

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.

Monday

TEAM Dinner • 6:00 p.m.
TEAM Outreach • 6:30 p.m.
Cracked Pots • Power & Light • The View
MERGE (College)

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

Child. Ministry New Volunteer Meeting • 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5th

Driven's Got Talent • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 9th

Discipleship 1 Meeting • 5:00 p.m.

Friday, August 14th

Christian Parenting Conference • 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 15th

Christian Parenting Conference • 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 17th

A JOY • 10:00 a.m.

Workers Schedule

Shuttle Drivers Today

Terry Dale • Gene Holt • Jim Holt

Shuttle Drivers Next Week

Jeff Zornes • Gene Holt • Wayne Gearhart

Parking Team Today

Bill Holt • Rick Perkins • Don Pottorff
Hoolie Bengé • Brent Eagleburger • Gary Wilks
Cameron Karim

Parking Team Next Week

Scott Attebury • Gary Hocker • Steve Caffey
Elaine Roberts • Gene Graham • John Terry
Clayton Turner

Jefferson Today

Jerry Slagle

Jefferson Next Week

Pete Zaroni

Set-up Today

Jake Kates

Set-up Next Week

Mike Schaeffer

Today

T. Allen • J. Pygman

Next Week

R. Killion • G. Peterson

Requirements Completed For Church Membership

July 19, 2009

Deborah Dooling and family
Daryl & Pam Veatch

July 26, 2009

Andy & Jamie Failing
Kathy King
Jerry & Cindy Slagle

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 26, 2009

Total Giving • \$75,762.71
Attendance • 2,146
BTV Goal • \$1,700,000.00
BTV Gifts to Date • \$901,521.40

Bible Studies

ATTENTION ALL CAREER SINGLES (22-36 years 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, The "Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman", by Beth Moore ends August 5th. We will conclude by watching two DVD's. The first DVD will show at 6:30 p.m. After a short break, the second DVD will begin at 8:00 p.m. *THERE WILL BE NO CHILD CARE ON AUGUST 5TH.* To watch missed lessons, call the church office at 554-8181.

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 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

ARC'S Children's Ministry **NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING** is TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in the Holy Word Theater. If you are interested in serving the Lord in the Children's Wing, or if you are a **NEW AWANA VOLUNTEER** for 2009-2010, please join us for this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Children's Ministry staff at the church office.

Student Ministry

"DRIVEN'S GOT TALENT"-We are having a talent show for our High School students Wednesday night, August 5th, during our normal service at 7:30 p.m. in the main auditorium. Signup in the Youth Building.

We are taking our High School teens to the **T-BONES GAME** on Tuesday, August 11th. The cost is \$8 and we will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. Please turn in money ASAP and signup in the Youth Building.

Our **HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT, "SEQUENCE"** will be held on September 11th and 12th. The cost for the weekend is \$50 with a \$25 deposit due by August 19th. Please signup in the Youth Building or contact Pastor Lance at the church office. More information to follow.

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!

Thank You

A special **THANK YOU** to all of the leaders who served this past week at Windermere for the ARC SURVIVOR CHILDREN' CAMP. We had an awesome time, and we give God the Glory for all that took place!

Attention

The ALBC **FOOD PANTRY** will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** next Sunday, August 9th, following each service. Come and see the incredible ministry you all make possible through your generous giving.

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.

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

ATTENTION DISCIPLERS: If you are actively discipling someone, please attend the Discippler Meeting Sunday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 1. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Pastor Steve at 868-6373.

Beginning September 3rd, **MOMS IN ACTION** will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at ALBC. Join us for fellowship with other moms, hear guest speakers, crafts, outreach, food and more! This is for moms with children of all ages. Invite your friends. Registration begins today in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Sara at 816-246-4461 or saraliz@kc.rr.com.

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. For more information, visit the table in the Welcome Center or contact Bill Ward at bkkabea@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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. For more information, visit the Women's Ministry table in the Welcome Center.

Prayer Ministry

Would you consider joining the prayer warriors of our church by signing up to be a part of our **24 HOUR PRAYER CHAIN**? Signup in the Welcome Center today.

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!

Donations

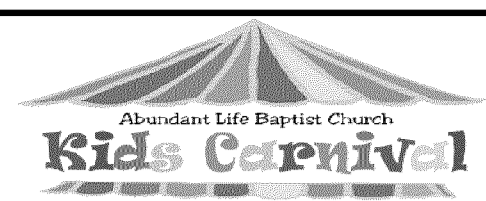
CARNIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED! This years carnival will be held on September 19th and we need to collect 7000 cans of soda and water. We need both caffeinated and decaffeinated drinks. We can accept your donations now! You can drop them off at the church Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Signups

AWANA ENROLLMENT begins TODAY in the Welcome Center. AWANA is for children 3 years old, who are potty trained, through 6th grade. We meet Wednesday nights, from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., beginning September 9th. If you have any questions please visit the AWANA table or contact the Children's Ministry staff at the church office.

We are taking signups for **DISCIPLESHIP 2 TRAINING** in the Welcome Center. We will be offering 2 classes; one to be held on Tuesdays beginning September 8th at 6:30 p.m. and one on Wednesdays beginning September 9th, at 6:15 p.m.

Events



The 2009 ALBC Carnival is coming!

We are gearing up for another community outreach with the 2009 ALBC Carnival on September 19th. In order for us to host such a large event, we need your help! Please visit the signup tables in the Welcome Center for a chance to help in one of the many areas that we will be offering. We will need over 400 volunteers to make this year's event a great success.

You are here. So is Beth Moore. **Living Proof Live SIMULCAST!** August 28-29, 2009. **LifeWay Women**

It's a weekend you'll never forget. Simulcast satellite technology will bring **Living Proof Live with Beth Moore** to Abundant Life Baptist Church, August 28-29.

Tickets are on sale now in the Welcome Center!

Friday, August 28, 2009 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Saturday, August 29, 2009 8:30am - 12:00pm
Doors open one hour before the event.
Cost \$10.00 (for both days)

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 _____



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.

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**

8:00 a.m. • **Traillblazers (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
 David Foster, 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
 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 Clemens & Todd Miller, Teachers
Tweeners (6th Grade)-Room 4 & 5
 Scott Nichols, Teacher

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*

Where Are You Going?
Here is how you can be 100% sure that you are going to Heaven.

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 Thompson, 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

Ministry Staff & Pastors

Adult Community Groups

Genesis Series

Pastor Phil Hopper

"The Witness of the Spirit"
 Ephesians 1:13-14

The Blessings of Being God's Beloved, Part 3:
 August 2, 2009

The Blessings of Being God's Beloved, Part 3: "The Witness of the Spirit"
 Ephesians 1:13-14

*We could not experience our Christian victory unless God blessed us with _____ power!

So God has blessed us as the redeemed of God with the power of the Holy Spirit—the third Person of the Trinity! We already have victory "positionally", but we could never experience it "practically" apart from the active participation of the Holy Spirit.

*The Spirit of God _____ us—comes to live inside of us the moment of our salvation.

The Spirit of God literally takes up residency inside of you! (1 Corinthians 6:19, Romans 8:9) You get God's Spirit at the moment of your salvation. If you don't have God's Spirit, you're not one of God's!

All three Persons of the Godhead work together to bring about our redemption:

*It's through the "will of the Father" that you were chosen...It's through the "work of the Son" that you were changed...It's through the "witness of the Spirit" that you are _____. (see verse 13)

Paul calls the Holy Spirit the "Spirit of promise" because He is the one that Christ promised to send once He left to ascend back into heaven (John 16:7). **He is the one Jesus called the "Spirit of truth"!**

The three stages of our salvation (Romans 8:29-30)

- 1) _____—The moment you trusted in Jesus Christ and were forgiven by God of all your sins.
- 2) _____—The lifelong process of becoming more and more like Christ.
- 3) _____—The moment we stand before Christ in heaven and receive our "glorified" bodies.

We have already received our redemption from sin positionally "in Christ", but only in heaven will we fully know it experientially when we are made into the very image of Christ! **What has God given us until then?**

The Holy Spirit is the "seal" of our salvation and the "guarantee" of our inheritance! (v. 13b-14)

*We have the _____ of the Holy Spirit that if we've been justified we will also eventually be sanctified and glorified! **It is our heavenly inheritance and God's Spirit has "sealed" it and "guaranteed" it.**

*In ancient times a seal denoted both identification of _____ and a guarantee of _____.

An ancient king would take a document and sign it. Then drop hot wax next to his signature and press his signet into it with his seal. Then he would roll it up and do the same thing on the outside, sealing it shut with hot wax and his seal. **This would authenticate its ownership and guarantee it had not been opened by someone other than the one intended.**

*Paul is saying that all three phases of our salvation, though not yet fully realized are already "signed, sealed and _____." **It has been signed by the King...Sealed by the King...And we are one day going to be delivered by the King...Because it's guaranteed by the King.** (v. 13, see also Ephesians 4:30)

*We cannot _____ our salvation because it is sealed by God's Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is the "seal" of our salvation (v. 13) and Himself "guarantees" our salvation (v. 14) until the day of redemption—the day in heaven that we stand before Christ to receive our full inheritance!

*Our sin _____ God's Spirit (Ephesians 4:30), but it does not break the seal of God's Spirit.

God has to seal our salvation because if we could lose our salvation we would lose our salvation—the very first time we sinned! (See also 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

*The Spirit not only "seals" us, but also acts as the "earnest _____" on our salvation—God's "guarantee".

The Holy Spirit is the guarantee behind Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

*You can't lose your salvation because it's not you _____ to God—it's God who's hanging on to you!

You were saved by God's grace through no works of your own (Ephesians 2:8-9) and you stay saved by God's grace through no works of your own. **There was nothing you could do to earn your salvation so there's nothing you can do to lose your salvation.**

*God has to seal our salvation or we would lose our salvation with just one _____!

No one could keep their salvation apart from the "seal" of the Spirit because nobody will ever be sinless this side of heaven—and just one sin would be enough to keep you out of heaven!

*The same Greek word translated as "earnest (deposit)" or "guarantee" is also the word used for an _____ ring! (v. 14)... **Because the Bible describes us as the "bride of Christ"!** (Revelation 19:7)

The Holy Spirit is our "engagement ring" where Christ promises to "never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)

We have a Jewish Bridegroom and we are His bride!

*There were _____ stages of a Jewish wedding just as there are _____ stages of our salvation.

The first phase of a Jewish wedding was the "betrothal" stage where the young man would give his bride-to-be a written promise and "seal" it legally. Then he would give her an engagement ring promising to return for her, and then he would pay her father the dowry—**they were now legally bound in marriage!**

We are currently "betrothed" to Christ as His "bride-to-be". (2 Corinthians 11:2)

- *He has given us His seal which legally _____ us to Him—it cannot be broken!
- *He has given us an "engagement ring" as a _____ and a guarantee—the Holy Spirit!
- *He paid the _____ the Father demanded for the bride—a blood sacrifice!

We have become His purchased possession! (v. 14) ...We have been "bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19) ... And as His bride we are "joint-heirs" with Jesus Christ! (Romans 8:17)

We are legally betrothed and legally bound as the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ!

*We have been "_____ " by the Father, "redeemed" by the Son, and "sealed" by the Spirit!

Our responsibility as the "betrothed" bride of Christ is to keep ourselves "pure" and "chaste" in this wicked world. **We belong to Him...We are His purchased possession!**

*The fact that your salvation is sealed and therefore you can't lose it is not a _____ to sin!

And if you see it as a license to sin it's a sign that you're not really saved! The mark of one who is truly saved and "sealed" by God's Spirit is not that they will never sin—but that they truly desire not to sin! **The "sign" of the saved is that they will "repent" of sin rather than "revel" in it!**

*The mark on your life that you've truly been sealed by God's Spirit—_____ of sin. **You may "backslide" into sin, but if you've truly been sealed you'll "slide back" up again!**

Do you have the sign of God's "seal" and have you put on the "ring"?

*Are you becoming _____ and _____ like Christ?