

Weekly Activities

Sunday
Morning Worship Services
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
Community Groups (Sunday School)
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service • 6:00 p.m.
Quarterly Business Meeting following service.

Monday
TEAM Dinner • 6:00 p.m.
TEAM Outreach • 6:30 p.m.
Legacy Class • Home Builders • Ladies Class
Trailblazers

Tuesday
GAP Prayer Ministry • 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's Bible Study • 6:15 a.m.
Food Pantry • 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Divorce Care & DC4K 6:30 p.m.
Living Free/Add. Recovery • 6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study—Esther • 7:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth • 6:15 p.m.
High School Youth • 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

TODAY
Connection Group Leaders Meeting • 5:00 p.m.
Football Camp Leaders Meeting • 12:30 p.m.
Business Meeting • Following Evening Service
Tuesday, July 21st
A JOY • 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Friday, July 24th
Singles Road Trip • 3:00 p.m.

Workers Schedule

Shuttle Drivers Today
Brad Evers • John Pygman • Bruce Eagleburger
Shuttle Drivers Next Week
Bill Wordelman • John Kates • Kirk Giffin
Parking Team Today
Van Hopper • Wayne Worthy • Mike Worley
Mark Jackson • Larry Arnold
David Niebaum
Parking Team Next Week
Sam Smith • Wayne Albertson • Mike Pruetting
Ron Wiseley • Bill Newell • Gavin Parks
Jared Acton
Jefferson Today
Jerry Slagle
Jefferson Next Week
Jay Boyd
Set-up Today
Robert Richey
Set-up Next Week
Jim Noel
Today
J. Perry • J. O'Daniel
Next Week
T. Brown • K. Sheets

Requirements Completed For Church Membership

July 12, 2009
Ron & Cheryl Gibbs
John & Sarah Yallaly
Beany & Merrie Johnston and family

Membership Class

The next Membership Class will be August 30th, 2009 immediately following the 3rd service and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. This class is for people who are interested in joining ALBC or would like more information about our church. Please RSVP by calling the church office. Childcare & lunch are provided. **This is a pre-requisite for membership.**

Sermon Ordering

You may order a CD copy of any message at the information desk after each service or check out the Abundant Life website for the latest sermons and notes. To order a sermon during the week email sermons@abundantlifebaptist.com or contact the church office. Cost is \$3 per CD. **(Payment is required at time of ordering)**

Offering & Attendance

July 12, 2009
Total Giving • \$68,723.56
Attendance • 1654
BTV Goal • \$1,700,000.00
BTV Gifts to Date • \$881,258.23

Bible Studies

ATTENTION ALL CAREER SINGLES(22-36 year old)! There is a Volleyball Bible Study on Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please call the church office or see Pastor Chris Thomson for more information.

Come join the **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** on Wednesdays at 6:15 a.m. in Room 4. You can join anytime, all you need is your Bible. This Bible study is led by Pastor Rick Friesen.

LADIES, it is not too late to join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible study! "Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman", by Beth Moore meets each week for fellowship at 6:30 p.m., worship at 7:00 p.m. and Bible teaching at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Children must be registered for childcare.

Serve

There is an immediate need for **CHILDREN'S CHURCH COACHES** at 10:40 a.m. for 3rd and 4th grade boy's groups. Coaches can be paired up with another coach, so you would only be serving every other Sunday. Contact Anne Kenagy at the church office with any questions.

AWANA LEADERS UNITE! If you would like to be a part of our ARC AWANA program, beginning September 9th, from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. and exercise your faith by sharing Christ with children, signup in the Welcome Center! Email Tifanni at thughes@abundantlifebaptist.com or call the church office at 554-8181 for more information.

We are updating the **ALBC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** this summer. To make the directory a success, we need hosts during the photography sessions. Signup in the Welcome Center today or contact Vala at the church office for more information.

Thank you for your donations to the **FOOD PANTRY**. The Food Pantry is open the first and third Saturday from 9:00 a.m.- noon and every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. We are starting to take donations for standard **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**. Please place all donations in the bins in the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Phil Long at the church office if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

Worship Ministry

There will be **NO ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE OR ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL** today! We will return to regular Sunday afternoon rehearsals on Sunday, August 23rd, with a special preview of our Christmas Presentation. Save the date...it will be loads of fun!

Children's Ministry

If you would like to purchase a Wildwood Forest **VBS CD**, please signup at the Welcome Center.

There is still time to enroll your child in our **FREE ARC FOOTBALL CAMP**, July 20th-23rd, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at LSCCS field. Please pick up an enrollment form in the Welcome Center or in the Children's Wing. If you have already enrolled, we will see you there!

SURVIVOR CHILDREN'S CAMP is next week, July 26th-30th. We currently have 84 campers enrolled and ready to go! All campers, parents and leaders please arrive for check-in on Sunday, the 26th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1.

Career Singles Ministry

THE CAREER-AGE SINGLES will be going on a **ROAD TRIP** to the Springfield/Branson area on July 24th & 25th, to visit Lambert's Café and other points of interest. If you would like more information about this trip or the Career Singles Ministry, contact Pastor Chris at the church office at 554.8181.

Woman's Ministry

ALBC will be hosting the **BETH MOORE LIVE SIMULCAST** on Friday, August 28th, from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 29th, from 8:30 a.m.-Noon. The cost is \$10. Some concessions will be available. Ticket sales outside ALBC will open next week, so reserve your spot today! For more information, visit the Women's Ministry table in the Welcome Center.

Attention

There is **SHUTTLE PARKING AVAILABLE** at Pleasant Lea Middle School west on Persels Rd. Those who use the shuttle parking are brought right to the front door of the church and back to their car following the service. There are also three adult Community Groups currently meeting at Pleasant Lea Junior High.

If you dropped off a picture of a **FAMILY MEMBER SERVING IN THE MILITARY** to be used for our Freedom Celebration tribute, please pick it up in the church office during office hours.

We are looking for **PICTURES** of church events or class pictures to put in the new **CHURCH DIRECTORY**. Please place pictures on a disc and drop them off at the church office.

The **OVERFLOW ROOM** in Room 1 is now available every Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. You will be able to view the entire Worship Service on a large screen from this location. We would like to encourage our members to utilize the Overflow Room in order to provide more seating in the main auditorium for our guests.

Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT! The quarterly **Business Meeting** will be tonight immediately following the Evening Service.

There is a **CONNECTION GROUP LEADERS MEETING TODAY** in Room 13. If you missed the June meeting, please make a special effort to attend today or call Pastor Steve at 816.868.6373.

Attention, all volunteers who signed up or anyone interested in helping with the **ARC FOOTBALL CAMP**, there is a meeting today, directly following the third service in Room 13. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Danan Hughes at 816.668.9992 or feel free to attend the meeting.

Activities

Parents, mark your calendars for the upcoming **CHRISTIAN PARENTING CONFERENCE** to be held Friday, August 14th, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 15th, from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at ALBC. Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks or contact Bill Ward at bkkabea@sbcglobal.net for more information.

TWEENERS (6th graders), come join us for a "Before We Go Back to School" **SKATE PARTY** at Landmark Skate Center on August 4th, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$4 per skater. Snacks will be provided. Please contact the Children's Ministry staff at the church office with any questions.

Treehouse Preschool

We still have a few openings in our **TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL** for our Pre-K classes as well as our Tuesday/Thursday afternoon 3 year old class. Pick up an enrollment packet from the church office or online at www.abundantlifebaptist.com/arc. Don't delay, enroll today!

Prayer Ministry

The **GAP MINISTRY** meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building. Come join us as we pray for our church, community and nation!

Thank You

THANK YOU to all who donated scholarships for our teens to attend camp. You will never know the impact you made in a student's life.

Lost and Found

HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING? Please check the Lost and Found table in the back hallway to see if we found it.

Donations

CARNIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED! This years carnival will be held on September 19th and we need to collect 6000 hot dogs and 7000 cans of soda and water. Please limit drink choices to water and soda. We need both caffeinated and decaffeinated drinks. We can accept your donations now! You can drop them off at the church Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Events

A JOY SENIOR FUN DAY
You are invited to the 'Abundant Joy' Senior's day of fun!
WHEN: Tuesday, July 21, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
COST: \$6.00 per person, catered lunch
OPTIONAL: Donations for our Food Pantry
You may choose to play games, take a beginner computer class, crafts, Bible study class, enjoy a great movie, wood carving, easy exercise class, tating class or a class on financial planning/current events.
For reservations, please call Dorothy at 816-358-6372 or Alice at 816-358-5027. Don't forget to bring a friend.

MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY KICK-OFF RIDE TODAY!
We will begin our Motorcycle Ministry today. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot located across from ALBC. Kickstands up at 1:00 p.m. Our first stop will be lunch, followed by a relaxing ride. We will return no later than 5:00 p.m.
If you would like to help with the 6th Annual Car & Bike show on August 1st, contact Mike Page at 816-935-6913.
In case of rain, we will still meet for lunch.

CHURCH-WIDE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGNUPS!
We are updating our church-wide pictorial directory. Everyone will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a copy of the directory. Signup for your session in the Welcome Center or online at www.abundantlifebaptist.com.

ATTENTION!!! If you have recently moved or would like to make sure your record is correct please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate at the end of the service.

(Please Print Legibly)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____
Cell #: _____
Email: _____
His Birthday: _____
Her Birthday: _____

Children's Name (s): _____ Birthday: _____

Member Visitor Other _____

STAND IN THE GAP
GOD ANSWERS PRAYER
Ezekiel 22:30 • Philippians 4:6
Is this prayer request confidential?: Yes No
Person making request: _____

Relationship to you? _____
Prayer requests will be given to the Prayer Team and if not confidential will be posted on the ALBC website at www.abundantlifebaptist.com.

Adult Community Groups

- 8:00 a.m. Trailblazers (50+)-Room 4 & 5
Rick Friesen, Teacher
- Home Builders-Room 13
Phil Long, Teacher
- 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Seekers (30's-50's)-Pleasant Lea
Steve Guenther, Teacher
- Legacy (50+)-Room 4 & 5
Rick Friesen, Teacher
- Cracked Pots (30+)-Front Modular
Dan Lehman, Teacher
- Singles-Room 12
Frank Wirt, Teacher
- MERGE (College)-Room 3
Pat Kooztz, Teacher
- Ladies-Room 13
Judy Hopper, Teacher
- Foundations (20's-30's)-Room 7
Doug Vaughan, Teacher
- Power and Light (Open)-Pleasant Lea
Mike Whitehead & Rick Arand, Teachers
- High School (9th & 10th Grade)-YB Upstairs
Lance Harrington, Teacher
- Middle School (7th Grade)-YB Downstairs
Jernigan Schwentz, Teacher
- Career Singles (20's & 30's)-Pleasant Lea
Jernigan Schwentz, Teacher
- Chris Thomson, Teacher
- 11:00 a.m. High School (11th & 12th Grade)-YB Upstairs
Lance Harrington, Teacher
- Middle School (8th Grade)-YB Downstairs
Jernigan Schwentz, Teacher
- Growing Families (20's-30's)-Room 7
Phil Long, Teacher
- Faithwalkers (30's-50's)-Room 13
Pete Zanon, Teacher
- The Branches (30's-50's)-Room 1
Matt Barthe, Teacher
- "The View" (Ladies)-Room 3
Jan Whitehead, Teacher
- Hope Builders (30's-40's)-Front Modular
Tim Shrout, Teacher
- Meat and Potatoes (Hungry)-Room 12
Mike Clemmons & Todd Miller, Teachers
- Tweeners (6th Grade)-Room 4 & 5
Scott Nichols, Teacher

Ministry Staff & Pastors

- Phil Hopper, Pastor
- Rick Friesen, Executive Pastor
- Lance Harrington, High School Pastor
- Jernigan Schwentz, Middle School Pastor
- Pat Kooztz, College Pastor
- Dan Lehman, Worship Pastor
- Jason North, Worship Associate
- Chris Thomson, Singles Pastor
- Tiffani Hughes, Dir of Children's Ministry
- Steve Guenther, Assimilation Pastor
- Phil Long, Outreach Pastor
- David Williams, Business Administrator
- Joe Holt, Director of Counseling

Where Are You Going?

- Here is how you can be 100% sure that you are going to Heaven.
1. Admit you are a sinner... "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
 2. Believe in Jesus... "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16
 3. Confess Jesus as Lord... "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

2 Peter 3:9 says God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." By repenting of your sin and turning to Jesus for forgiveness, God promises to give you eternal life.

God says in Romans 10:13, "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." And in 2 Corinthians 6:2 "now is the day of salvation." If you are not 100% sure you would go to Heaven if you were to die today, please, right now, ask Jesus to save you.

Our pastors would love to talk with you today or at another time concerning your salvation or any other spiritual need. If you have any questions, contact a pastor at the church office at 816.554.8181.

The Blessings of Being God's Beloved, Part 1: "The Will of the Father" Ephesians 1:3-6

*There are blessings that come from being a child of God—we are _____ of the King!

As those who are "in Christ", having trusted in Christ, we are no longer under the wrath of God or the judgment of God. We have been forgiven by God and are the "children of God" and are now under the love of God. **The Apostle Paul begins his letter to the Ephesians by outlining the blessings of beings God's beloved!**

The Source of our Blessings (v. 3)

*The _____ source of our blessings is God—our _____!

James 1:17 says "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights..." **Everything comes by the grace of God...Everything comes from the hand of God.** (See also Matthew 7:11)

The Sphere of our Blessings (v. 3)

*God is far more concerned with blessing us _____ and eternally than physically and temporarily!

It says our blessings are "in heavenly places"! **Our real blessings from God are not on earth, they are in heaven!** Our reward is not here—it's there!

The Scope of our Blessings (v 4-5)

1) We have been _____ by God. (v. 4)

*God _____ us "in Christ" and placed us "in Christ" before we had ever even trusted "in Christ"!

Before the "foundation of the world" God had chosen you and placed you "in Christ"! Revelation 13:8 says Jesus is "the Lamb of slain from the foundation of the world!" **Even before you'd even sinned He had already become your sacrifice for sin!**

God dwells in eternity—there is no past/present/future! Just the ETERNAL NOW!

*In God's mind there is no difference between the moment He _____ us and we _____ Him!

The time delay between Him choosing us and us choosing Him is only in this dimension known as time! In the dimension where God dwells (eternity) it was done before "the foundation of the world"!

The Great Debate—how did God choose who He would place "in Christ"?

*Did God simply choose some based on in His foreknowledge of who would choose Him? (_____ view)... **OR...** Did He arbitrarily choose some so they would later have no choice but to choose Him? (_____ view)

Calvinism traces its theological system to the 16th century Protestant Reformer John Calvin (1509-1569). Armenian theology traces its roots to the 16th century theologian Jacobus Arminius (1560-1609)

*Biblically it *appears* that neither view is totally _____ or totally _____!

Calvinistic theology emphasizes God's sovereignty in exercising His will, whereas Armenian theology emphasizes man's freedom to exercise his will". **Calvinists say "we are saved because God chose us" whereas Armenians say "we are saved because we chose Him"—the Bible teaches both!**

How God "chose" us "in Christ" deals with the New Testament doctrine of "election".

*God "elected" those whom in His _____, He knew would "elect" Him.

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Community Groups
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. • Worship

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July 19, 2009
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"The Will of the Father"
Ephesians 1:3-6
Pastor Phil Hopper
Evening Service
Youth Camp Testimonies
Quarterly Business Meeting Immediately Following