

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## *Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal*

*Thursday, November 21st*

*5:15 pm*



*Come and join us for our annual  
Thanksgiving meal as we  
celebrate God's presence for all.*

*Be sure to respond to the church-wide email  
(or call the church office) no later than  
Thursday, November 14, to make your reservation.  
(No charge for this meal.)*

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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

In the recent weeks, I have walked through the rooms and the hallways of the church for the first time, opening doors I have never opened before. As many doors as I have opened and used for the first time, there are still closets and spaces I have never seen. Each room has a story. Around each corner of each hallway, I learn more about what happens every week in this place of worship, fellowship, study, and ministry.

Venturing through the large rooms of the Activities Building, where Sunday School classes, committees, youth, and college students gather, I noticed the counter tops in the kitchen, which become platforms for meals and ministry each week. People of all ages gather in that space to prepare meals and to enjoy meals on those counter tops. Community forms in those rooms as food becomes the reason for prayer and deep conversation, but those counter tops reach further than I first noticed.

Each Tuesday, Sunday School classes throughout the congregation bring food that has been prepared for people throughout the community. They come to plate the meals, serving others by feeding those in need. In partnership with the Salvation Army, the Loaves and Fishes ministry prepares plates each week, which are then delivered throughout the community. The counter tops become a platform for the love of God, as we offer our blessing not only over the meal, but also over the lives of those we serve.

It is good to pause from time to time to give thanks and to celebrate the ministries that happen in and through the rooms and hallways of the church. There are an array of ministries we could celebrate, not having room to mention all of them or even an incomplete list of them, but we give thanks for all the work of the church. The Loaves and Fishes ministry involves so many hands in the congregation each week, reaching out to so many hands in the community.

We are also part of a larger circle of hands through the Salvation Army, serving the community. As we walk through the rooms and hallways of the church, we can remember in a spirit of celebration how all of the hands of the church join together in so many ministries each week, bearing and bringing the grace of God to others. In the rooms and hallways of this place, we do well to ask and talk about the work of the hands of the church, finding ways to join our hands with the hands of others.

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## Thursday Evenings

6:00 pm, Coleman Fellowship Hall

**November 7** - Led by Wayne Flynt  
*The Dale Peterson Years*

**November 14** - Led by Tripp Martin  
*Personal Stories: Words, Bread, and Water*

**"Music Notes" is a reminder to mark your calendars now for...**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

...a special Day of Celebration and Worship.

**11:00 A.M.**

*Kneeling in Bethlehem*

(The music of Christmas)

Presented by our Sanctuary Choir

**6:00 P.M.**

*Family Night at Christmas*

(Music by our Youth and Children's Choirs)

Followed by our renown...

*Cookie Fellowship*

**Plan now to attend!**

## Senior Adult Trip to Callaway Gardens

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 3**

The Senior Adults are sponsoring a trip to Callaway Gardens on November 19th. Vans leave the church parking lot (east) at 8:30 and return about 3 o'clock. Participants will have the opportunity to visit the Sibley Center, the Butterfly House, Raptor Exhibit, Mr. Cason's Vegetable Garden, and other spots in the Gardens—or to just sit and enjoy the fall leaves and beautiful chrysanthemums. Lunch is included. Before November 17th, register by paying the church office or collection plate the fee of \$10. Just be sure your name and "Callaway Gardens" are on your check, or give it to Bob Stevenson.



**Children's Choirs**  
**5pm on Sundays**



**Mini-Me**  
**Sundays @ 6**  
**K-5th grade**  
(last meeting 11/17)

**Spark Adventure!**

ages 3 - 11

Thursdays at 5:50 pm



# YOUTH MINISTRY

**Prayer Breakfast**  
**McDonalds on Magnolia**  
**Tuesdays, 6:45 am**

**Junior & Senior Retreat**  
**Lake Martin**  
**November 8-10th**

**DevoPlay**  
**Thursdays @ 5:45**  
**Youth Room**

**Youth Choir**  
**Choir Room**  
**Sundays @ 5:00**

**Youth Sunday Nights**  
**6-8 pm, Youth Room**



**The Mens' Brotherhood group** - Brotherhood in Action, recently completed our third project of 2013 - the building of a 12' x 20' front porch at CrossRoad Missionary Baptist Church on Beehive Road in Auburn. This is the only other CBF Church in our area and is pastored by Dr. Johnny Green.

Ten to fifteen volunteers from the group dug footings, laid block, filled in the slab area and poured a concrete slab for the porch. A handicap accessible ramp was incorporated on the right side.

Please be in prayer for other projects our group might do. We are especially looking for those in our congregation (or outside) that may have special needs or may be unable to come to AFBC on a regular basis.

Thanks to all those that helped with this project. If you know of any other needs we could help with, please contact Mark Yohn at 444-0007, Bob Stevenson at 887-3167 or the Church Office.

**Blood drive at AFBC**  
**November 10, 9 am - Noon**



## Tuesday Night Bible Study

Home-cooked meal @ 7:00      Bible study @ 8:00  
 Topic: #stuffjesussaid — radical words for the real world  
 November 5 - "Love God like crazy. Love people too."  
 Dinner: Jan Thornton  
 November 12 - Wrap up: "The kingdom is in you."  
 Dinner: Edzard van Santen

## WMU CHRISTMAS JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2013



To make sure we finish by the middle of December, we need to start now on the annual project to express kindness at Christmas to the inmates at Lee County Jail.

### Two plans: **THE FAMILY PLAN**

(for families that include this project in their traditions):

- Bible
- Candy (bought, wrapped)
- Writing paper - 2 small pads
- Blue Pens (clear shaft) - 4
- Envelopes - 15
- Stamps - 5
- Game book (crossword, etc.)
- Playing Cards - 1 deck

Christmas Cards (for prisoners to send) - 5  
 Place in a shoe box (at least 5½ inches wide), wrapped in Christmas paper with lid wrapped separately (for inspection). If you choose, enclose a Christmas card for the recipient of your box. (Do not use your name.) For a special blessing, pray for that prisoner. (Leave box in Church Library)

### THE DONATION PLAN

For those who prefer to have the Committee shop and prepare a box, a donation of \$15 covers the cost. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.).

*Early checks are requested to enable the committee to shop!!*

### PRODUCTION LINE:

Coleman Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m. December 17.

**VOLUNTEERS VERY WELCOME!!!**

This year it is anticipated that there will be about 400 prisoners in Lee County Jail at Christmas, and several churches are sharing the work of preparing the boxes. Auburn First Baptist and Opelika United Methodist each prepare 150; several churches – Methodist and Presbyterian in Auburn and Opelika – will prepare the rest.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE JAIL:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

### COMMITTEE:

Ann and Johnie Crance, Sarah and Jim Nichols, Vera and Jerrell McNutt, Mary Virginia Moore, Mary Joe Howard, Julia Morgan, Charles Segrest, Betty Smith, Helen Brown.

### Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by **November 20th**. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Brown Bag Meal Time	5:15 pm
Morning Worship	11:00 am	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 pm
<b>Friday-1st</b>			
College Retreat .....	Meet in Parking Lot	TBD	
<b>Sunday - 3rd</b>			
Missions Committee Meeting	Library	Noon	
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	
<b>Tuesday-5th</b>			
Youth Prayer Breakfast .....	McDonald's	6:45 am	
College Bible Study .....	College Room	7:00 pm	
<b>Wednesday-6th</b>			
Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 am	
<b>Thursday-7th</b>			
First Bells .....	Choir Room	12:30 pm	
Youth DevoPlay .....	Youth Room	5:45 pm	
Spark Adventure .....	Education Building	5:50 pm	
Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room	6:45 pm	
<b>Friday-8th</b>			
College Lunch .....	AU Student Center	11:30 am	
Youth Retreat (11th & 12th) .....	Meet in Parking Lot	TBD	
<b>Sunday-10th</b>			
No Evening Activities			
<b>Tuesday-12th</b>			
Youth Prayer Breakfast .....	McDonalds	6:45 am	
DayFriends .....	Acapulco's	11:45 am	
CDC Committee Meeting .....	Library	5:30 pm	
Y.A. Cafe .....	Leigh Anne's	7:00 pm	
<b>Wednesday-13th</b>			
Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 am	
<b>Thursday-14th</b>			
Handbells .....	Choir Room	12:30 pm	
Youth DevoPlay .....	Youth room	5:45 pm	
Spark Adventure .....	Education Building	5:50 pm	
Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room	6:45 pm	

**Respite Ministry Outreach Event**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

6:00 – 7:30 pm

East Alabama Medical Center's Health Resource Center

2027 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika

**Serving the Month of November**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Fishers

**Greeters:** Amber Berry-Moore, George Crandall, Dick Graves, Delaine Dendy

**Offering:** Sojourners & Seekers

**Serving November 3**

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

**Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini

**Extended Session:** Kelly Meeks, Cindy Cleveland, Amber Berry-Moore, Genesee Cook

**Serving November 10**

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

**Sound & Light:** Claude Conn

**Extended Session:** Macie Smith, Beth L. Smith, Lee Alice Johnson, Victoria Eden

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