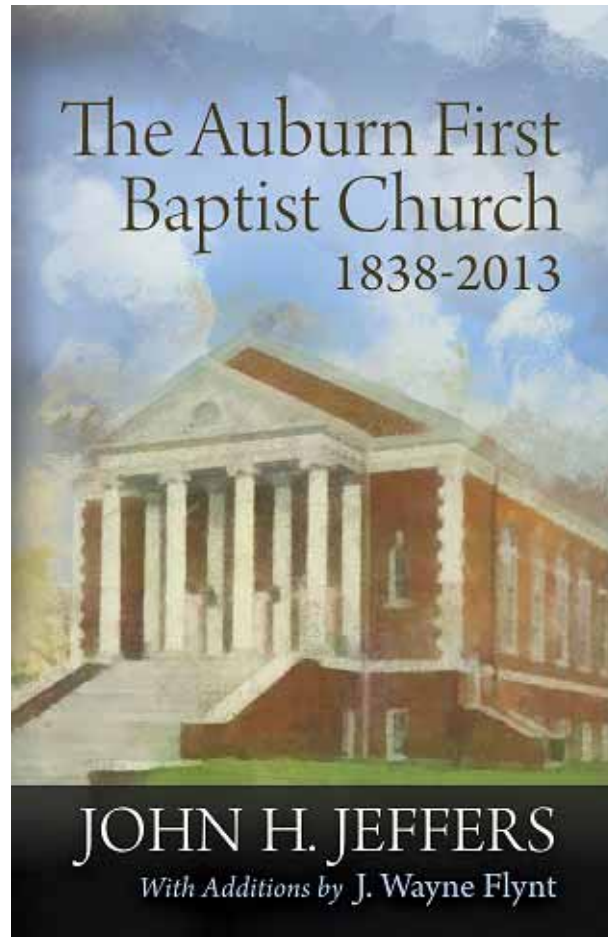


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*Copies of the book, **The Auburn First Baptist Church 1838-2013**, will be made available for the church, starting Thursday, January 16. One free copy is available for each church family. Additional copies will be available for \$10. Please make your checks payable to AFBC and note "175th Annv. Book" on the memo line.*

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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

Once the days of January start to accumulate and the memories of the holidays begin to wane, we find ourselves in the midst of days that are routine and predictable. Our attention is drawn back to staff meetings, doctor appointments, project deadlines, and making it to Friday each week, as we walk along the flat ground of everyday living. We start to thumb through the movie listings from time to time, feeling the slower pace of what is routine.

This is rather fitting as we keep time with the Church Year, entering into what we call *time after Epiphany*. In other traditions within the Church, it is also called *Ordinary Time*. We feel the slower pace of ordinary time, which is like driving for a hundred miles on flat, open terrain. There are not many rest stops or even breathtaking scenes that catch our eyes along the way. But this does not mean there is not more to see.

In the midst of paying attention to meetings and regular appointments on the calendar, we can also pay attention to the sacred quality of life, as we find God with us in each and every moment. Our routine can give us a chance to free our thoughts, so we can pay attention to more that is happening around us. We can be more mindful of people's needs and opportunities to serve or to discover what is holy.

When Moses discovered the burning bush, he was simply tending to the sheep. It was a routine task, but it was transformed by discovering the presence of God. We can embrace Ordinary Time, or time after Epiphany, as an opportunity to see more than we normally see. We can look for glimmers of the light of grace or for shadows of darkness in need of grace. We can also feel the warmth of the light of grace that is always before us within the routines of each week.

As we think about the life of the church, we can give thanks for the good work that takes place each week in the routine schedule of the congregation. We can give thanks for the Sunday School teacher, preparing her lesson on Saturday for the conversation that will take place on Sunday. We can give thanks for the committees meeting and planning the various ministries of the church. We can give thanks for the routine of worship, giving us a chance each week to pause and to pay attention together.

The ordinary does not always seem exciting, but it harbors the presence of God in our midst. We can embrace what is routine as holy time, remembering that each day is sacred. We continue to work and to play, to serve and to enjoy the life of the church and the lives we have been given.

Tripp

Music Notes

In Sunday's sermon, our pastor mentioned that some of us have likely already broken our New Year's Resolutions. Indeed, true! But perhaps there is time to make yet another resolution that you might keep... ***Sing in the Sanctuary Choir***. I know it is easy to wait "until I have more time", or "until the children are older", or "until I retire". But you will likely never have more time than you do now, so I invite you and encourage you to think about joining the Sanctuary Choir today! We rehearse each Thursday from 6:45 until 8:15 P.M. No audition is required and a nursery is provided for children. If you have sung in choirs in the past, I hope you'll consider joining with us in this enjoyable ministry. Although we have openings for all parts, we are especially looking for those who sing soprano and alto. If you have questions, please contact me. I would be glad to talk with you about the Sanctuary Choir. (You will find my email and phone number elsewhere in First Connections.)

Dale

Reading Revelation

A January/February "J-Session" on Reading Revelation
Sunday evenings, 5:00 pm, through February 9th
Coleman Fellowship Hall
Led by Tripp Martin

Everyone in the church is invited to participate!

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.

'Kneeling in Bethlehem' CDs are available in the church office for \$10. Please make checks payable to Chad Parish.

CDs from the 40th College Choir Reunion are also still available in the office.

THANK YOU JADA BUTLER *for 11 Years of Service*

On January 21st, Jada Butler will have served with us, caring for our facilities and helping many of us in this faith family, for 11 years! We are so thankful for her ministry. Consider leaving Jada a note, or when you see her here in the church, take a moment to say "thank you," and offer your appreciation for the work Jada continues to do here among us.

Mark Your Calendar

Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 5:00 pm
Library

Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesday, January 21, 11:00 am
Coleman Fellowship Hall

DayFriends
Tuesday, January 21, 11:45 am
Brick Oven

Quarterly Business Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 6:00 pm
Coleman Fellowship Hall

Sign up to provide dinner for our college students!

“Would you like a chance to meet some of the greatest young people in Auburn? Then consider signing up to provide a dinner for TNBS! You may sign up with a partner or singly. We provide paper goods and drinks. Please contact Leigh Anne Armstrong to sign up and claim your preferred date! (leighannearmstrong@gmail.com)



Tuesday Night Bible Study

“Get in the Boat:
Building Christian Community”
Supper @ 7, Bible study @ 8
Dinner:
Jan 21 - Jackie Hundley
Jan 28 - Volunteer Needed!



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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Choir
Choir Room
Sundays @ 5:00

Prayer Breakfast
Panera
Tuesdays, 6:45 am

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6-8 pm
Youth Room

Youth Hang Out
Thursday Nights, 5:45 pm
Youth Room

Sanctuary Flowers

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.

Thursday Evenings
Wade in the Water:
The Currents of Grace in Scripture
Led by: Tripp Martin

Children's Intern

Sydney Smith will be our Children's Intern for the next several months. She will serve with the Children's Committee to plan and direct children's activities. We welcome Sydney as she serves.



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





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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

Wednesday-15th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-16th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 pm
Stewardship Committee Meeting Library 5:00 pm
Youth Hang Out Youth Room 5:45 pm
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 pm

Friday-17th

Youth Ski Trip Meet in Gay St. Lot 4:00 pm

Sunday-19th

No Evening Activities

Monday-20th

Church Office Closed

YACafe 1200 Ferndale 7:00 pm

Tuesday-21st

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 6:45 am
Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 am
DayFriends Brick Oven 11:45 am
Deacon's Meeting Seeker's Classroom 6:30 pm
College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-22nd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-23rd

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 pm
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 pm
Quarterly Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 pm

Sunday-26th

Missions Committee Meeting Library 4:00 pm
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
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 pm

Tuesday-28th

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

Wednesday-29th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am
Senior Adult Dinner Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 pm

Thursday-30th

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

Friday-31st

Family Game Night Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

Serving the Month of January

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

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

Offering: Adult 4

Serving January 19

Counters: Bill Faurot, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Alison Crosby

Extended Session: Katharine Martin, Rebecca Coan, Lee Alice Johnson, Andrew Smith

Serving January 26

Counters: Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

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