

LIVING LIFE ABUNDANTLY

A Message from Pastor Bob

Sunday November 1, 2009

Good morning and welcome to Abundant Life. We are glad that you chose to worship with us. If this is your first time at Abundant Life we would like to ask you to complete the guest card in the information packet you received and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the Information Center in the church lobby as you leave today. Thank you in advance!

As I write this article on Thursday morning, the sky is a beautiful shade of blue and crystal clear, the wind is blowing and the leaves are falling from the trees outside the office window. It is definitely one of those fine Carolina mornings!

As I think about the passage of the Gospel of Mark that I read this morning, chapters 3-4, I think about how the ministry of Jesus changed lives so dramatically. Whether He encountered the sick, the demon possessed, the rejected and outcasts of society, even the dead, life change took place.

Jesus is still in the business of changing lives today! He changed my life and He has changed your life. Things are far from perfect, but He sought us out as we were far from Him and brought us into His love by the power of His grace and His work of transformation is still taking place in our lives. An interesting thing to me about that transformation work is that it takes a life time to complete. Some of the Lord's work takes place immediately, like Creation, healings in the Bible and today, salvation, but some take a life time – like His work in you and me.

Be patient, with yourself, God and others because His work in going on in your life, it is just one step at time. As you read this article it may sound like others that I have written or like things that I may often say but I don't think we can ever be reminded enough that **GOD IS AT WORK IN OUR LIVES**. We face discouragement and opposition throughout our life that is intended to stop us, cause us to take a detour or even worse to take a wrong turn in our journey through life. But God wants us to be reminded that He is working in us and through us to cause His purposes and plans to come to pass in our lives. Don't give up, don't give in and never, ever quit.

Know that Shari and I miss being with you today but are praying for God's presence and grace to touch your life today in a dynamic way! Blessings and we will see you next week!

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

Thank You to everyone for your help with the Fall Festival. We have been hearing reports all week from people who visited and they are all very positive. We touched our community with the love of Jesus and it made a difference in many people lives. Thanks for all of your hard work, support and effort!

Today, Rev. Scott Washam will be speaking in the Sunday morning worship service. Pastor Bob and Shari are at the Foursquare District Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Wednesday Nite Connection

Pastor Bob will be teaching this week. Come for a time of Worship and the Word!

A.L.O.F.T.

Don't forget to add our monthly A.L.O.F.T. meeting to your calendar this week!
Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm. See you there!

Wednesday Night Live!

November 11 from 6-8pm. Dinner will be served from 6-6:30pm and the service will take place in the sanctuary from 7-8pm.
Dinner is \$3/person or \$10 for a family of four or more!

On Sunday, Nov 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Pastor Bob is planning to celebrate the holiday with a Thanksgiving message and he needs some help!

Will you help out? Here is how:

- 1) Write or email a testimony about a meaningful time in your life that you are thankful for God's work, it can be humorous or serious, and from any time in your life – The goal is to share Thanksgiving testimonies from people in our congregation on this day. If possible he would like to share your name if he shares your story- but if you would prefer to remain anonymous, your request will be honored.
- 2) Please realize that he may not be able to use all the testimonies, but he needs you to be willing to share your story
- 3) All stories are needed by Sunday Nov 15th. Thanks!

Community Service Coupon Books

We have Community Service Coupon Books for sale for \$20 each, \$10 will go toward the building project. Take a few to sale and buy one for yourself! The books provide great discounts for dining and more.

Upcoming Fall Event - November

Nov 3 rd :	A.L.O.F.T. at 6:30 pm
Nov 11 th :	Wednesday Nite Live: Dinner at 6pm and service at 7pm
Nov 13 th & 14 th :	Leadership Retreat at Camp Courtney
Nov 18 th :	Church Council Meeting
Nov 19 th :	Ladies Craft Night
Nov 22 nd :	Harvest Offering
Nov 25 th :	NO MIDWEEK SERVICE – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Nov 29 th :	1 st Sunday of Advent
Nov 29 th :	Guest Speaker, Rev. Virgil Lemings