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.
Men's & Women's Bible Studies meet Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Worship service Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday at Abundant Life Church

✝ 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.

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"I felt like you were preaching about me this morning ... especially your story about the 'ruggedly handsome chick magnet.'"

ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH

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**).

Blessed by God

"To this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."— 1 Peter 3:9

God called us to live a counter-cultural, hope-filled life for a reason: to be blessed. Peter's instructions to his persecuted readers encompass a whole array of behaviors and attitudes—brotherly love, sympathy, returning good for evil, hopefulness, suffering for doing good, and more. The picture he gives is of a spiritual oddity in the midst of oppressive circumstances. He describes a people who will not cave in to the culture of selfishness and victimization. He urges his readers to stand out as nonconforming beacons of hope and goodness. And he reminds them that God blesses such non-conformists.

That has been true throughout Scripture. Noah lived in the midst of a twisted generation. Noah chose to live differently from the culture of his time. And, God blessed Noah for doing so. The same can be said of Abraham, Elijah, Esther, Daniel, and a host of other biblical characters. That's God's methodology; and, it still applies to us today. Those who conform to God's character rather than to the character of the world around them will be at odds with the world but at home in the heart of God. And there's no place of greater blessing than being in the will of God.

Most Christians are hungry for a life that is blessed. We pray for God's blessings and try to feed ourselves with blessing after blessing, often not realizing that the key to being blessed is to have an attitude that fits God's character. God has designed His people to be like Him so that we become visible witnesses of His glory. And though there are few blessings offered by the world for that, the blessings of God outweigh the world's offerings enormously.

Do you want to be blessed? Then live with a counter-cultural attitude. Conform your expectations, your lifestyle, and your very heart to the person of God. Refuse to fit the world's standards for behavior. Have a higher standard. As you do, you will fit right in with the mission of God. And you will be blessed.

The above article is from the Indeed daily reading for July 27, 2022.

Quote of the Week

"Blessed is the person who does good to other's without having any desire for others to do good to him." —Brother Giles of Assisi

Announcements for the Week of July 31, 2022

NEW WOMEN'S TWO-WEEK BIBLE STUDY kicks off tomorrow, Monday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. and again on Tuesday, August 2 at 11:00 a.m. He Leads Me is a two-week, in-depth study of Psalm 23. It's not too late to join us!

COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH 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.

"MAKE WAVES" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

- VBS will be held in the evenings of **August 14 – August 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** for children aged 3 (must be potty trained) up to 5th Grade. Stop by the display in the lobby to register your children. Children can also be registered online.
- ***It's not too late to volunteer to help with VBS!*** Please sign up in the lobby if you can help. **Adult volunteers that will be working the week of VBS will need to have current, clear volunteer background checks on file with the church office.** If you need help applying for your clearances, please call the church office, 724-425-9700.

CHURCH PICNIC & BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH – SAT, AUG 20 FROM 12-7 PM

- If you plan to attend, please sign up in the lobby so that we can plan for food.
- There will be lots of water fun, so be sure to bring a bathing suit (girls bring one piece suit), change of clothes, and towels.

FAYETTE PRAISE FEST FEATURING MAC POWELL IN CONCERT

- 2022 Fayette Praise Fest will be held at the Fayette County Fairgrounds Saturday, August 13 from 12-9 p.m. & Sunday, August 14 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday Night Headliner is Mac Powell, solo, former front man & lead singer of "Third Day". $20 ticket is required. We have tickets available in the church office for purchase.

GRIEF SHARE "LOSS OF A SPOUSE" ONE DAY SEMINAR AT FAITH ASSEMBLY on Saturday, August 20 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call Cathy Kilgore at 724-216-8742 or Debbie Barbage at 724-366-7916.

Free Admission at the Fair Today with a Church Bulletin!

You can get into the Fayette County Fair free today, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. by presenting today's church bulletin. This does NOT include Carnival rides and the Outdoor Arena. You can upgrade for $12 at the front office after you enter the fairground gate if you want access to the rides or Outdoor Arena. Each person needs a bulletin for free admission; therefore, we have printed extra bulletins today. Take as many bulletins as you need and please feel free to share them with your family and friends!