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Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 4

Noon

Coleman Fellowship Hall



**Celebrating
our
Graduating
Seniors**

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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*

Auburn First Baptist Church Board of Deacons Resolution of Renewal

With the season of Lent, Holy Week, and the hallelujahs of Easter morning behind us, we now enter into the season of Easter, or Eastertide, which is the fifty days leading up to the celebration of Pentecost, or the birth of the Church. We do not celebrate Easter for only one day, but rather for an entire season, for there is much to embrace that is life-giving and renewing. We spend these fifty days in the light of resurrection, illuminating the renewal of our lives as well as our life together as a congregation.

Around each hallway and corner of the church, we find evidence of the grace of God. We find the good work of thoughtful ministry, teaching the children of the church, planning mission projects, joining our hands in prayer, sharing a meal around the table, forming relationships, and caring for the sick. We find the grace of God in real, concrete ways, even in the business meetings of the church. In our recent business meeting, the congregation discussed various reports and resolutions, including a decision to pursue calling new ministerial staff members.

In one of the reports from the meeting, the deacons also read a Resolution of Renewal, which they wrote and adopted recently for the body of deacons, and it is certainly fitting for the season of Easter. The resolution was born out of a deacon initiative to affirm the life of the church, and to celebrate the voice of this congregation, as it moves forward together. We are grateful for the leadership of the deacons, who introduced and fostered this statement, which can be found in this newsletter.

During each Sunday in the season of Easter, as we worship with one another, we will reflect upon various practices of the church, which help us embrace the life-giving hope of God, as we strive to live as Easter people. Many of these practices are mentioned in the deacon's resolution. They are practices of renewal such as caring for the poor, carrying the burdens of one another, inviting or welcoming a person to church, or listening for the presence of God through prayer. They help us seek the light of resurrection, building community, fostering compassion, and listening for our calling as the body of Christ. In all of these ways, we continue to give thanks for the voice of this church, as we join our voice with its voice, embodying the love of Christ, as we take each small step as a congregation on our journey as Easter people.

Tripp

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 5:00 pm, Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 5:00 pm, Library

DayFriends

Tuesday, May 13, 11:45 am, Little Italy

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 pm, Library

**This resolution was initiated and written by the deacons and adopted on April 15, 2014, affirming the voice of this congregation and making a commitment to its ministry, as we continue on our journey together.*

This resolution is brought to you, the membership, by the Deacons you elected to hold in their hands, in some sense and to some degree, the welfare of AFBC. We want to be "Good Hands" servants. You will note the resolution is not in the traditional "whereas" and "therefore" style. Rather it is, we hope and believe, a clear and simple statement of our intentions, commitments to and goals for AFBC.

We believe that AFBC is a faithful and valued voice of the church of Jesus Christ in this community and beyond. Our ancestors, through thick and thin, invested in the future of AFBC and left us with an inspiring legacy, history, tradition and record of faithful service and worship. We thank them.

We now have the opportunity, the responsibility, the challenge and the blessing to do the same for those who will follow and now is the time to make the investments in AFBC to make this possible. We invested in an R&R (Renovation and Renewal) program. The renovation is complete. The renewal continues. The pieces are in place. Our community is one of the fastest growing in the state. The field is truly ripe unto harvest for AFBC.

The coming of our pastor, Tripp Martin, and his family is a truly welcomed gift to us that has been received with thanksgiving, a warmth of spirit and a hopefulness of mind, heart and soul. They bring to us renewal.

There are currently multiple efforts underway to fill positions, define and activate committees and chart a path to do the work for which we were called as a church and as individuals.

Now is the time to invest in AFBC. We, the deacons, resolve to commit ourselves to take every opportunity to make whatever contributions each of us can make individually. Give financially. Attend and support and participate in the work of the church. Dust a table. Pick a weed. Give blood. Pray. Worship. Build. Be kind to one another and fear not. Love our neighbors. Be a voice for AFBC. Be as Christ like as possible at home, at work, at church, in the community—in our lives.

We encourage every member to find a way to participate in renewal and to invest in AFBC—a commitment of time, talent, money and voice. Your voice is the voice of AFBC.

By faith and action, we believe these individual commitments will, collectively, faithfully preserve the history of and continue the tradition and mission of AFBC and mark a renewal in the present and future life of the church.

We, therefore, present this resolution to you, the congregation and each member individually, as a call and an opportunity for each of us to join together to invest in and give voice to the life and work of AFBC.

MISSIONS MOMENT: CWJC

The Christian Women's Job Corps is a program initiated by the WMU. According to the WMU website: CWJC

1. Seeks to equip women, in a Christian context, for life and employment
2. Engages each participant in a weekly Bible study and pairs her with a mentor for encouragement and accountability, in a missions context, where women mentor women

The program began about a dozen years ago in Birmingham, and now has more than 200 sites in operation across the country. A parallel program for men, CMJC, was begun a few years later.

It was Janice Saidla, who headed the Mercy Ministry of Auburn United Methodist Church who first saw the need for such a program in Lee County. AUMC provided seed money and space and Mrs. Saidla and Dr. Fern Garrett invited people from many area churches to participate.

Since its beginning in 2006, fourteen classes, a total of 85 women, have graduated from the program. There are two eight-week sessions each year, spring and fall. Each session consists of seven weeks of intensive study aimed at developing personal and professional skills that will enable graduates to get and keep jobs that will get them out of poverty and into the middle class. The eighth week provides internships with local agencies, primarily East Alabama Medical Center, the City of Auburn, and local motels.

Bible study is an integral part of the program, and I have had the privilege of being the Bible teacher for each session. Other classes include computer skills, health, job application skills from writing a resume to learning how to dress and how to do an interview. Mentors, a vital part of the program, are assigned the second week of the session, and stay in close touch with their students for several months after its conclusion. AFBC participates by providing lunches, teachers, board members (Charlotte Sutton and Charlotte Ward) and money from our GMO.

To meet our current class and see what they are doing, visit the CWJC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cwjcleecounty. These women will graduate on Friday, May 2.

Charlotte Ward



**Celebrating our May 2014
Auburn University Graduates**

Masters: Samantha Holland

Bachelors: Bekah DeWitt & Spenser Ridgway

Theology in the Theatre

Tuesdays beginning May 20, 7:00 pm in the College Room

YOUTH MINISTRY

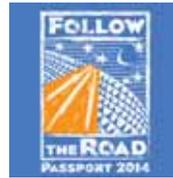
**Prayer Breakfast
Panera
Tuesdays, 6:45 am**

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

**Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6-8 pm
Youth Room**

**Missions Monthly
Saturday, May 3
11:30 am
Community Market**

**Senior Banquet
Sunday, May 4
Noon, Fellowship Hall
6th - 11th grade will serve**



**Passport Campers
Parents' Meeting
May 8th, 6:30 pm
Youth Room**

Thank You!



Many thanks to the Auburn students who participated in the Big Event and volunteered here at AFBC. They spent time on Saturday, March 22nd, painting the inside of the Activities Building and two of the classrooms on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.



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

Inquirer's Class
Fourth and Fifth Graders

During the Sunday School hour on the Sundays in May, Tripp will meet with the fourth and fifth graders for a time of conversation and questions.



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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

Thursday-1st

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

Saturday-3rd

Youth Missions Monthly Community Market 11:30 pm

Sunday-4th

Youth Senior Banquet Fellowship Hall Noon
Children's Committee Meeting Library 5:00 pm

Wednesday-7th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-8th

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

Sunday-11th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday-13th

DayFriends Little Italy 11:45 am
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 pm

Wednesday-14th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 am

Thursday-15th

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 May

Loaves & Fishes: Fishers

Greeters: Dee Williams, Nancy Roberts, Ned Dendy

Offering: Sojourners

Serving May 4

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Cindy Cleveland, Lee Alice Johnson, Genesee Cook, Carolyn Thompson, Cynthia Potts

Serving May 11

Counters: Donna Bennett, Bill Faurot, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Beth L. Smith, Kathleen Sabo, Suzanne Parish, Anna Starks, Katharine Martin, Denise Stoeckel

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Thursday Evenings
Psalms: A Prayer Book
Led by: Tripp Martin

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