

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.

A New Song

Hearing the invitation to "sing a new song," I've written one. These lyrics go with the tune for "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

In Christ Jesus God befriends us, comes to meet us in our need;
by his wounded flesh Christ heals us, from the powers sets us free.
With a shepherd's eyes he finds us; in his arms we are embraced.
Through his teaching we learn wisdom, at the cross we meet God's grace.
God brings help for those who struggle, and relief from poverty
when we act with love toward strangers, risk ourselves to set them free;
lay the walls of hate to rubble till the cries of war are ceased;
when the rich in generous measure share with those who have the least.
Creeds cannot dispel the hunger that brings children to their knees,
nor can weekly rites of worship ease the pain of dread disease.
Only love, made real in service, reaches others in their need;
Holy Spirit, move our faith from holy words to holy deeds.
All my neighbors, near and distant, must enjoy God's friendship too.
They are waiting to be welcomed to the feast where life's made new.
Let us join our hands together, raise our voices, shout our prayers;
live the life that Christ commands us till there's justice everywhere.

The above article is from the Today daily reading for July 31, 2022.



ABUNDANT LIFE
C H U R C H

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).

Just Like Jesus

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." —1 Corinthians 9:22

God never changes. His character has no impurities in it, no variation from one day to the next. Perfect and complete in the beginning, He does not grow. There is never anything to add to who He is. As He is now, He will always be.

How amazing it is, then, that the God who does not change once clothed Himself in human flesh and walked among us. His character remained unchanging, but His appearance did not. He became what we are in order to redeem what we were and to change us into what we can be. The unchanging God came to change us forever.

The result is a kind of people that is remarkably like-minded with God—that's the goal, at least. It takes us time to get there, perhaps, but we should be growing toward the unchanging character of God. And as we do, we become like Him in this respect: we are willing to clothe ourselves in the form of people who need God in order to reach the unsaved people who also need God. We come alongside the needy—the spiritually, materially, emotionally needy—rubbing shoulders with them and sharing their need, all in order to bring them to God. It's what Jesus did for us, and that's what Paul did for others. That's the heart of God.

Our ability to identify with those who need God will, in large part, accurately measure how close we are to the heart of God. The incarnation expressed His will perfectly. As we grow to be like Jesus, we will embrace the spirit of the incarnation. We will incarnate the Spirit of God in places where the Spirit is most needed.

Yes, that's an uncomfortable life. It is uncomfortable for Jesus, and it will be uncomfortable for us. But God never called us to comfort, did He? There's nothing in the commissioning words of Jesus that promise us ease. We are promised fruitfulness, however, and that's a much greater treasure. There is no greater blessing than being like Jesus.

The above article is from the [Indeed](#) daily reading for August 2, 2022.

Quote of the Week

"Christ became what we are so that He can make us what Christ is."
—Athanasius of Alexandria

Announcements for the Week of August 7, 2022

COMMUNION IS THIS 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.

VBS MEETING - The second VBS meeting will be on Wed, Aug 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 12. If you are unable to attend, please contact Maria or Hannah.

FAYETTE PRAISE FEST FEATURING MAC POWELL IN CONCERT - Saturday Night at 7:00 PM Headliner is Mac Powell, solo, former front man & lead singer of "Third Day". Gates open at 6:00 p.m. \$20 ticket is required. **We have tickets available in the church office for purchase.**

"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

- ❖ Food and drinks provided from noon-5:00 p.m.
- ❖ If you plan to attend and/or would like to provide a dessert, please sign up in the lobby.
- ❖ 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.

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.

NEW MON NIGHT MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING AUG 29TH

Amen is a 6 Week Study of The Story of Scripture from Eden to Eternity. Do you struggle to connect the dots between the Old and New Testament? Are you wanting to learn how each book of the Bible points to Jesus? Scripture tells one, big, cohesive story and this study will help you discover it. This study is perfect for couples or singles. **Childcare is available.** To learn more and to sign up online, please go to Signups in the church app, or our website, www.myabundantlife.org, or you can sign up at the Information Room.