

# Advent Family Workshop

November 24, 6:15 pm  
Activities Building



*Families with preschoolers, children or youth  
are invited to gather as we share a snack supper  
and create something for our homes.*

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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

If we lean in closely and start to listen carefully, beyond the busy routines of each week, we might hear someone mention the flurry of events in the weeks to come. In one moment we are tending to normal tasks and business as usual and then in the next breath we look down at the calendar and see the days of Thanksgiving and Christmas standing right in front of us. We start to make our lists and to plan these weeks with precision, wondering how we will get everything done.

Our task each year is not to overshoot these days, but rather to live into them, which we find assistance for developing such a thoughtful, prayerful, hopeful rhythm in life in the seasons of the Church Year. The calendar of the Church Year shapes all of our other calendars. We mark our days by the rhythm of our faith, allowing the events in the life of Jesus and the routines of the Church to impact how we keep time.

At the end of November before we pack up the car to go and visit family for the celebration of Thanksgiving, we will gather on the last day of the Church Year, November 24, Christ the King Sunday. The calendar culminates in recognizing Christ as King, which slows us down in the midst of gathering with our loved ones as well as giving thanks for the goodness of life. Gathering on this Lord's Day also shapes our gratitude in our thanksgivings, remembering the grace of God in the midst of life and what it means to return thanks.

As we peer over the celebration of Thanksgiving and before we rush into the joy of Christmas, we also find slower days in the season of Advent. We find that long pause of the Church, which calls us to live into these days without losing ourselves in them. Before we have a chance to succumb to the frenzy of activities in December, we are reminded of our true preparation for the birth of Christ. We began that seemingly long journey of Advent, awaiting the hope, peace, joy, and love of God, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. In the midst of the constant activity of this time of year, we try to listen deeply and to embrace wholly the meaning of these days. We remember the highest hopes and the deepest longings of our calling as a church.

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***Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal  
Thursday, November 21st  
Coleman Fellowship Hall, 5:15 pm***

**There will be no Thursday Evening activities on November 28**

## Mark Your Calendars!

**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**

Register by November 17th! Pay in the church office or collection plate the fee of \$10. Just be sure your name and "Callaway Gardens" are on your check.



#### **Preschool PJ Party**

November 22, 6 pm

Activities Building

Bring your preschoolers in their pajamas. Bring blankets, pillows, sleeping bags etc. We'll eat pizza and watch the movie: Wreck-It Ralph.



#### **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

DevoPlay  
Thursdays @ 5:45  
Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast  
McDonalds on Magnolia  
Tuesdays, 6:45 am

Youth Choir  
Choir Room  
Sundays @ 5:00

Youth Sunday Nights  
6-8 pm, Youth Room

## Passport Choices

July 6-11

\$75 deposit due by December 1

## Rev. Terri Byrd named as Coordinator of Alabama CBF



The Coordinating Council of Alabama CBF voted unanimously on Thursday, November 8 to approve Rev. Terri Byrd, Associate Coordinator for ALCBF, as its fourth fulltime Coordinator effective December 1, 2013. Rev. Byrd has served as the organization's Associate Coordinator for Congregational Life since November of

2009. She previously has served as a minister at various churches in the areas of worship leadership and student ministry. Most recently she served as interim pastor of Crosscreek Baptist Church in Pelham, Alabama. She received her undergraduate degree from Mercer University and her Master of Theological Studies from Beeson Divinity School of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. Byrd will serve as the organization's first female coordinator.

## 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 5 1/2 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!!*

### PRODUCTIONLINE:

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

**VOLUNTEERS 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: \_\_\_\_\_



November 19 - Pasta Night  
Check FB page for more info

**TNBS will resume in January!**



**AUBURN  
FIRST  
BAPTIST**  
128 E. Glenn  
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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 - 17th**

Children's Committee Mtg .....	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

**Tuesday-19th**

Youth Prayer Breakfast .....	McDonald's	6:45 am
Sr. Adult Trip to Callaway .....	Meet in parking lot	8:30 am
Deacon's Meeting .....	Seekers Classroom	6:30 pm
College Pasta Night .....	Arricia	7:00 pm

**Wednesday-20th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 am
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**Thursday-21st**

First Bells .....	Choir Room	12:30 pm
Thanksgiving Meaal .....	Fellowship Hall	5:15 pm
Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room	6:45 pm

**Friday-22nd**

Preschool PJ Party .....	Activities Building	6:00 pm
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**Sunday-24th**

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
Advent Family Workshop .....	Activities Building	6:15 pm

**Monday-25th**

Fisher's Class Fish Fry .....	Fellowship Hall	5:00 pm
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**Tuesday-26th**

DayFriends .....	Acapulco's	11:45 am
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**Thursday-28th**

No Evening Activities

**Serving the Month of November**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Fishers

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

**Offering:** Sojourners & Seekers

**Serving November 17**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Cynthia Smithart, Betsy Jordan, Carolyn Thompson, Andrew Smith

**Serving November 24**

**Counters:** Bill Faurot, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Alison Crosby, Paula Turnham, Jeannie Eddins, Katherine Smith

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18<sup>th</sup> annual **Cookie Walk**  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Grace United Methodist Church  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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