

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 Bible studies 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 5th 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 - 3)
ROOM 7 – Pre-K to K
ROOMS 12 & 13 – 1st thru 5th 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**).

Redemption's Hope

"If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." Romans 8:25

Hope seems so abstract. The English language is partly at fault for that. We use "hope" casually, from dreams about our future to long-shots on our Christmas lists. We hope for rain or sunshine, for a raise, for good health, for good luck, or for anything on which our heart can set its fickle desires. But biblical hope is not so abstract. Biblical hope expresses future certainty. In the Bible, hope is placed in things that are guaranteed, but which have simply not yet happened. It's the reality that is to come.

Since that's the case, we don't persevere because we "hope" God might work things out for our good one day in the future (if we're lucky). We persevere because He has made a promise and because His promises cannot be broken. If God has sacrificed His Son on a cross and has given to us His Spirit as a pledge of future glory, then the future glory is a concrete reality. The only difference between God's past miracles and His future promises is timing, not truth. One is just as real as the other. The word of a gentlemen is his honor. The Word of our God is the word of the ultimate gentleman.

Have you thought of hope as working its way out in your life that way? It must. It can't be just an internal wish list, a dream that we entertain when we're feeling optimistic—not if it's biblical. The truth is that God has left us in this painful world for a time, but He has also given to us future certainties to anticipate with excitement. The future certainties are everlasting, while the pain is temporary. That fact should shape our reaction to every trial that we face.

The Bible urges us to persevere because God knows we will face trials and hardships in many areas of our lives. But God would not let us base our perseverance on an abstract optimism. God tells us to base our perseverance on the reality of His kingdom. In light of that kingdom, perseverance becomes a lot easier to sustain than we ever thought.

This is an excerpt from the article found in [Indeed](#) on February 4, 2022.

Quote of the Week

"Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of a life which is committed to Christ." —Simone Weil

Announcements for the Week of April 24, 2022

CHURCH WEBSITE UPGRADE We are updating the look and functionality of our church website over the next few weeks. If you visit the it and it looks different, that is why. Please be patient as we make the changes and work out any issues.

ABUNDANT YOUTH RETREAT Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st at Teen Quest. The cost for room, meals, and activities is \$130 per student. Signup deadline and money due by April 20th. Signup online or by completing a registration form and giving it to Stephen Mingrino. If you need a full or partial waiver of the attendance fee, or if you have any questions, please see Stephen Mingrino.

THE FAYETTE COUNTY PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP will meet on **Tuesday, April 26th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Abundant Life Church in Room 9.** This support group 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held **Saturday, April 30th** 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 online if you plan to attend.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Maria and Tyler Empyrean have started a young adults (18-30 year old) group at Abundant Life Church. The group will meet every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. They are going to be doing a verse-by-verse study of Romans. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m.

MAY 5th IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER You are invited to join with our fellow Christians in prayer at 4:30 p.m. at the Courthouse followed by a walk to 5 Corners for another time of prayer at 5:00 p.m.

PRAY HERE ON THURSDAY MAY 5 Our sanctuary will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please come – and bring a friend if you can – and pray for as little time or as long of a time as the Holy Spirit leads you to do so. Also, we encourage you to participate in the use of our prayer clock that is in the lobby.

HEARTS FOR SERVICE! is a ministry dedicated to serving our congregation and our community. This is a ministry which requires nothing in return for its labor. They simply want to help you by using the skills that God has given to them. Please call the church office if you need handyman assistance or other help at home.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CD COPY OF EITHER OF TODAY'S SERMONS, please sign your name on the sheet by the information booth. We currently do not make DVD copies; but you can watch the recorded sermon videos (for the 9:00 a.m. service) and/or download this week's bulletin and Bible study notes from our website www.myabundantlife.org.