

Abundant Life Church • 1239 Brownfield Rd • Uniontown, PA • 724-425-9700

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 (Only 9:00 a.m.)
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 our weekly worship services 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.

Monday Nights

Please participate in our weekly men's and women's gatherings 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.

Prayer Chain: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Cindy Dawson Home: 724-564-5893 **Cell:** 724-208-5437
Email: prayerchain@myabundantlife.org



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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).

Not Intimidated

"I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." At this they covered their ears and ...dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. –Acts 7:56-58

Stephen knew it wasn't going to go over well. You don't just walk into a lions' den and impugn the character of lions. A mob mentality is never calmed by condemning it. It only rages stronger. Stephen understood what happens when you accuse the self-righteous of unrighteousness.

From a practical standpoint, Stephen's decision to go out in a blaze of glory seems pointless. He had no chance of appeasing his rabid opponents, and his lonely, dissenting voice would never speak again. His sacrifice wasn't going to change anything, and it ensured that he would never have another chance to change anything. The whole event appears futile to us. It seems like such a waste.

But Stephen's witness stands for us today, some two thousand years later. After he preached a searing message that day in Jerusalem, he preached a visual message with his death. And Stephen's visual message still moves us even today. We are reminded that truth is more important than life, that the Spirit is poured out through uncompromising faith, and that our love for God must always be stronger than our fear of human beings.

The Jewish leaders were convinced that Stephen was a blind fool. But Stephen literally saw heaven opened. Before Stephen began to speak, he had already made a decision about what would fill his gaze: the approval of God, not the approval of men. Stephen knew where to fix his sight.

What fills your sight in this world—a vision of God or the opinions of human beings? Which has a greater influence on you, especially in moments of crisis? It is normal for Christians to experience opposition to their faith. It is sad when that opposition alters their stand (causes Christians to be silent and be cowards). It comes down to a choice between the power of intimidation and the power of a bold witness. Whichever looms larger to us will dictate our choices. Stephen traded his life for truth and a strong witness, and it was worth it. It always is.

The above article is from the Indeed daily reading for September 22, 2022.

Quote of the Week

"The followers of Christ cannot expect to receive better treatment in this world than Jesus their Master received." –Matthew Henry

Announcements for the Week of September 25, 2022

FAITH & BLUE, October 1st from 1-4 p.m. Is a time of food and fellowship sponsored by the local churches to honor our county's law enforcement officers.

- A Kick-Ball Tournament will feature kids ages 6-12 representing 4 teams: Uniontown Police, County Sherriff, PA State Police & the Love Fayette churches.
- Volunteers are needed to help during the event. Please sign up in the lobby if you can help. Volunteer assignments will be provided upon arrival to the event.

COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, OCOTOBER 2 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.

GENE CUNNINGHAM'S 2022 WESTERN PA CONFERENCE will be held on **October 7th - 9th, 2022** at Abundant Life Church.

- Gene Cunningham (a Bible teacher, Bible scholar, author, missionary, and pastor) will present "When God Judges a Nation" drawn from Habakkuk 1:3. Visit www.myabundantlife.org/btbm/ for more information and to register online. You may also sign up in the lobby.
- **SALADS, SNACKS & COOKIES** are needed for the weekend Gene Cunningham Conference (see above). Please sign up in the lobby if you can bring snacks or cookies/brownies for the Friday night sessions and/or a salad, potato dish, or dessert for Saturday's lunch.

ANNUAL HAYRIDE -SAVE THE DATE! Our annual hayride will be held on **Wednesday, October 19th from 6-9 pm**. There will be fun for the whole family! The activities planned are: Chili & Soup cook-off, games & crafts, fall themed photo booth, and hayrides. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

- If you can volunteer with setting up, cleaning up, games, crafts, hayride, or can bring a dessert, please sign up in the lobby or online
- If you want to enter the Chili & Soup Cook-off, please sign up in the lobby or online.

Online signups can be found at myabundantlife.org/signups/ or under Signups in the Church Center app.

NEW SMALL GROUP- Marriage on the Rock This eight-week Monday evening small group study begins on **October 17th from 6:30pm to 8pm**. Marriage doesn't have to be full of frustration and disappointment. You can have a passionate relationship that will stand the test of time. From communication to money to sex, Marriage on the Rock is the best-selling resource that clearly deals with all the major issues a couple will encounter. Leading marriage authority Jimmy Evans discusses practical real-life challenges and offers easy to understand solutions even if you are the only one willing to work on your marriage relationship. Even if you are not having marital problems, this is a Bible study which will strengthen your relationship with your spouse. **Sign up online or in the lobby.**

PRAYER BOXES have been placed in the back of the sanctuary and in the lobby. Please use the forms provided at each box to submit your prayer requests and/or praises. We love you and want to pray for you!