

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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Sunday, January 5th

Choirs Resume

Preschool, Children's, & Youth Choirs begin at 5:00 pm

“Reading Revelation” Begins, 5:00 pm

Everyone is Invited!

Led by Tripp Martin

(Discipleship Training and Connecting Faith & Family will combine for this study)

Bible Encounter Begins

New Time!

6:00 – 6:30 pm

Committee Night

6:00 pm

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted January 5.

(Childcare will be provided)

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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

As we enter into the first month of the year, we begin again in many ways. We begin again by turning another page on the calendar and starting another year together. We begin again as we continue to celebrate the season of Christmas and as we recognize the light of Epiphany, remembering when the Magi arrived with gifts for Jesus. We begin again in worship on the first Sunday of the year by gathering around the table of communion, beginning again with grace.

We begin again as well on the first Sunday of the year by gathering as committees. On January 5, all of the committees in the church will meet to garner energy and to look at the work of the coming year. We are grateful for the ministry of the committees of the church, as they offer leadership and foster strength in the congregation. The lay leadership of the congregation is the heart of its ministry. On the first Sunday of the year, they will begin again, envisioning ways to reach out and to serve the community around us, meeting the needs within the congregation, and continuing our efforts to embody the grace of God.

One such committee that will begin its work in this new year is an ad hoc committee for staff development, working through the Personnel Committee. At the end of 2013, the Personnel Committee recommended appointing an ad hoc committee to study and consider the need for a new ministerial staff position, and the recommendation was approved by both the deacons and the congregation at its business meeting in December. This ad hoc committee will determine whether there is a need for an additional minister on staff, review overall staff needs, and upon recognizing a need, it will develop a job description and title for any recommended position.

We remember the good work of this committee, as it makes recommendations to the Personnel Committee. All of the recommendations made by this committee will also be reviewed by the deacons and the congregation in the upcoming months. The committee is not a search committee, only an ad hoc committee reviewing staff development. We pray for their discernment, as they consider the needs of the congregation.

Poised at the beginning of a new year, all of us can give thanks for this place of worship and ministry, renewing our commitments to the congregation and bolstering the community within our walls as well as listening for new opportunities to reach out to the community around us. Through the light of Epiphany and surrounded by the grace of God, we continue to deepen our solidarity to one another and to open ourselves up to the Spirit of Christ. The days ahead are full of new beginnings.

Tripp

Thursday, January 9th
Resumption of Mid-Week Service
Wade in the Water:
The Currents of Grace in Scripture
Led by: Tripp Martin

Music Notes

Herb Frombach writes, "When the song of the angels is stilled and the voices of the night are silent; when the shepherds return to their sheep, the work of Christmas begins. When the star in the heavens is dim, and the ringing of the bells is fading; when the kings travel back to their lands, the work of Christmas begins." I love this text for it reminds me that Christmas is not an end unto itself but rather the beginning of our work and ministry. As we start this New Year together I hope all of us will be mindful of the ways we can begin "the work of Christmas."

As we look ahead to 2014, please allow me the opportunity of looking back to December 2013 and acknowledging some special groups within our congregation. . We begin with members of the **Sanctuary Choir**. No church has a more dedicated and committed Sanctuary Choir than does Auburn First Baptist. Their dedication was so obvious in their Christmas presentation, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*. They sang beautifully and are always so willing to accept a musical challenge. Thanks You! The second group is our team of **leaders and workers with our children's choirs**. Those present on *Family Night* know how fortunate we are to have such creative and talented leadership. We saw and heard the results of that leadership. Thank You! We also want to thank our organist Bryan King for years of faithful service to our church and especially its music ministry. Thank You Bryan! I also want to thank ALL of our staff, headed by our pastor, who work so diligently in the office and in their areas of ministry. Thank You! Finally, thank you the members of this congregation for supporting your staff by your presence, your enthusiastic participation in worship, and with your kind words of appreciation and encouragement to your staff. Thank You! With all of this, **how can we not be ready for the work of Christmas to begin?**

Dale

Reading Revelation

A January/February "J-Session" on Reading Revelation
January 5 - February 9, **Led by Tripp Martin**

Everyone in the church is invited to participate!
Sundays, 5:00 pm, Coleman Fellowship Hall

The Discipleship Training and Connecting Faith and Families groups will combine for this study. Reading Revelation carefully in the midst of many misconceptions is difficult and important, as we gain constructive insight into this book.

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, January 12
11:00 am, Sanctuary

Please join us in this meaningful service as we pray for our new Deacon Board and ordain our new deacons.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR!!!!

For the past six weeks, members of our church family have been working hard to make our project of Christmas boxes for inmates at Lee County Jail a success, and it was a very great success!

You have brought in shoe boxes and wrapped boxes and contributed \$15 to cover the cost of the contents of one box. These Sunday School classes wrapped boxes: Seekers, Sojourners, Students, Fishers, and Mary Marthas. The Fishers had their annual supper/box wrapping party. Among



the families who wrapped boxes and contributed greatly were the families of Kellie Wilson, Cindy Cleveland, Beth Smith, and Gwynne Lovelady. (Apologies if any are omitted.)

Many, many, many thanks to the Jail Ministry Team (Ann and Johnnie Crance, Mary Virginia Moore, Mary Joe Howard, Julia Morgan, Betty Smith, Charles Segrest, Somchai Segrest, and Helen Brown).

We had the best turnout ever for the production. Other than the Jail Ministry Committee: Vikki Miller, Jesse Cauley, Nancy Webster, Bill Webster, Piyajit Pratipasen, Kamoltip Thungrat, Katharine Martin, Hunter Martin, Tripp Martin, Gwynne Lovelady, Hudson Draghon, Parker Draghon, Laney Draghon, Kelly Meeks, and Jada Butler.

The entire staff was encouraging and helpful: Leigh Anne Armstrong, Meagan Smith, Trista Slaughter, Dale Peterson, Tripp Martin, and Jada.

This year Dr. Paul Smith was "volunteered" by his wife Betty (on the Jail Ministry Team) to take the boxes to the jail.

May each one of you find a real Christmas blessing in having helped!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Choir
Choir Room
Sundays @ 5:00

Prayer Breakfast
Panera
Tuesdays, 6:45 am

Mission Monthly
January 4
8:00 - 12:30
Check Youth Newsletter
for more info!

Mark Your Calendar

DayFriends

Tuesday, January 7, 11:45 am
Brick Oven

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 5:30 pm
Library

Blood Drive
Sunday, January 12th
Church Parking Lot
9am to 1pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Choirs
5pm on Sundays



2nd - 5th graders
Sundays 6:00 to 6:30 pm
Education Building
Bring Your Bible!

Spark Adventure!
ages 3 - 11
Thursdays at 5:50 pm



TNBS begins Jan. 14!

"Get in the Boat:
Building Christian Community"
Supper @ 7, Bible study @ 8
Supper Jan. 14 — Cindy Cleveland
Volunteers needed



Super Sunday Night
undergrad fellowship
Sun., Jan. 12 @ 7
Leigh Anne's
1200 Ferndale Dr.
Snacks, games, and
fellowship

YACafe
Mon., Jan. 20 @ 7
Leigh Anne's
1200 Ferndale Dr.
Bring a dish to share
All older students and young
careers welcome

Coming Feb. 7-8 — Now Serving A TL
\$20 must be paid by Jan. 21!



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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

January 2nd

No Evening Activities

Saturday-4th

Youth Missions Community Market 10:00 am

Sunday-5th

Children's/Youth Choirs Ed. Bldg/Choir Room 5:00 pm
Reading Revelation Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 pm
Committee Night Posted Locations 6:00 pm

Tuesday-7th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 6:45 am

Wednesday-8th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-9th

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

Sunday-12th

Brotherhood Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 am
Blood Drive Gay St. Lot 9:00 am
Youth Lunch & Learn Youth Room Noon
Children's/Youth Choirs Ed. Bldg/Choir Room 5:00 pm
Reading Revelation Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 pm
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 pm

Tuesday-14th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 6:45 am
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 pm
TNBS College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-15th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

The Church Office will be closed January 1



If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office.

Serving the Month of January

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

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

Offering: Adult 4

Serving January 5

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

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Alison Crosby, Paula Turnham, Genesee Cook, Victoria Eden

Serving January 12

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Kitty Boyer, Betsy Jordan, Ronda West, Amber Berry-Moore

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