

*Youth Sunday*  
*'Stories of Community'*  
*Sunday, February 23*



*Join us for worship as our youth lead us through  
song, prayer, scripture, and proclamation.*

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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 only a week from the printing of this newsletter, we will gather on the Lord's Day on Sunday, February 23, as we do each week, to worship with one another, but on this particular day, we will gather around our youth in a particular way. It will be Youth Sunday, which is the day we invite the youth to lead in worship. During the days and weeks leading up to Youth Sunday, they will be reading scripture and thinking about its meaning, writing prayers and thinking about the church, and preparing music, which will be offered to God on behalf of the congregation.

Youth Sunday is a unique day, but rooted in a common practice. Throughout the hallways and the rooms of the church, we are constantly living into the meaning of Youth Sunday, caring for the children of the church and cultivating their faith towards maturity and insight. We value the children and youth of the church because they hold a particular place in our congregation. We surround them with the love of God and the wisdom of others, so that in this place, they can experience grace, ask questions, foster joy, and develop compassion for others.

We gather around them on this particular day, as they lead us in worship, so they can continue to develop their voice. As we give voice to our faith, it becomes our own, and we develop maturity. We invite them to use their voices, as we worship. Then we gather around them to offer our appreciation. On this day, we articulate the prayers we always say for them in our words of affirmation. Finally, we gather around them in order to give thanks. We are reminded that they are a gift to us, watching them grow in their lives and in their faith.

As we stand back and look upon this day, we see again the beauty of the church in those relationships that span the generations, from sharing a hymnal with one another to sharing words of wisdom. The children and youth of the church are always looking over the church's shoulder, learning more about faith and God than can be placed into words. The way for children and youth to grow into mature, faithful adults is to spend time with mature, faithful adults, as we learn by looking over the shoulders of others.

We celebrate all of those relationships between the generations. They often go unnoticed, but every now and then we hear them said out loud. On the afternoon of the picnic, following worship on the Children's Sabbath last year, a car with one of our youth drove into the parking of the park, and he saw all of the people from the church gathered together, and he said, "Look at all of the senior adults who came. Isn't that great?" We hear the appreciation of those relationships that span the generations. On Youth Sunday, we will say again how we value those relationships, as the youth lead us in worship, and we affirm their voices of faith.

*Tripp*

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Grounds Work Day** February 15th, 7:00am

Everyone is invited to help mulch plant beds, pressure wash, prune, paint, add irrigation, and pick up trash. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be provided.

### ***Senior Adult Luncheon***

*Tuesday, February 18*

*11:00 am in the Coleman Fellowship Hall*

*Merle Bass will be our guest chef!*

### **Dayfriends**

Tuesdays, February 18  
11:45 am, Acapulco's

*Please call the church office before noon  
Monday if child care is needed.*

### ***Deacons' Meeting***

*Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 pm*

*Seekers' Classroom*

### **Senior Adult Dinner Out** **Wednesday, February 26, 5:00 pm** **Good Ol' Boys**

### **Special Called Business Meeting**

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Agenda Items:

Election of Nominating Committee Members,  
Proposed GMO Budget

### **Joint Choral concert**

**March 2 at 3:30 PM**

**In our sanctuary**

***Emory University Chorale and***

***Auburn University Chorale***

***Admission \$10 (AU charge)***

## Connecting Faith & Family

5:00-6:30 Sundays

Activities Building

Raising Kids to Love Jesus, Ch 13  
"What You Give Is What They Get"

## Adult Discipleship Training

Sundays, 5:00 pm

Coleman Fellowship Hall

## Thursday Evenings Wade in the Water: The Currents of Grace in Scripture

Led by: *Tripp Martin*



## Tuesday Night Bible Study

*"Get in the Boat:*

*Building Christian Community"*

Supper @ 7, Bible study @ 8

Dinner:

Feb 18 - Dorris Beckett &  
Lavaughn & Peggy Johnson

Feb - 25 - van Santens



## YACafe

February 17, 7:00 pm

Leigh Anne's (1200 Ferndale)

**All older students and  
young careers are invited.**

Bring a dish and funny story  
to share around the table!



## Super Sunday!

February 23, 7:00 pm

Leigh Anne's (1200 Ferndale)

All students are invited to bring  
a friend for fellowship, snacks,  
and games! Let us know if you  
need a ride!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Choir  
Choir Room  
Sundays @  
5:00pm

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

Missions Monthly!  
Saturday, March 1  
11:30 - 2:00  
Community Market

## Lock-In

March 7 & 8

Youth need to sign up by March 1 and  
bring \$10 for laser tag.

## Pasta Palooza

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Following Worship

Coleman Fellowship Hall



The children of our church are hosting a church wide luncheon on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, following worship. This will be a wonderful time of food, fellowship, laughter and celebrating children. Everyone is welcome to attend. We invite you to come even if you are not able to RSVP, however, if you know you plan to attend, please email Trista ([tristaslaughter@mindspring.com](mailto:tristaslaughter@mindspring.com)), in the church office, so we can begin preparations.



## 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

**Saturday-15th**

Grounds Work Day ..... AFBC 7:00 am

**Sunday-16th**

Children's/Youth Choirs ..... Ed. Bldg/Choir Room 5:00 pm  
Connecting Faith & Family ..... Activities Building 5:00 pm  
Discipleship Training ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm  
Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 pm  
Youth Sunday Nights ..... Youth Room 6:00 pm

**Monday-17th**

YACafe ..... Leigh Anne's 7:00 pm

**Tuesday-18th**

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

**Wednesday-19th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 am

**Thursday-20th**

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

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Children's/Youth Choirs ..... Ed. Bldg/Choir Room 5:00 pm  
Connecting Faith & Family ..... Activities Building 5:00 pm  
Discipleship Training ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm  
Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 pm  
Youth Sunday Nights ..... Youth Room 6:00 pm  
College Super Sunday ..... Leigh Anne's 7:00 pm

**Tuesday-24th**

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

**Wednesday-26th**

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

**Thursday-27th**

First Bells ..... Choir Room 12:30 pm  
Youth Hang Out ..... Youth Room 5:45 pm  
Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 pm  
Special Called Business Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm  
Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 6:45 pm

**Serving the Month of February**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Adult IV

**Greeters:** Sharlene McDaniel, Dorothy Williams, Delaine Dendy, Nancy Roberts

**Offering:** Pilgrims

**Serving February 16**

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

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Cynthia Smithart, Betsy Jordan, Jeannie Eddins, Addison Meeks, Denise Stoeckel, Bekah DeWitt

**Serving February 23**

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Alison Crosby, Paula Turnham, Lee Alice Johnson, Victoria Eden, Mary L. Porter, Terri Wood

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