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## Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

*Beginning Again with* **Gratitude**

Pledge Sunday is a time for our church to prepare how we will Begin Again with Gratitude through our planned giving for the ministries and missions of our church in 2014. You will receive by email or post mail an Estimate of Giving card. We hope each of you will prayerfully consider how your financial support will enable our continued service to the church family, community, and world in the name of Christ.

As we prepare to do our work in 2014, we hope that we will experience such a level of commitment and involvement in the life of our church that we will give as we have been given. Together, we can accomplish all the things God has called us to do.

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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

We begin again with gratitude, which is one way to describe the rhythms and the routines of the church. We do not start over, but we do begin again, always moving into the grace of God together. As our family looks at the empty boxes we have unloaded in our house and as we continue to put things away, we are grateful for the kindness and support we have received from the congregation as we begin again. The only words we know how to say are thank you. We are filled with a deep gratitude that is lasting, and we are overjoyed about the months and years to come.

Since one way to describe the church is by beginning again with gratitude, which we do throughout our lives, it is fitting to repeat those words in the weeks to come as we enter into a season of stewardship. The Stewardship Committee has been preparing and planning, which will soon include us as a congregation in that sacred work. The committee has discussed the theme, *Beginning Again with Gratitude*, which will be how we enter into this stewardship season.

In the coming weeks, the church and the Stewardship Committee will invite us to consider our financial commitment to the church in the coming year. It is one of those moments in the rhythm of the church, where we can reflect, give thanks, and then begin again with the spiritual practice of giving. We do so, beginning again with gratitude. We give regularly, generously, and with hope. No one person bears the sole responsibility; we give collectively. It is one way that we are able to share the journey of faith.

As we begin again with gratitude, it is fitting to give thanks for the commitment of this congregation. We do not only reflect upon our future giving, but also give thanks for previous giving. We celebrate the generosity found in the church. We remember the shared journey, which is embodied by the commitment of the congregation to one another and seen in the ministries of the church, which are supported by tithes and offerings.

We begin again with gratitude, not only during this season of financial stewardship, but also in our time, prayers, and talents. We celebrate all of the ways in which we discover the grace of God in our midst, listening for how the Spirit of God reveals the hope before us. We then live into that hope together, beginning again and again with deep gratitude.

*Tripp*

### **Thursday Evenings**

6:00 pm, Coleman Fellowship Hall

**October 3 - Led by Tripp Martin**

*Personal Stories: Words, Bread, and Water*

**October 10 - Led by Wayne Flynt**

*The History of Auburn First Baptist*

## **MUSIC NOTES!**

Christmas is Here!

Well, not quite... but the Sanctuary Choir has begun rehearsing its Advent/Christmas Music! If you enjoy singing and would like to get "in the spirit of Christmas" than you are cordially invited to participate in the Sanctuary Choir. We rehearse each Thursday from 6:45-8:15 PM and childcare is provided. Now is a PERFECT time to join. All singing parts are welcomed but we are especially needing those who sing soprano and alto. For additional information contact any choir member or me.

Our Children's and Youth choirs are off this year to a fine start. If your family is not participating, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Singing, music education, and Christian values are all a part of our graded choir program. Our church is so very fortunate to have talented and dedicated leaders leading these musical groups. I hope you will consider having your children/youth be a part of these activities on Sunday evening at 5 PM.

*Dale*

**Aubie "officially" welcomed Tripp to Auburn at the AU Tailgate Pounding!**



On Thursday, the congregation "pounded" us with more than tangible gifts. We are grateful for all of the ways in which you have made our transition smooth. We will genuinely enjoy all of the food and the thoughtful gifts from our "pounding." We were taken aback by all of them. If we were weigh them all, they would account for immeasurable kind-heartedness, generosity, thoughtfulness, and fellowship. All of which were wrapped beautifully with the ribbons of community, laughter, and joy. Thank you for celebrating our coming, as we continue to celebrate the church, its ministry, and its hopeful grace-filled spirit.

*Tripp*

# 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

5th Quarter!  
Friday, October 11  
9:30pm - 12:30 am  
8th-12th Graders

## Sunday Evening Activities - 5:00 pm

*Discipleship Training* -Led by Mike Mclanahan  
Coleman Fellowship Hall

*Connecting Faith and Family* Raising Kids to Love Jesus

Led by Gywnne Lovelady  
Activities Building

### Flu Shot Clinic

October 4, 4:15-6:00 pm  
Flu Shots will be \$25  
Pneumonia Vaccine will be \$35  
They will file insurance.



## Tuesday Night Bible Study

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

October 1  
Dinner: Smiths & Porters  
Topic: "That camel and the eye of the needle thing? Yep."

October 8  
Dinner: Cindy Cleveland  
Topic: "Childlike, not childish"

October 15  
Dinner: Doris Beckett  
Topic: "How you treat losers is how you treat me."

**Women's Tea**  
**Sunday, October 27, 2-4**  
**Marcie Smith's home; 1878 Ashe Court**  
**Honoring Katharine Martin**  
**For all the women and girls of AFBC**

## Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2014 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

*If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at [auburnfbc@mindspring.com](mailto:auburnfbc@mindspring.com) by October 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box.**



Children's Choirs  
5pm on Sundays



Mini-Me  
Sundays @ 6  
K-5th grade

## Spark Adventure!

ages 3 - 11  
Thursdays at 5:50 pm





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<b>Every Sunday</b>		<b>Every Thursday</b>	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Brown Bag Meal Time	5:15 pm
Morning Worship	11:00 am	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 pm

**Tuesday-1st**

Youth Prayer Breakfast .....	McDonalds	6:45 am
DayFriends .....	Veggies to Go	11:45 am
College Bible Study .....	College Room	7:00 pm

**Wednesday-2nd**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 am
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**Thursday-3rd**

First Bells .....	Choir Room	12:30 pm
Youth Devo .....	Youth Room	5:45 pm
Spark Adventure .....	Education Building	5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room	6:45 pm

**Sunday-6th**

Children's/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

**Tuesday-8th**

Youth Prayer Breakfast .....	McDonalds	6:45 am
CDC Committee Meeting .....	Library	5:30 pm
College Bible Study .....	College Room	7:00 pm

**Wednesday-9th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 am
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**Thursday-10th**

First Bells .....	Choir Room	12:30 pm
Flu Shots .....	Parish Nurse	4:00 pm
Youth Devo .....	Youth Room	5:45 pm
Spark Adventure .....	Education Building	5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room	6:45 pm

**Friday-11th**

Youth 5th Quarter(8th-12th) ....	Youth Room	9:30 pm
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**Sunday-13th**

Brotherhood Breakfast .....	Fellowship Hall	8:00 am
Children's/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

**Tuesday-15th**

Youth Prayer Breakfast .....	McDonalds	6:45 am
DayFriends .....	Veggies to Go	11:45 am
College Bible Study .....	College Room	7:00 pm

**Wednesday-16th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 am
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**Serving the Month of October**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Pilgrims and Mary Marthas

**Greeters:** Hazel Lee, Teresa Vest, Dick Graves, Nancy Roberts

**Serving October 6**

**Counters:** Carl Hill, Wallace Bladwin, James Nichols

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Serving October 13**

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

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

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