

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 • Ladies Class
Trailblazers

Tuesday

GAP Prayer Ministry • 6:30 p.m.
Discipleship II • 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study • 6:15 a.m.
Food Pantry • 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
AWANA • 6:15 p.m.
Discipleship II • 6:15 p.m.
Foundations of the Faith • 6:15 p.m.
Divorce Care & DC4K • 6:30 p.m.
Living Free/Add. Recovery • 6:30 p.m.
Growing Kids God's Way • 6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth • 6:15 p.m.
High School Youth • 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

TODAY

"Word on Wheels" Motorcycle Ride • 12:45 p.m.
Spain Mission Trip Meeting • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 27th

New Members Class • Following 3rd Service

Saturday, October 31st

"Light the Night" Outreach Event • 6:00 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

Mark Jackson • Wayne Worthy • 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

Jay Boyd

Set-up Today

Robert Richey

Set-up Next Week

Jim Noel

Today

B. Ward • H. Finch

Next Week

B. Wordelman • J. Dunham

Requirements Completed For Church Membership

August 9, 2009

Elona Kronke and family
Emily Yallaly

September 6, 2009

Patty Hatley

Membership Class

The next Membership Class will be September 27, 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 October 25th 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 30, 2009

Total Giving • \$81,621.77
Attendance • 2,107
BTV Goal • \$1,700,000.00
BTV Gifts to Date • \$990,405.40

Bible Studies

Come join the **MEN'S FRATERNITY**, "Winning at Work and at Home" on Wednesdays at 6:15 a.m. in Room 4. Signup in the Welcome Center. This Bible study is led by Pastor Rick Friesen.

Serve

AWANA, our midweek children's program, is in full swing! If you are not plugged into serving the Lord on Wednesdays, from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., there are still AWANA leader opportunities available. Please signup at the Welcome Center desk or contact Tifanni 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 Saturdays of each month 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

CHOIR PRACTICE today at 4:15 p.m. in Room 4-5. Childcare will be provided. This is a great time to join the choir as we prepare music for the fall as well as our Christmas production, "The Wonder of Christmas."

The Worship Ministry is putting together the **ORCHESTRA** for this fall and for our Christmas production. We have brand new music to learn and rehearsals are being scheduled. If you are interested in lending your instrumental talents, please contact our Worship Associate, Jason North at jnorth@abundantlifebaptist.com

If you would be interested in serving on the **WORSHIP TECH TEAM**, we are looking for those with experience running PowerPoint type presentation software for the song lyrics and sermon notes in each of our Sunday services. For more information, email Brent Marriott at technicaldirector@abundantlifebaptist.com.

Children's Ministry

AWANA, Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, is our midweek program for children ages 3 years (potty trained) thru 6th grade, from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. This program is designed to teach and train children to know, love and serve the Lord. You can enroll your child on Wednesday night, before club, in the Welcome Center or call the church office for more information.

COMPUTER LAB ASSISTANTS NEEDED! If you are a self described "computer geek" and would love to serve the LORD while using your talent, then this is your big chance! Please contact the Children's Ministry Staff for more information.

Come be a blessing in our **NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL** departments. We have several opportunities to rock babies, show toddlers the love of God and to teach preschoolers about Jesus. If you are interested in helping, please signup in the Welcome Center.

Treehouse Preschool

The **TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL** still has spots available for Pre-K and only one spot available in the 3 year old class. Please contact Lisa at 554-8181 for more information.

Women's Ministry

LADIES, IT'S NOT TOO LATE to join one of the WOW Fall Bible studies. Stop at the Welcome Center desk for a list of studies or to signup. Visitors are welcome at any time and books are available from the teachers.

Calling all Moms and Grandmas; **MOMS IN TOUCH** International gathers women together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and their schools. Won't you join us in prayer for this next generation? Please contact Carrie Weeda at PrayingMom4LS@kc.rr.com or 816-246-5609 for more information about your local group.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Carnival such a huge success! We are truly blessed at ALBC with so many people that serve and give.

Attention

TICKETS for our Missions Conference **CONCERT** with SHANE & SHANE go on sale today in the Welcome Center. The concert will be Saturday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for the Artist's Circle and \$15 for General Admission plus any donation you would like to give towards missions. Limited seating is available, so get your tickets today!

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

PILOTS FOR CHIRST (volunteer pilots involved in ministry to those in need) are holding a fundraising event at Lee's Summit airport on Saturday, September 26 from 8:30 - 4:30. For more information or to help call Dr. Jim Anderson at 816-224-8411 or www.pilotsforchristheartland.com.

Attention all parents with teenage daughters ages 12 to 15. Our Counseling Ministry is starting a 12 week class, **JOURNEY TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE INDEPENDENCE**, for parents and daughters beginning Monday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per week per family. Sign up in the Welcome Center today or contact Joe at the church office for questions.

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. 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.

Support Group

GRIEF SHARE-Your Journey From Mourning to Joy! This is a 13 week support group for anyone dealing with the death of someone close. For more information, contact Brynn-Marie Kloster at abundantlife@theklosters.net.

Outreach

THE WORD ON WHEELS MOTORCYCLE OUTREACH will ride again on Sunday, September 20th. Please meet in the ALBC parking lot across Persels Road at 12:45 p.m. In case of rain, bring the cage and we will still meet for lunch. Contact Mike Page at 935-6913 or thewordonwheels@hotmail.com.

Signups

DINNER is available Wednesday evenings starting at 5:00 pm. You *must* signup in the Welcome Center each Sunday if you plan to attend the following Wednesday. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children to age 10 and 5 yrs and under are free.

Men's Ministry

ALBC Men's Ministry will be having our **ANNUAL STEAK & CRAB LEGS DINNER** October 17th, from 4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. at the Spalding home. Our speaker will be Dayton Moore. Signups will start next week in the Welcome Center. More Information to follow.

There are only a few more weeks for the early bird signup for the **"IRON SHARPENS IRON" MEN'S CONFERENCE**. This exceptional, national conference will be in our area on October 3rd. Please visit the desk in the Welcome Center for more information.

Pictorial Directory

We still need a total of eight **VOLUNTEERS** to help host the newly added photography sessions. If you can help, please signup in the Welcome Center or contact Vala at the church office.

Any regular attendees who are on **MILITARY DEPLOYMENT** and would like their picture in the directory, please send a 5 x 7 or email a digital picture to matthittson@abundantlifebaptist.com. Please submit no later than September 20th.

Please stop by the pictorial table to see if your **FREE 8X10** is ready for pickup.

Events

LIGHT THE NIGHT, is coming up on October 31st, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Information desk to come and serve the Lord by passing out candy, tracts and saying a friendly "hello" to a visitor. Candy, Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider packet donations are now being accepted in the bin at the entrance to the Children's Wing.



MERGE COLLEGE MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES/EVENETS	
TUESDAY	• BIBLE STUDY @ TIMOTHY SCHWOPE'S HOUSE - 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	• BIBLE STUDY @ UMKC - 12:00 PM IN THE QUAD
THURSDAY	• GIRLS BIBLE STUDY @ ALBC - 6:30 PM • GUYS BIBLE STUDY @ ALBC - 6:30 PM • BIBLE STUDY @ LONGVIEW - 11:00 AM IN THE CAMPUS CENTER
FRIDAY	• MERGE BIBLE STUDY @ THE KOONTZ'S - 7:30 PM
UPCOMING EVENTS:	
• SUBMERGE - OCTOBER 2 @ ALBC - 7:30 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM	
• PASSION 2010 IN ATLANTA, GA - JANUARY 2-5, 2010	
• VISIT WWW.268GENERATION.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.	
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BIBLE STUDIES OR EVENTS CONTACT PASTOR PAT KOONTZ AT PASTORPCKOONTZ@ABUNDANTLIFEBAPTIST.COM OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 816.554.8181 EXT. 126.	

ALBC's MOTORCYCLE OUTREACH MINISTRY, The Word on Wheels, rides TODAY, September 20th

Meet at 12:45 (in ALBC Parking lot across Persels), Kickstands up at 1:00. Invite all your friends and family that ride to join us. We will ride someplace for lunch and then a nice ride through the countryside and return in time for evening service. Contact Mike Page at 935-6913 or thewordonwheels@hotmail.com OR just show up and join us. In case of rain, bring the cage and we will still meet for lunch.

* Word on Wheels will ride the 3rd Sunday of each month so mark your calendars!

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. • **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 Koontz, 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 Barde, 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
Teenagers (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?

Phil Hopper, Pastor
Rick Friesen, Executive Pastor
Lance Harrington, High School Pastor
Jernigan Schwentz, Middle School Pastor
Pat Koontz, 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

Ministry Staff & Pastors

Adult Community Groups

"To Know the Love of God" Ephesians 3:17-19

In the middle of Paul's letter to the Ephesians he bursts out in praise over the love of God!

*Paul is saying that God's love is _____...It's indescribable...It's uncontainable!

God's love has no boundary because you cannot measure infinity! To know the love of Christ is to "know the unknowable" ...To comprehend the incomprehensible...To imagine the unimaginable!

God's love ought to astonish us when we consider who God is and who we are!

- 1) Apart from God we are completely _____!

This same God who made the universe 10 billion light years across with its trillions and trillions of stars and trillions and trillions of galaxies **is the same God who created us to love us!**

*Our lives are not merely the result of a _____ universe—we are the result of a loving God who created us to know us and love us!

- 2) Apart from God we are full of our _____.

Because God is sinless and we are sinful, we were separated from God. Yet God still loved us and wanted to redeem us and reconcile us! Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

*God didn't wait for you to be _____ before He loved you!

1 John 4:8 says "God is love"--God does what He does because He is what He is!

*Christ _____ us God's love by spilling His own blood!

Biblical love isn't logical—it knows no limits!

*Real love is more than an emotion—it's a _____!

The Bible does not ignore the emotional side of love, but it usually emphasizes the volitional side of love. Love is more than a feeling—it's something you choose. **It's not something you feel as much as something you do!**

Love is the root and foundation of the Christian life! (v. 17)

*Paul viewed love as the _____ in which all Christian experience must grow. **It provides the nutrients necessary to sustain a fragrant, fruitful Christian life.** It's what eventually grows us into the "image of Christ".

*Christianity is not about keeping the "rules"—it's about growing in a love _____.

The vibrant, victorious Christian life cannot be lived in view of the rules. It can only be lived in view of the relationship that we have with God! **This is what Jesus meant when He said the first and greatest commandment is to simply "love God"**. (Matthew 22:37-39)

*Matthew 22:37-39 "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

*The more you love God, the more you will naturally _____ God!

You naturally serve the one you love. You naturally sacrifice for the one you love. Jesus said in John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep my commandments". **If you love God you will naturally obey the One you love!**

*The more you love God the more you will naturally love what God loves—_____!

Jesus was teaching that it is impossible to love God and not love what God loves—and what God loves more than anything is people! **The more you love God the more you'll love others!**

The more we grow in our love, the more we are "filled with all the fullness of God". (v. 19)

*If we are "rooted" in the love of Christ, His love will be _____ in our lives!

We will begin to love God and love others the way Jesus did and that is called being "filled with all the fullness of God".

*You are so "full of God" that you are no longer "full of yourself" so people no longer see you—they see _____ in you!

Christ "dwells in us"! (v. 17) He lives inside of us and desires to live through us—to reproduce His life in us!

He desires to reproduce Himself in our character, our conversation, and our conduct—and **His life is reproduced the most in our love for God and our love for others!**

The way Jesus loved us, He now commands us to love others!

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love on another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 3:16 "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

*God is not commanding an emotion—He's commanding a _____!

Christ loved us with a self-sacrificing...self-giving...and self-denying kind of love! Christ loved the "small and insignificant (us!) and Christ loved His enemies (us)!"

*And what He did for us, we are now to do for _____!