be purchased online by visiting <https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/thechosen/521844>.

COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY, December 19th 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – will be held on **Friday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m.** There will be **NO** childcare during the service; however, parents with small children may watch the service on the TV in the lobby.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE WITH CHILDREN GIFT TAGS is on the table in the lobby beside the Information booth. Please take a tag listing the clothing sizes and gift wishes of the children. The items on the gift tags are a "wish list". You are not expected to purchase everything on the list, and you are not expected to spend more than \$15-\$25. **PLEASE DELIVER the UNWRAPPED gifts with the ANGEL TREE TAG to our INFORMATION BOOTH at ALC OR TO THE customer service area of UNIONTOWN WAL-MART no later than SUNDAY, December 12th.**

GRIEFSHARE has been moved to **Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** This Christ-centered, biblically based ministry helps those who are going through the grief which comes from the loss of a loved one. For more information call the church office at 724-425-9700.

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY **It's not too late to join our new study of The Lord's Prayer at 6:30 p.m.** This three-week study takes an in depth look into the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5-15 accompanied by supporting scripture. The cost of the study guide is \$10. Please sign up in the lobby or online.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held this **Saturday, December 18th** at 8:00 a.m. This is a terrific opportunity for men to connect, laugh, talk, and grow in their faith! Please sign up in the lobby or call the office if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Please sign up in the lobby if you want to purchase one of the Red Poinsettias which decorate the sanctuary. You may take them home or to a friend after the Christmas Eve Service. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. Please make checks payable to Abundant Life Church with "flowers" or "poinsettia" on the memo line and then place them in the offering box before 12/24/21.

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