

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's 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.
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Too Busy for God? Reordering Our Priorities

“The first and great commandment is ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”—Mark 12:30-31

As we evaluate our schedules in light of our God-given priorities, we must then determine to eliminate (or limit) any activities that hinder us from fulfilling those priorities.

Some of these decisions are more clear-cut than others. For example, one of the difficult, but obvious decisions I have had to make in recent years is to turn off the television. I live alone and found myself at one point turning the television on when I got home at night, just for the noise and companionship. Precious hours were being expended on mindless activity—hours that might have been used to nurture my spirit or to minister to the needs of others. Then I wondered why I couldn’t find enough time to spend alone with the Lord.

In my heart, I knew my spiritual life would be better off if I didn’t have the TV on. Finally, I waved the “white flag of surrender” said, “Yes, Lord,” and made a commitment to not watch television anytime that I am alone.

That decision has proved to be one of the best I have ever made. Not only do I have more time to devote to my relationship with the Lord, but I also have a greater appetite for spiritual things because I am not feasting on things of this world.

I have had to say no to other types of activities, as well—some of them wholesome, but none of them as important as sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His Word.

As tough as it may be to admit, if you and I are too busy to cultivate our relationship with God, then something is wrong—something has to change. The change required may be a relatively minor adjustment in our schedule, or it may be a drastic reordering of priorities.

I have come to believe that a rushed or hurried attitude is one of the deadliest enemies of an effective devotional life. Some time ago, I was exercising on the treadmill while listening to a tape on which my friend, Dr. Henry Blackaby (the author of *Experiencing God*), was being interviewed about his devotional life. Dr. Blackaby said something in that interview that has profoundly impacted my own time with the Lord.

He told of a time in the past when he had found himself getting up each morning to meet with the Lord, but having to rush that time in order to attend the various responsibilities of the day. He shared how God had convicted him that it was a grievous offense to “hurry the God of the universe”, and how he determined to move his quiet time up a half hour earlier so he would not be rushed. He did so but found that he still ended up being hurried, so he moved the time up another half hour earlier. Dr. Blackaby said, “I kept moving the time up in the morning until I knew I could meet with God as long as He wanted to meet with me, without being hurried.”

As I heard those words from a busy man who evidences a deep, steady, fruitful walk with God, I purposed in my heart to do whatever was necessary to secure unhurried time to let God speak to me on a daily basis. I have had to make adjustments in my schedule; I have had to make some “sacrifices”. But the fruit of spending unhurried time with Him has been precious and sweet.

This is a copy of the Indeed weekend reading for June 4-5, 2022.

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**).

Announcements for the Week of June 12, 2022

DWELL NIGHT – NIGHT OF WORSHIP Please be with us on Wednesday, June 15th, from 6-8 p.m. for a night of worship and praise, with brief Bible teachings. You will be refreshed, replenished, and renewed!

CHRISTIANITY 101 – “Discovering Church Membership” – will be held on Thursday, June 16 from 6:15-8:00 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.

ALC WOMEN’S MINISTRY “GARDEN” LUNCHEON Saturday, June 18th from 12-2 p.m. Join us for a delicious meal, a devotion, and a time of fellowship with your Christian sisters. Please sign up in the lobby or online through our website or Church Center app.

MOTORCYCLE CHURCH RUN ALC is hosting a motorcycle ride on **Saturday, June 25th (weather permitting)**. All bikers (men and/or women) will meet in the ALC parking lot at 9 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and route information. Departure is at 9:30 a.m. The route will consist of a stop at Spring Valley Bruderhof Community in Farmington, then a stop at New Life Free Methodist Church on Route 51, and will end back at ALC around 1 p.m. for a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs. To participate, please sign up in the lobby or online through the Church Center app.

BAPTISM will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 10:20 a.m. If you would like to be baptized, please sign up in the lobby or online.

CHRISTIANITY 201 – “Discovering Spiritual Maturity” – Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. You must have taken Christianity 101 before you take this class. You will learn how to grow in your prayer and devotional life. Please sign up online or in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Quotes of the Week

“If you and I are too busy to cultivate our relationship with God, then something is wrong—something has to change.” —Nancy Leigh DeMoss

“My goal is God Himself, not joy or peace, not even God’s blessing, but Himself, my God.” —F. Brook