

## 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

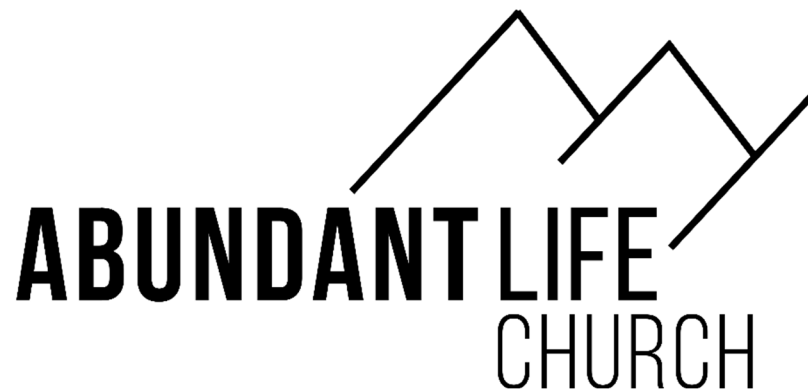
Grades 6-12 meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## 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
- † 8:50 & 10:35 a.m. **Rooms 12/13**  
**Drop off Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade for Kid's Church**
- † 9:00 a.m. Worship service in the Sanctuary
- † 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. ROOM 6 - NURSERY (ages 0 - 2)  
ROOM 5 – 2 – 4-year-old  
ROOM 7 – Pre-K  
ROOMS 12 & 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
ROOM 10 – JR HIGH (grades 6-8) begins after the hymns
- † 9:30 a.m. ROOMS 8 & 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

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** 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**).

## It Takes Commitment and Spiritual Growth to Be a Disciple of Christ

God wants you to grow up.

Your heavenly Father's goal is for you to mature and develop the characteristics of Jesus Christ. Sadly, millions of Christians *grow older* but never *grow up*. They are stuck in perpetual spiritual infancy, remaining in diapers and booties. The reason is that they never *intended* to grow.

Spiritual growth is not automatic. It takes an intentional commitment. You must *want* to grow, *decide* to grow, *make an effort* to grow, and *persist* in growing. Discipleship—the process of becoming like Christ—always begins with a decision. Jesus calls us, and we respond: “Come, be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.” (Matthew 9:9 NLT)

When the first disciples chose to follow Jesus, they didn't understand all the implications of their decision. They simply responded to Jesus' invitation. That's all you need to get started: *Decide* to become a disciple.

Nothing shapes your life more than the commitments you choose to make. Your commitments can develop you or they can destroy you, but either way, they will define you. Tell me what you are committed to, and I'll tell you what you will be in twenty years. We become whatever we are committed to.

It is at this point of commitment that most people miss God's purpose for their lives. Many are afraid to commit to anything and just drift through life. Others make half-hearted commitments to competing values, which leads to frustration and mediocrity. Others make a full commitment to worldly goals, such as becoming wealthy or famous, and end up disappointed and bitter. Every choice has eternal consequences, so you had better choose wisely.

The above paragraphs are taken from the opening pages of Day 23 of The Purpose Driven Life book by Rick Warren.

## Quote of the Week

*“Truth transforms us. Spiritual growth is the process of replacing lies with truth.”* — Rick Warren

## Announcements for the Week of February 27, 2022

**LOVE GOD – LOVE PEOPLE – SERVE BOTH** We have several opportunities for you to live out your purpose by serving your church family. Volunteer positions are available for Life Kids (Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Greeter/Meeter Ministry, and on the Grass Cutting Team. Please sign up in the lobby, or on our website or church center app under “Serve”.

**LENTEN LUNCHES** This year, Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2, to Thursday, April 14, 2022. During this season of Lent, Asbury United Methodist will be providing lunch every Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. Each lunch costs \$9 and you pay at the door. Pastor Don Henderson from Asbury will be the speaker at the March 2 lunch. You can learn more on Facebook by visiting this link <https://fb.me/e/2driUkgpp>.

**SABINA THE MOVIE** Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Uniontown State Theater. Admission is free. Doors open at 6pm. Great character is sometimes forged amid great turmoil. *Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years* is the story of how God's love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20th century. The film opens with Sabina Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why? Why would a Jewish Christian risk her life to help her enemies – members of the army that killed her entire family? Experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world.

**CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership” will be held on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</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 online or in the lobby if you plan to attend.

**BAPTISM will be held on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:25 a.m.** If you would like to be baptized, please sign up in the lobby or online.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH will be held Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to help with planning, decorating, setting up or cleaning up after the brunch, please sign up in the lobby or online. More details about the brunch will be available soon.

**CHRISTIANITY 201 – “Discovering Spiritual Maturity” Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m.** You must have taken Christianity 101 before you take this class. Learn how to grow in your prayer and devotional life. Please sign up online or in the lobby if you plan to attend.

**CHRISTIANITY 301 – “Discovering Your Ministry” will be offered on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** You must have already taken classes 101 and 201. Please sign up online or in the lobby if you plan to attend.

**WE HAVE AN APP!** Download the Church Center app from your app store (Android or iPhone) and follow the prompts for completing the installation.