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# Global Ministries Offering Day



Sunday, March 16th  
11:00 am, 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

When we received the beautiful letter that Dale penned to the congregation a couple weeks ago, there is no doubt that our joint response was one of mixed emotions. Since the reading of that letter, I have heard it often said, “We are going to really miss Dale,” and I have also heard it said, “but no one deserves to retire more than Dale.” We feel so many things all at once, giving thanks for what Dale has meant to each of us, celebrating a rich and long-tenured ministry, and standing with Dale during a momentous occasion in his life.

As we look back at the “Dale Peterson Era,” as the last chapter of the second edition of *The Auburn First Baptist Church 1838-2013* is entitled, we will stumble and struggle to put everything into words. My grandfather, Dr. Ches Smith, who was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tifton, Georgia for thirty years was once asked to speak at a Baptist meeting on *Surviving in the Ministry*, discussing the challenges of such work and offering instruction on how to survive a long tenure. When my grandfather stood up to the podium, he first said, “I was asked to talk about *Surviving in the Ministry*, but I am not sure why I was not asked to talk about *Thriving in the Ministry*.” After some laughter, he talked about what it means to thrive in serving a congregation.

One could use the Dale Peterson years as an instruction manual for thriving in the ministry. Dale has led in song, while also sitting by hospital beds. He has composed beautiful music, but he has also listened when people were hurting. He has created reverence in worship, while also standing on the holy ground of people’s lives, bearing grace. Dale has cherished the sounds of laughter and community as much as he has treasured the sounds of music. He has walked with this church for over forty years through significant transitions.

Dale understands the broad meaning of ministerial leadership, which at its center for Dale is music ministry, but it also reaches out from that center through the entire congregation. He has thrived because of his heart for the church, for which we will be forever grateful. In the months to come, we will have opportunities to express all of the different emotions we have felt. We will say “thank you,” “we will miss you,” and “we are excited for you,” and perhaps even tell some stories. Ministry is always found in the stories, so if you think of any great stories, jot them down on a napkin or sheet of paper. Tell them to Dale, and tell them to one another. It is one of the best ways we celebrate and say, “Thanks be to God.”

Tripp

If you would like to place Easter Lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, your order accompanied by a check payable to Auburn First Baptist Church (note Lily) must be in the church office by **April 6**. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dayfriends**  
Tuesday, March 18  
11:45 am, Chappy's

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

### **Senior Adult Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 18, 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### **Deacons' Meeting**

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 pm, Seekers'

### **Senior Adult Dinner Out**

Wednesday, March 26, 5:00 pm, Good Ol' Boys

### **Grounds Work Day** March 22, 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.

### **DINNER BELL!** Thursday, March 27



Come one, come all! Circle the wagons for some tasty dinner grub on Thursday, March 27 in the Coleman Fellowship Hall! The chow line opens at 5:15 pm and the college crew wants to show our gratitude and thanks to our church family by serving you some dinner and dessert — complete with smiles! See you there!

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**April 6**  
Fellowship Hall, 8 am - 1 pm

**Save the Dates:**  
July 20 & Oct 12

## Connecting Faith & Family

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Activities Building  
(Will not meet 3/23)

## Adult Discipleship Training

Sundays, 5:00 pm  
Coleman Fellowship Hall  
(Will not meet 3/16 & 3/23)

## Have U Herd?

VBS is June 2-6

from 5:30 pm to 8 pm!

Rising 1st through 5th grade  
Volunteers Needed!

Contact Katharine Martin if  
you are interested in serving.  
katharineymartin@gmail.com



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 18 - Katharine Martin & Kellie Wilson  
March 25 - Carolyn Grimes & Charlotte Ward

## The Big Event!

March 22  
SGA  
Service Project Day

## Big Bfast

Sunday, March 30  
9:45 am, College Room  
Come enjoy a hot breakfast  
during Bible Study!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Choir  
Choir Room  
Sundays @  
5:00pm  
(will not meet 3/23)

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

Prayer Breakfast  
Panera  
Tuesdays, 6:45 am  
(Will not meet 3/25)

Youth Sunday Nights  
Sundays, 6-8 pm  
Youth Room  
(Will not meet 3/23 & 3/30)

Day @ Chewacla  
Sunday, March 30  
Noon - 4:30 pm

Bring a picnic lunch and a change of clothes. We will  
load up the vans and head to the park after worship.



The Children and the  
Children's Committee would  
like to thank everyone for  
coming to the Pasta Padooza  
luncheon. We would like to  
say a special thank you for  
the tips that were donated. **We collected  
\$219.17 for The Big House!**



## Children's Choirs 5pm on Sundays

Mark Your Calendars:  
Choir Recognition Service  
April 13th, 6:15 pm



## Spark Adventure!

ages 3 - 11  
Thursdays at 5:50 pm





**AUBURN  
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BAPTIST**  
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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-16th**

Children's/Youth Choirs ..... Ed. Bldg/Choir Room 5:00 pm  
Connecting Faith & Family ..... Activities Building 5:00 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 ..... Chappy's 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

**Saturday-22nd**

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

**Sunday-23rd**

No Evening Activities

**Tuesday-25th**

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  
Dinner Bell ..... Fellowship Hall 5:15 pm  
(see more details inside)  
Youth Hang Out ..... Youth Room 5:45 pm  
Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 pm  
Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 6:45 pm

**Sunday-30th**

Youth Day at the Park ..... Chewacla Noon  
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

**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 16**

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

**Sound & Light:** Claude Conn

**Extended Session:** Kellie Wilson, Cindy Cleveland, Suzanne Parish, Andrew Smith, Brad Cook, Denise Stoeckel

**Serving March 23**

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

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Kelly Meeks, Beth L. Smith, Ruthie Spiers, Mark Wilson, Mary L. Porter, Terri Wood

**Serving March 30**

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Lavaughn Johnson

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Cynthia Smithart, Betsy Jordan, Lynn Eden, Katherine Smith, Carolyn Thompson, Katharine Martin

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**Financials as of February 28, 2014:**

Budget	128,185.22
Contributions	92,060.48
Expenditures	114,448.50
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>-22,388.02</b>

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