

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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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**).

The Aroma of Faith

“You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.” —James 2:24

Imagine a freshly baked apple pie coming out of the oven. Imagine the aroma filling the room and stimulating your senses. Imagine inhaling deeply and letting that wonderful smell create in you an acute anticipation of the enjoyment to come. Now, after all that, can you comprehend such a delicacy coming out of the oven, with no aroma at all?

Of course you can't. It doesn't happen. You can have the aroma without the pie—after all, there are some pretty close counterfeit smells in candles, air fresheners, and all sorts of products that simulate the real thing—but you can't have the pie without the aroma. The substance can't exist without some accompanying signs.

So it is with faith and works. Paul is clear in Romans and Galatians that we are justified by faith. But he never indicates that you can have faith without accompanying signs. If it's the real pie, so to speak, there will be some evidence. There will be an aroma of works that results from genuine belief.

A lot of Christians throughout history have thought that Paul and James contradict one another on this point, but those of us who are convinced that the whole Bible is inspired by God's Spirit know that there are no true contradictions within it. But there are different emphases, and while Paul emphasizes the faith that saves, James emphasizes the fallacy of faith that does nothing. It's ludicrous, he says in effect, to think that someone can believe God for who He really is and not act accordingly. James focuses on good works as evidence of the real thing.

Don't fall into the trap of a workless faith. We do well to avoid the trap of the Pharisees—good works without the faith in the Savior—but we make a tragic mistake when we think God isn't interested in good works. According to Ephesians 2:10, we were created for just such a purpose. God's design for us isn't strictly internal. Let your faith prompt you to outward action—today and every day.

This is a copy of the Indeed daily reading for June 1, 2022.

Quote of the Week

“Faith is the root of works. A root that produces nothing is dead.”
—Thomas Wilson

We extend our sympathy to Chuck Watson whose wife Ann went to be with Jesus on June 2, 2022. Chuck and his family will receive visitors on Monday June 6 from 1-7 p.m. at Vito C. Martucci Funeral Home, 123 S. 1st St. West Side, Connellsville, PA.

Announcements for the Week of June 5, 2022

COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED this morning at 10:25 A.M. Please remain after the 9:00 a.m. service so that we may share communion together as the body of Christ.

SCHOOL'S OUT! BASH – JUNE 8 FROM 5-8 PM Join us as we celebrate the beginning of summer with food, games, and fun things for the kids to do. We will also have a movie starting at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Children's activities will begin at 6 p.m. so that parents can enjoy the movie.

OUR NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY kicks off tomorrow June 6th. Both the Monday night group and the Tuesday morning group will begin the study, Encountering God – Cultivating Habits of Faith Through the Spiritual Disciplines. You may make a \$15 donation to cover the cost of the workbook if you wish to do so; but, a donation is strictly optional. It's not too late to join us!

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.