

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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MISSION MOMENTS - AFBC'S BRAZIL MISSION

This July, for the twenty-sixth consecutive year, members of AFBC will travel to Brazil to do whatever is needed in a Brazilian community. Recently, Bob Stevenson shared his memories of how God started it all back in 1988.

Actually, it began a few years earlier when Alabama-born missionary Louise Donaldson took a group of youngsters from her mission church to a Baptist camp near Recife. Nearby was a community with no clean water, poor diets, and no church but a Catholic chapel that was only open for weddings and funerals. Seeing multiple needs, Ms. Donaldson applied to the Foreign Missions Board for World Hunger funds to begin work on these problems, and asked the Alabama State Convention to recruit some help. The plan was to organize teams around sets of professional skills.

The first team to get going was the veterinarians, led by Dr. Paul Smith. Paul, Dwayne Beckett, and Lloyd Lauerman, all from AFBC, plus a vet from Kentucky, Bob Stevenson, and a young couple from Opelika who were in agriculture and home economics made up the first team.

Bob Stevenson became the team leader in 1990. The teams have involved about 125 people in all, nearly half from AFBC, but including volunteers from not only the Southeast but Texas, California, and Romania!

Although the work began with veterinary care for cattle and chickens and a demonstration vegetable garden, it has expanded in many directions. Construction teams (mostly non-professionals) have provided new church buildings for fourteen congregations and expanded facilities for eight others. Early on, the teams began leading Vacation Bible Schools, and VBS has become an essential part of the program, for which our own children help to prepare in their VBS activities.

A number of teams have included doctors and dentists, and every team now conducts a vision clinic and provides reading glasses as needed. Recently, under Gwynne Lovelady's leadership, English as a second language classes have been added. Some of the churches hold revivals while the teams are there.

Wallace Baldwin succeeded Bob Stevenson as team leader a few years ago, and will be heading south this year's team on July 19th. This ongoing ministry has been a blessing to all the volunteers who have participated, as well as to the thousands of Brazilians it has touched.

Listen to their stories when they get home, and consider being one of those volunteers next year.

Charlotte Ward

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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

Have you heard? “Have u Herd?” There is a great deal of commotion filling the hallways and rooms of the church this week. If you walk through the doors of the church, you might hear laughing and singing, running and scurrying, cutting and gluing, talking and listening. They are the sounds of Vacation Bible School, filling the church with the sounds of children.

Looking into the rooms of the church this week is full of joy. There are sheep and grass decorating the walls of Sunday School rooms, while teachers and leaders are talking about the love of God that leads and guides us. Have you heard? Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” Children will be speaking, but also listening this week for the presence of God.

The children will be listening to songs, Bible stories, mission stories, and leaders from the church, which care about them. They will be saying to one another that God loves, helps, and cares, and we can turn to God in all of those ways. We are grateful for all of these sounds, as they will bless the walls of the church as well as the lives of the children.

We are also glad that children and teachers from Crossroads Baptist Church will join us for Vacation Bible School. Crossroads Baptist, where Dr. Johnny Green is pastor, is a good friend, and we are thankful to share this experience with them. We will all celebrate and learn together during this special week, for important experiences are always enriched by sharing them with good friends.

We are grateful for all of the teachers and all of the children, who will make this week special. It embodies one of those significant Easter practices of passing down the traditions of the church. As we read in Deuteronomy, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”

We give thanks for all of the listening and passing down, celebrating and learning, sharing and growing that will happen during Vacation Bible School. We are grateful for the children in our midst, as we surround them with the love of God. We will hold onto the blessings of this week and to the blessing of our children.

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Thursday Evening Bible Study
Coleman Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 12
Psalms: A Prayer Book
Led by: Tripp Martin
Reminder: No Meeting June 5th

Singers needed for Sanctuary Choir **June 12th, 6:45 P.M.**

Our Sanctuary Choir will have three rehearsals during June. (We take the month of July off!) And, if you enjoy singing, we cordially invite you to join on Thursday, June 12th at 6:45 P.M. Although all voice parts are needed, there is a special need for sopranos and altos. So, if you have ever thought about singing with the choir, THIS IS THE TIME TO JOIN. During our June rehearsals, the Sanctuary Choir will begin preparation for its concert on September 14th.

I hope you will consider joining us. If you have any questions about participating in the Sanctuary Choir, please feel free to contact any choir member or me. We're saving a place for you!!!

New Young Adult and Graduate Student Class

Who we are: Focused on Young Adults and Graduate Students between 22 and 35 years old, our group seeks to develop authentic friendships through fellowship and worship at Auburn First Baptist Church. The Young Adult and Graduate Student fellowship grows young adult spirituality and discipleship of Christ through learning, sharing, praying and serving in and through the church.

What we do: The center point of our group is our weekly gatherings on Sunday mornings where we study in order to get a more three-dimensional view of who Christ is... and who we are in light of who Christ is. We also seek to become a part of the fabric of Auburn First Baptist Church through service.

When we meet: Typically, we meet for study, reflection, prayer and fellowship every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at Auburn First Baptist Church, Room S301.

Who to Contact: If you are interested in or want more information about the Young Adult/Graduate Student Ministry, please contact Lee Alice Johnson (laj.auburn@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendar

DayFriends

Tuesday, June 10, 11:45 am

Acapulco's

Call the church office by noon on Monday
if childcare is needed

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 5:30 pm

Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 5:00 pm

Library



Brotherhood Hosts Church Wide Breakfast

June 8th, 8:00 am

Guest Speaker: Frances Ford
Executive Director, Sowing Seeds of Hope
Perry County Healthcare Coordinator
Please email or call the church office
if you plan to attend.
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Theology in the Theatre
Tuesdays beginning May 20
7:00 pm in the College Room

Join us for snacks and a movie as we search for
hints of the holy in modern media!



Youth Hang Out
Thursday Nights, 5:45 pm
Youth Room
*Reminder: No Activities
for June 5th*

Missions Monthly
Saturday, June 7th
11:30 am
Community Market

YOUTH

Sundays @ 6 pm

*June 1st - Meet at church for pizza
then Destination FUN!*

*June 8th - The Edens
1240 Cottonwood Circle*

We need hosts (homes/pools) for Sundays of Summer
Please contact Cindy at
cindycleveland@mindspring.com
If you can host a Sunday night during the summer



VBS Decorating Day

Sunday, June 1, 4:00 pm

VBS Schedule

Monday, June 2nd-Friday, June 6th
Snack Supper @ 5:30pm
in Fellowship Hall
VBS @ 6:00pm-8:00pm
in Sanctuary and Education Building

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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

Sunday-1st

VBS Decorating Day Sanctuary 4:00 pm
Youth VBS Workers Youth Room 5:00 pm
Youth SOS Youth Room 6:00 pm

Monday-2nd

VBS Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm

Tuesday-3rd

VBS Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm
Theology in Theatre College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-4th

VBS Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm

Thursday-5th

VBS Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm

Friday-6th

VBS Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm

Sunday-8th

Church Wide Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 am
Youth SOS Edens 6:00 pm

Tuesday-10th

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 pm
DayFriends Acapulco's 6:00 pm
Theology in Theatre College Room 7:00pm

Thursday-12th

Stewardship Committee Meeting .. Library 5:00 pm
Youth Hang Out Youth Room 5:45 pm
SummerSalt Education Building 5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 pm

Saturday-14th

Children's Committee Mtg. Library/F.H. 8:00 am

Serving the Month of June

Loaves & Fishes: Sojourners

Greeters: Lois Graves, Amber Berry-Moore, Sharlene McDaniel

Offering: Seekers

Serving June 1st

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Ruthie Spiers, Marcie Smith, Alan Walker, Holly Smithart, Jeannie Eddins, Mrs. Ogundele

Serving June 8th

Counters: Donna Bennett, Bill Faurot, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Claude Conn

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Katharine Martin, Brad Smithart, Sue Walker, Brad Cook, Denise Stoeckel

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