

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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Pasta Palooza Sunday, March 2nd Following Worship Coleman Fellowship Hall



On Sunday, March 2 at Pasta Palooza, the entire church is invited to gather after worship for lunch. Church members will also be invited to choose a card with the name of a child or youth from the church on it and to commit to the sacred task of praying for that young person throughout the year. This is one of those opportunities to develop connections between the generations of the church and to fulfill those promises we make as a congregation to each child and youth as we support them in this place as they grow up. The prayer cards will remain available during the following Sundays in March in the vestibule off the front of the sanctuary.

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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 month of March, beginning the season of Lent, anticipating the arrival of Spring Break, celebrating Global Ministries Offering Sunday, and looking forward to many other significant gatherings, the ad hoc committee for staff development continues its work. They have remained busy, meeting with various groups throughout the congregation, while listening intently and insightfully. We appreciate their work and how they are going about their task.

Over the past several weeks, members from this committee have met with leaders in the adult educational programs, including Discipleship Training and Connecting Faith and Family. They have met with chairpersons of various committees and each member of the church staff. They have met with certain committees and groups, such as the children's committee, youth committee, and college students. They have also met with leaders from groups such as the Brotherhood and Sunday School, and this is only a sample of their meetings, not an exhaustive list.

In addition, they are visiting every Sunday School class in the church, practicing careful discernment, as they listen before they speak. They are collecting notes from what they hear and what church members write down on surveys. We appreciate their diligence and faithfulness, seeking a collective wisdom. The process continues to be prayerful, as they approach these conversations without preconceived notions of what is necessary. The committee continues its work, as it helps the church to reduce its staff from its larger structure in the past, focusing on good stewardship and remaining flexible for the future.

The conversation about staff development is not focused on the question, "What is the most important area of the church?" The answer to this question does not provide the answer to which ministerial position to hire. Instead, the committee recognizes that every area of the church is important, such as preschool, children, youth, college, senior adults, education, outreach, and missions. In acknowledging the importance of each ministry, the question becomes, "Which area of the church do we need a trained, educated, and experienced minister to help provide the type of leadership we cannot provide ourselves?"

We give thanks for this committee, as they discern not only the needs of the congregation, but also its strengths. This process will help us maintain our expenses as we reduce the overall structure of our staff from the past, making a commitment to good stewardship with the generous and faithful gifts of the congregation, as we strive to embody the beauty, calling, and grace of the gospel of Christ. When the committee develops its recommendation, it will present it to the Personnel Committee, deacons, and the congregation.

Tripp

MISSIONS MINUTE

By Charlotte Ward for the Missions Committee

This regular report is intended to bring members up to date on the missions efforts of AFBC.

Just about everybody knows something about foreign missions and the ways in which we respond to international crises. But much of AFBC's most important work is done right here at home. Here is an overview of our local missions involvement.

It is possible to live in Auburn and think everyone here is doing OK. But if you look just a little more closely, you soon become aware of deep and widespread need. AFBC through its Global Ministries Offering each year helps to meet many of these needs, in cooperation with other churches and agencies in Auburn and Lee County. Here is a list. Future articles will describe them in more detail.

WE HELP Coalition is the cooperative effort of a number of local churches which builds and repairs houses or Habitat for Humanity.

The Community Market, a branch of the East Alabama Food Bank, is a small grocery store where people with an emergency need for food can shop up to four times in a calendar year.

The Community care network operates the Mercy Medical Clinic and a dental clinic where people unable to afford regular doctor's or dentist's visits can get treatment and medicine for a very small fee.

The Christian Women's Job Corps, now in its fifteenth session, prepares women trapped in poverty with the skills to get and keep better jobs.

The AFBC jail ministry, the "godchild" of Helen Brown, provides a weekly ministry of Bible study, music, and friendship for women in the Lee County jail, as well as Christmas boxes for all inmates every year.

Over the next few issues of this newsletter, I will describe these ministries more fully and help you see where you might fit in.

Dayfriends

Tuesdays, March 4 & 18
11:45 am, Chappy's

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

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 pm, Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 5:00 pm, Library

Connecting Faith & Family

5:00-6:30 pm 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

Joint Choral Concert

March 2 at 3:30 PM

In our sanctuary

Emory University Chorale and

Auburn University Chorale

Admission \$10 (AU charge)

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5th

7:00 am

Sanctuary

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:

March 4 - Terri Wood & Jan Thornton

YACafe

March 17, 7:00 pm

Leigh Anne's (1200 Ferndale)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Prayer Breakfast
Panera

Tuesdays, 6:45 am

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

Lock-In

March 7 & 8

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

Youth Choir
Choir Room
Sundays @

5:00pm

(not meeting 3/2)

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6-8 pm
Youth Room

Missions Monthly!

Saturday, March 1

11:30 - 2:00

Community Market



Have U Herd?

VBS is June 2-6 from
5:30 to 8!

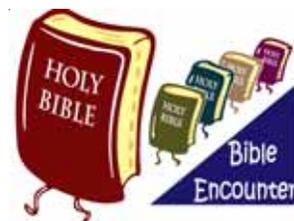
Mark your calendars- we want all the "sheep" who are rising 1st grade through rising 5th grade to join the flock for a week of learning, laughter, and memory making as a church family. We also need

volunteers in every area! Contact Katharine Martin at katharineymartin@gmail.com if you are interested in serving! Children of volunteers who are preschool age will experience modified VBS with bible stories, crafts and games. (Childcare for volunteers with infants and toddlers is also provided.)



Children's Choirs

5pm on Sundays



2nd - 5th graders
Sundays 6:00 to 6:30 pm
Education Building
Bring Your Bible!
(last on 3/2)

Bible Encounter Presentation on March 6 at 6:00 pm

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-1st

Youth Missions Community Market 11:30 am

Sunday-2nd

Pasta Palooza Fellowship Hall Noon
Youth Committee Meeting Youth Room 4:00 pm
Children's Choir Education Building 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

Tuesday-4th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 6:45 am
DayFriends Chappy's 11:45 am
College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-5th

Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary 7:00 am
Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-6th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 pm
Bible Encounter Presentation Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 pm

Friday-7th

Youth Lock In Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

Sunday-9th

Brotherhood Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 am
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

Tuesday-11th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 6:45 am
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 pm

Wednesday-12th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-13th

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

Serving the Month of March

Loaves & Fishes: Mary Marthas

Greeters: Todd Miller, Ruthie Spiers, Dorothy Williams, George Crandell, Amber Berry-Moore, Teresa Vest

Offering: Youth

Serving March 2

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Alison Crosby

Extended Session: Kitty Boyer, Marcie Smith, Alan Walker, Holly Smithart, Genesee Cook, Carolyn Thompson

Serving March 9

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Delaine Dendy, Katharine Martin, Brad Smithart, Sue Walker, Jeannie Eddins, Mrs. Ogundele

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