

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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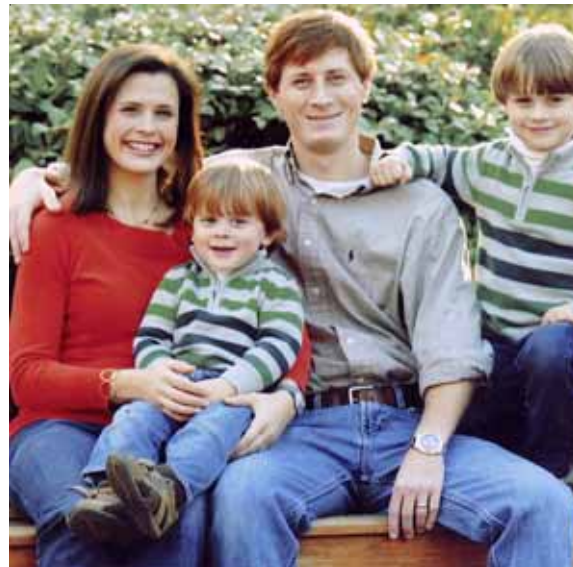
T *RIPP MARTIN CALLED AS PASTOR*

On August, 18, 2013, we voted to call Dr. John M. “Tripp” Martin, III to become the next pastor of the church.

Tripp is originally from Augusta, Georgia. He earned a degree in business administration from the University of Georgia, a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University and for the past four years, has served as pastor of Vineville Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. Tripp is married to Katherine Young Martin of Greenville, South Carolina, and they have two sons, J.D. and Hunter.

“Tripp’s gifts as a pastor and preacher are many, and his sincere commitment to Christian ministry is evident in all that he does,” says Pooie Cantrel and Mark Wilson, co-chairs of the pastor search committee.

Dr. Martin will lead in worship beginning Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 a.m.



S *UNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 8TH*

5:00 pm

Childrens’ and Youth Choirs

Discipleship Training

Connecting Faith and Family

6:00 pm

Mini Me

Youth Sunday Nights

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Our Mission: Believing the Spirit of God is alive in each one of us and in the world, we affirm that the mission of Auburn First Baptist Church is: to glorify God as the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of life; to call all people to God through Christ as Savior and Lord; to enable all people to be more like Jesus.

REFLECTIONS from Tripp Martin

From our first step inside the church, we were greeted with such welcome and kindness. We continue to give thanks for the warmth of the congregation, as we think about our weekend in Auburn and now as we talk about moving to Auburn. Driving into town and noticing the college students walking through campus, seeing the orange and blue colors, and having a lemonade at Toomer's Drugs, we felt the spirit of the town, as it was coming alive for the next semester. This was the prelude to our weekend, as we then experienced the spirit of the congregation.

The kind words and the beautiful worship service are unforgettable. I have thought about the light pouring into the stained glass windows, where we joined our voices together to pray and to sing. I have thought about the worship service, as the sections of worship moved from Our Faith Family . . . Gathering to Praising, Sharing, Proclaiming, and Responding. If our drive into town was the prelude, worship felt like the benediction, which is not a closing word at the end of the service, but rather a sending forth. We are sent forth to a life of faith. It is a window into the time to come.

The spirit of the congregation instilled in us hopeful gratitude for the time to come. Hope is one of the church's words. Churches are places of hope, where we learn to begin again and again in the love of God. As James Lamkin says, we are "stewards of hope." No matter where we stand, we always move forward in a spirit of hope, for the journey is shared.

We are thankful to share the journey with Auburn First Baptist, both the tears and the laughter. In these days leading up to our move, we are looking forward to the shared journey of faith. We are making plans and coordinating details, but we are also open to what is around the corner. We cling to the openness of hope, as we begin again, sharing the journey of faith.

Tripp

Thursday Evening Schedule

September 5th

The History of Auburn First Baptist

Led by Wayne Flynt

September 12th

Brazil Mission Team Report

Thursday Nights, 6:00 pm, Coleman Fellowship Hall

At Auburnfbc.org



Now available on Auburnfbc.org for download are the audio files from Wayne Flynt's Thursday night series on "Baptist Identity: Principles, Theology, and History" and Fisher Humphreys' Sunday discussion on "Our Baptist Legacy".

LOOKING AHEAD...

Elsewhere in this edition of "First Connections" you will find an article, *Reflections*, by our new pastor, Dr. Tripp Martin. His arrival surely fulfills much of my "Looking Ahead." Tripp and I have had the opportunity to spend several hours together both before and since he was called as our next pastor, and I must tell you I am so excited! One of the Deans from Mercer University called to tell me "how fortunate" we were to have Tripp Martin coming as our pastor! He also had just called Tripp to share with him "how fortunate" Tripp was to be coming to our church! This is the feeling of many who know our church and Tripp...**It is a great match!** (Thank you, Pastor Search Committee!)

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our membership for the extraordinary way you have supported your staff and your church during this transitional time. It was encouraging and so very helpful that you accepted positions of responsibility and accepted and responded to the various challenges which faced us... including some financial challenges. It was Auburn First Baptist "being and doing church" in the very best sense. I know our pastor will have all of our support as we begin this new chapter in our church's life.

Auburn First Baptist...Thank you!...for being who you are!

Dale

College Choir Reunion CDs and DVDs available for purchase in the Church Office. CDs are \$10 and DVDs are \$25. Make checks payable to *Chad Parish*.

MIDDLER MASHUP



This summer, students promoting to middle school have been attending Middler Mashup. During each meeting, we have discussed and studied a single topic (we've also had time for snacks, crafts, and fun!). Our topics this summer were 'Who Is Jesus?', 'What Is the Church For?', 'Where Do I Fit In?', and 'Family Traditions'. During our last session, we discussed our church family traditions — baptism and communion. In addition to a field trip to the baptistery and sharing communion together, each learner spent some time pondering the topic 'What I Believe About God and Me', and writing their thoughts. I was so impressed that I wanted to share some of their writing with you. "God loves me because of who I am." "God loves me for my actions." "(God and I) are friends. We are family." "God and I are alike because we are kind." "We share prayer." "God loves me no matter what. I love God no matter what." I think we have a lot to learn from our fabulous 'middlers'! And did I mention the bowling party to wrap up the summer?

Leigh Anne Armstrong

YOUTH MINISTRY

Prayer Breakfast
McDonalds on Magnolia
6:45 am

DevoPlay
Thursdays @ 5:45
Youth Room

Youth Choir
Choir Room
Sundays @ 5:00

Youth Sunday Nights 6-8 pm in the Youth Room

September 8th
Topic: Honoring the Body
Dinner: Volunteer Needed!
2nd Adult: Volunteer Needed!
Welcome Table: Betsy Jordan

September 15th
Topic: Hospitality
Dinner: Wilsons
2nd Adult: Kellie Wilson
Welcome Table: Mark Wilson

Sign up....

Ski Retreat
January 17-20
Maggie Valley, NC
Total Cost: \$250
A \$25 deposit is
due by September 15

Day at Six Flags!
September 21
\$35
*Sign up and pay
by September 8*

Beginning September 8, 5:00 pm

*Connecting
Faith and Family*

Led by Gwynne Lovelady
Activities Building

Discipleship Training
Led by Mike McInahan
Coleman Fellowship Hall



College Choir
Tuesdays @ 6
Choir Room
Will begin Sept 10th

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Home-cooked meal @ 7:00 Bible study @ 8:00
Topic: #stuffjesussaid — radical words for the real world

Y.A. Cafe

Potluck Cookout: Sept 9
Leigh Anne's Home, 1200 Ferndale Dr.



Y.A. Cafe is a new group designed for older students and young career folks. Come join us!
Email leighannearmstrong@gmail.com what you plan to bring!

The Deacons of Auburn First Baptist:

Extend their deep appreciation to the Pastor Search Committee for their long, diligent and very successful work in bringing Tripp Martin as our pastor. We also appreciate the willingness of the PSC to serve approximately one year as a transition committee.

Extend on behalf of the congregation deep appreciation to Dale Peterson for going above and beyond the call of duty, especially during this time of transition. The Deacons acknowledge Dale's willingness to serve because he loves this church tremendously.

Extend to Chad Parish our great appreciation for his many acts of service to our congregation, especially for building and maintaining our professional and attractive website.

Motions passed by the Board of Deacons
Auburn First Baptist Church
August 20, 2013

AU Tailgate Pounding September 26, 5 – 6:30 pm Coleman Fellowship Hall

Join us as we welcome the Martin family with an old fashioned "pounding." We invite the church families to bring a staple food item for the Martin's pantry or a local gift card. Please bring a favorite tailgating snack to share and wear your Auburn orange and blue!



Children's Choirs & Mini-Me will begin September 8th!

Kids, Kites, and Krafts

ages 3 - 11

Thursdays at 5:50 pm



Family Fall Camping Trip

November 1-2

FDR State Park in Pine Mountain

Sign up by September 1!



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Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Every Thursday

Brown Bag Meal Time 5:15 pm
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday-1st

No Evening Activities

Tuesday-3rd

Youth Prayer Breakfast McDonalds 6:45 am
DayFriends Little Italy 11:45 am
TNBS College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-4th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-5th

DevoPlay Youth Room 5:45 pm
Kids, Kites, and Krafts Activities Building 5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 pm

Sunday-8th

Brotherhood Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 am
Childrens'/Youth Choirs Ed Bldg./Choir Room 5:00 pm
Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm
Connecting Faith & Family Activities Building 5:00 pm
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 pm
Mini Me Education Building 6:00 pm

Monday-9th

YA Cafe Cookout Leigh Anne's 6:30 pm

Tuesday-10th

Youth Prayer Breakfast McDonalds 6:45 am
College Choir Choir Room 6:00 pm
College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-11th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-12th

Stewardship Committee Mtg ... Library 5:00 pm
DevoPlay Youth Room 5:45 pm
Kids, Kites, and Krafts Activities Building 5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 pm

Sunday-15th

Childrens'/Youth Choirs Ed Bldg./Choir Room 5:00 pm
Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm
Connecting Faith & Family Activities Building 5:00 pm
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 pm
Mini Me Education Building 6:00 pm

In the Pulpit

September 1 Mandy McMichaels
September 8 John Pierce
September 15 Mark Wilson

Serving the Month of Sempتمبر

Loaves & Fishes: Adult 4

Greeters: Dee Williams, Chris Boylen, Sharlene McDaniel,
Dick Graves

Offering: Youth

Serving September 1

Counters: Bill Faurot, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Kitty Boyer, Genesee Cook, Brad Smithart,
Alison Crosby

Serving September 8

Counters: Carl Hill, Wallace Baldwin, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Delaine Dendy, Sue Walker,
Andrew Smith

Serving September 15

Counters: Lavaughn Johnson, Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves,
Aaron Greene

Sound & Light: Alison Crosby

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Cindy Cleveland,
Lynn Eden, Holly Smithart

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***Listen to the service
Sunday mornings
at 11 am on
WAUD 1230 AM***