

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.
Legacy Class • Home Builders • Trailblazers
Ladies Class

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

Tuesday, August 18th

A JOY • 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 23rd

ARC Volunteer Lunch • Following 3rd Service

Friday, August 28th

Beth Moore Simulcast • 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 29th

Beth Moore Simulcast • 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 6th

Spain Mission Trip Meeting • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 13th

Baptism Service • Evening Service

Saturday, September 19th

ALBC Carnival • Noon-4:00 p.m.

Workers Schedule

Shuttle Drivers Today

Bruce Eagleburger • Brad Evers • John Pygman

Shuttle Drivers Next Week

Bill Wordelman • John Kates • Kirk Giffen

Parking Team Today

Mark Jackson • Wayne Worthey • Mike Worley
Paul Cumberland • Larry Arnold • David Niebaum
Stuart Page

Parking Team Next Week

Sam Smith • Wayne Albertson • Jared Acton
Ron Wisely • Mike Pruetting • Bill Newell
Gavin Parks

Jefferson Today

Jerry Slagle

Jefferson Next Week

Kingdom Seekers

Set-up Today

Robert Richey

Set-up Next Week

Jim Noel

Today

R. Killion • G. Peterson

Next Week

J. Noel • R. Poettgen

Requirements Completed

For Church Membership

August 2, 2009

Stephanie Billingsley and family

August 9, 2009

Elona Kronke and family
Emily Yallaly

Membership Class

The 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 have already signed up through the church office. We are currently taking reservations for our September 27th class. Please RSVP by calling the church office. Childcare & lunch are provided.
NOTE: 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

August 9, 2009

Total Giving • \$66,270.39
Attendance • 2,015
BTV Goal • \$1,700,000.00
BTV Gifts to Date • \$911,516.73

Special Musical Guest



We welcome the very talented and gifted singer and songwriter **Jeni Varnadeau** to our Morning Worship Services today.

Bible Studies

"FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH" is a Bible study designed not only to help you gain more knowledge about the Bible, but to help you draw closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. This study starts on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:15 p.m. and will be facilitated by Ed Croteau.

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.

Attention Men and Women! **FIRST PLACE** is an interactive team approach to health and wellness using principles as set forth in the Bible and meets in Room 1 at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Class begins on August 26th. Signup in the Welcome Center today!

Serve

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING in our **NURSERY** on Wednesday nights during AWANA and Bible studies. Please contact Courtney at the church office at 554-8181 to get plugged in.

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., signup in the Welcome Center! Call Tifanni at the church office at 554-8181 for more information.

URGENT NEED: 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. 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 ordered a **WILDWOOD FOREST** music CD, please bring payment of \$3.00 to Jennifer Nichols in the Children's Wing to receive your CD.

AWANA VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATES

August 20th, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.-Child. Church Basic Training with Joel Coelberson

August 27th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-Theater T&T Volunteer Training/Policies & Procedures

August 29th, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.-Pleasant Valley Baptist Church AWANA Region Training-signup by August 22nd

September 2nd, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-Theater Sparks Volunteer Training/Policy & Procedures

September 3rd, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-Theater Cubbies Volunteer Training/Policy & Procedures

September 6th, 4:00 p.m.-Theater Basic Training/Policy & Procedures

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 visit www.abundantlifebaptist.com/arc. Don't delay, enroll today!

Women's Ministry

Our church will host the **LIVE BETH MOORE SIMULCAST** on August 28th and 29th. Tickets are on sale at the WOW table in the Welcome Center. Cost is only \$10!

Information about the Woman's Ministry **FALL BIBLE STUDIES** is now available at the WOW table in the Welcome Center. Stop by today!

Attention

There will be a **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH** on Sunday, August 23rd in Room 1, immediately following the 3rd service. **If you served this summer in the ARC Ministry during VBS, Summer Sports Camps or Survivor Children's Camp** please join us for lunch. Please signup in the Welcome Center today!

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.

BAPTISM DATE SET!

We will be baptizing on Sunday, September 13th, during the Evening Service. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Jernigan Schwent at the church office no later than Thursday, August, 27th.

Meetings

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! Register in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Sara at 816-246-4461 or saraliz@kc.rr.com.

ALBC'S MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY RIDE will meet today at 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot across Persels Road. We will return no later than 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Mike Page at 935-6913.

Fundraisers

RACHEL HOUSE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club in Lee's Summit. Please see today's insert for more information.

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 or feel free to contact us on through our GAP email at GAP@abundantlifebaptist.com. If you have a prayer request, fill out the card attached to this bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or email GAP@abundantlifebaptist.com. Please make sure to mark if the request is confidential.

Signups

AWANA ENROLLMENT has begun for children 3 years old, who are potty trained, through 6th grade. AWANA is on Wednesday nights, from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., beginning on September 9th. Come visit our table in the Children's Wing for more details or contact the Children's Ministry at the church office.

We are taking signups for **DISCIPLESHIP 2** in the Welcome Center. We will be offering two 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. Note: It is a pre-requisite to complete Discipleship 1 before attending Discipleship 2.

Support Group

GRIEFSHARE-Your Journey From Mourning to Joy! This is a 13 week support group for anyone dealing with the death of someone close. This course begins Monday, September 21st in Room 13, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. There is a fee of \$15 for the workbook. No childcare will be available. For more information, contact Brynn-Marie Kloster at abundantlife@theklosters.net or 816-582-4408.

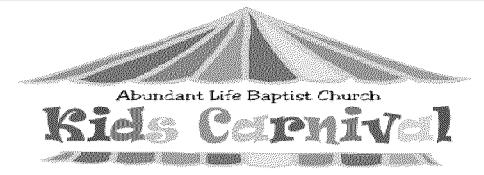
Student Ministry

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.

Missions

Rick Friesen and Larry Conrad will be leading an information meeting on Sunday, September 6th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 13 for an upcoming **MISSION TRIP to SPAIN** scheduled for June of 2010.

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.

We also need to collect 7000 cans of soda and water. We can accept your donations now! You can drop them off at the church Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

A-JOY SENIOR FUN DAY

WHEN: Tuesday, August 18, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
COST: \$6.00 per person, catered lunch
OPTIONAL: Items for our Food Pantry

Come enjoy fellowship and singing. You may also choose to play games, take a computer class, crafts, bible study, scroll saw class, or enjoy a great movie.

Call Dorothy at 816-358-6372 or Alice at 816-358-5027 to make your reservation!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!

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 _____



GAP@abundantlifebaptist.com

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. • **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
 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
 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 Bartle, 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

Adult Community Groups

8:00 a.m. • **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.

Genesis Series
 Pastor Phil Hopper

Ephesians 1:15-22
 Pastor Phil Hopper

August 16, 2009

"Our Identity...Our Victory...And Our Kingdom Authority"

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Ephesians 1:1-5:22

To understand our identity we must be familiar with our history:

*God's desire was to establish His earthly _____ through Adam who was created in God's image so that he could reproduce God's image in his offspring. (Genesis 1:27-28)

God told Adam to "be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth..." That was more than a physical commission—it was a spiritual commission. **He was to populate the earth with a godly race of people bearing God's image.**

*God gave Adam "dominion" over the earth—power and _____! (Genesis 1:28)

Having established His kingdom through Adam, God's plan for Adam was for him to rule over his earthly creation—to be king over this earthly kingdom and godly race of beings all bearing God's image.

But there was another being in the universe that wanted what Adam had—Satan!

*Satan knew that if Adam sinned that his _____ over the earth would be transferred to him!

Adam ate of the one tree God told him not to eat and he died spiritually (Genesis 2:17) and lost the image of God so that he could not reproduce God's image in his offspring—only the image of a fallen man with a fallen sinful nature (Genesis 5:3)

*When Adam sinned the earth and the human race fell under the _____ of sin and the dominion of Satan.

The curse of sin is death (Genesis 2:17, Romans 5:12; 6:23). **As the "head" of the entire human race, the curse of Adam's sin fell upon his entire race.** The world and its inhabitants are currently under the dominion and authority of Satan which is why 2 Corinthians 4:4 calls him the "god of this world".

*Every human being is born a _____ to sin and a _____ to Satan.

But God had a plan for the redemption of men!

*Another "Adam" would come who would fulfill the _____, the first Adam failed!

1 Corinthians 15:45 calls Christ the "last Adam" because it's in Him that God will complete His plan for a kingdom of people who will bear His image! **It's in Jesus that God is now reproducing a godly race and a godly kingdom!**

*Because dominion over the earth was lost by a _____ it had to be redeemed by a _____.

The problem is that no man could qualify, for all men have sinned (Romans 3:10). **But Jesus was more than just a man—He was also fully God!** He was the "Seed" of a woman (Genesis 3:15) so that He did not have Adam's fallen sinful nature. **Because He was innocent of sin His death paid the penalty of our sin!**

*While the first Adam's actions brought sin's curse, the second Adam's actions _____ sin's curse!

Paul's prayer is that we will learn to live with the power and authority of the resurrected Christ!

*Christ _____ what Adam lost—dominion and authority over the earth and over Satan! (v. 20-22)

The moment you trusted in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, Christ set you free from Satan's authority and the slavery of sin! **You have a new identity and you have been given kingdom authority**

*You are _____ a slave to sin—it's not that you can't sin—but you don't have to sin! **Jesus not only died to set you free from sins penalty, but He arose to set you free from sin's power!**

Then why is it that some of us continue to live like slaves?

*We are no longer under Satan's power and authority—he is under _____! (See Luke 10:17-19)

Luke 18:19 "Behold, I give you power and authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy." **We have been transferred from Satan's authority to a greater authority!**

*But the goal of the enemy is to _____ our identity from us and _____ our authority from us!

Jesus said he's "a liar and the father of lies". **He gets us to think we're not really free, that we're still in captivity and we can never really live in victory!**

As mortals—created beings—we have no choice but to live under spiritual authority!

*Only by _____ to the authority of Christ in your life are you set free from the authority of sin/Satan!

Satan attempts to steal our victory and keep us in captivity by two ways!

1) He tries to hold us captive through _____.

So what is the sin that you have just never been able to "shake loose" that still holds you in bondage? **You are allowing yourself to be defeated by a conquered enemy!**

Christ has set you "free" but His power/promises are only appropriated by "grace through faith"!

*In the heat of temptation "believe" and "obey" what God says—you have the power to _____!

If you are still living in captivity it's because you're still submitting to the wrong authority! You will submit at any given time to one of two authorities—sin/Satan or the Lord Jesus Christ. **One is a cruel taskmaster but the other one is a compassionate Savior!**

*The key to living in _____ is submitting yourself totally to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ!

2) He tries to control us through _____.

Every circumstance we encounter in life—every trial/tribulation/headache/heartache—is under the power and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ! **Romans 8:37 "In all these things we're more than conquerors through Him who loved us"**

*Christ suffered but Christ overcame—if we are "in Christ" even when we suffer we can be an _____!

The victory of the resurrection came first through the agony of the crucifixion!

*You win the victory the way Christ won His—by submitting your _____ to the will of the Father!