

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

**Kick-off Breakfast by Edzard - 8:30 a.m.**  
*Fellowship Hall*

**Promotion Sunday**  
**Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.**

*(For those promoting, this will be the time you will go to your new class and meet your new teacher!)*

**Bibles, Trees and Backpacks**  
**Worship - 11:00 a.m.**

*A time of worship including Bible presentations to rising 1st Graders, tree presentations to rising 6th Graders & a Blessing of the Backpacks for all of those beginning, returning to or continuing their education.*

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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

The life of the church in many ways is a web of ongoing conversations. It begins with the ongoing conversation of worship, as we sing and pray, listen and discern. It is the audible sound of the calling to "follow me," which takes place in community with one another, leading us forward as a congregation. The conversation stretches from worship into prayerful conversations for one another and for the world. The discussion about the love of God that takes place in worship becomes a dialogue about the love of neighbor, pouring forth from the walls of the church into God's world.

These types of conversations then stretch outward in multiple directions like a spider web, becoming the concerns and ministry of the church. They bring people together to study, and they send people out to serve. They become the conversations within committee meetings, and they guide the work of the church both locally and globally. All the while, these discussions reach back to those original conversations about the love of God and about the love of neighbor.

The interconnections between us throughout the church are part of our strength. They hold us together, and they form us as a community of faith. As we approach the end of the summer, peering around the corner at the beginning of the school year, the ongoing conversations of the church remain ongoing. Committees have continued to come together and to do good work, and recently we have elected two search committees who will begin their work this fall. We support and pray for the conversations they will have.

This fall we will also talk about the beloved tenure of Dale Peterson, giving thanks for all he has done as well as celebrating his retirement. We look forward to those conversations and the opportunity to offer our gratitude. In anticipation of this transition, the Music Committee has been engaged in ongoing conversations as well, securing leadership for the interim. In September, we will welcome the Reverend Eddi Vinson Riley to serve as our Interim Minister of Music. Eddi and her husband, Jim, are members of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, and she was recommended to us from several people who know us well and who know her well. Two years ago, Eddi retired as the Minister of Music at Trinity Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama, where she had worked with Ronnie Brewer for countless years. In Eddi's conversations with the Music Committee, her competence and warmth were readily apparent, leading the committee to recommend her leadership for this chapter of our journey.

We give thanks for all the ways we are connected through the life of the church, spinning a web of conversations that draw us closer to one another and to the love of God. These conversations remain ongoing, but we find strength in working together.

*Tripp*

## Mark Your Calendar

### *DayFriends*

*Tuesday, August 5, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's Deli  
Please call the church office by noon  
on Monday to reserve childcare.*

### *CDC Committee Meeting*

*Tuesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m., Library*

### *Stewardship Committee Meeting*

*Thursday, August 14, 5:00 p.m., Library*

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORP Volunteer Opportunity

Here is an opportunity for AFBC to be more involved in the Christian Women's Job Corps. I hope some individuals or Sunday School classes will respond. Lunch is served five days a week for seven weeks. That's quite a few lunches.

Lunches Needed for the Fall Session - Sept. 8 - Oct. 24. Can you help provide and serve lunch to our participants in the upcoming fall session? • Eagle Center @ 11:45 a.m. • Number to be fed: approx. 10 - 12 • Eat and visit with our ladies • Beverages and eating supplies provided • Daily menu and other details will be provided. • Contact Sally Sheehan @ 749-0144

*Charlotte Ward*

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## Connecting Faith and Family

Parents are invited to join this group on Sundays 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m., beginning August 17. Although we read and discuss parenting books, the primary focus is support and encouragement in the crucial and challenging task of raising our children well.

Children's choirs meeting during this time, and child care is provided for the smaller children. For more information, please contact Gwynne Lovelady at 502-6450 or [gslovelady@bellsouth.net](mailto:gslovelady@bellsouth.net).

## Discipleship Training

Begins Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

## Celebrating a New Year of Sunday School Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.

This year we will kick off our new Sunday School year on August 10 with breakfast prepared by Edzard van Santen. Following breakfast, everyone can then move to their Sunday School Classes. (For those promoting, this will be the time you will go to your new class and meet your new teacher!)

*The serving line for breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Mary Jim Coleman Fellowship Hall.*

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

As part of a ministry to the Ridgecrest Apartments, our church is assisting Auburn Housing Authority with National Night Out. The program increases awareness about programs such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts. AFBC volunteers are needed to run various booths and games.

**The event is August 5 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at 931 Booker Street, Auburn, AL (Off of North Donahue)**

If you are available, please contact Charlotte Sutton ([suttocd@auburn.edu](mailto:suttocd@auburn.edu)) or the church office to sign up and get more information.



Congratulations to our Summer 2014  
College Graduates!

**Meagan Smith** — Bachelor in Sociology  
Columbus State University

**Piyajit 'Paul' Pratipasen** — Master in Fisheries  
Auburn University

## Thiiiiis Close! Mission Trip Accomplished!

July 18-20 saw 6 of our college students and 2 adults travel to Tallahassee, FL to settle up the friendly Twitter wager between AFBC and FBC Tallahassee over the outcome of the BCS Championship. We were welcomed warmly in Tallahassee, and enjoyed getting to know the pretty college town/capitol city.

We spent a very rainy afternoon serving at a Special Olympics site, where we laid out a bocce court, weeded and pruned an atrium garden, swam and competed in water volleyball with



some Special Olympics athletes, and had a great time of sharing with these athletes and their coaches that was informative and inspiring. On Sunday, we were able to spend time in Bible study and worship with the congregation of FBCTLH. We hope the relationships we began can continue in the future — but, to paraphrase an old saying, "Next year in Auburn!"

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
at 7:00 p.m. in the College Room  
*Resumes August 19th*

## Sign Up Now!

Sign-ups have begun for TNBS dinners and Sunday morning Big Bfats that will begin in August! Help us get ready to welcome students to our church, and get your preferred date, by signing up today! Email Leigh Anne, [leighannearmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:leighannearmstrong@gmail.com) for sign-up details!



**Thursday Nights**  
*Brown Bag Meal Time*  
@ 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Youth Hang Out Time**  
@ 5:45 p.m., Youth Room

**Missions Monthly**  
Community Market, August 2nd @ 11:30 a.m.  
*Lunch at Laredo afterwards. Youth may be picked up at 1:30 p.m. or if staying for lunch, ride home provided.*

## YOUTH SOS

*Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.*  
**August 3rd** - Lake Trip following Morning Worship will return at 8:00 p.m.

**August 10th** - "Welcome 6th Graders!"  
The Martin's House

*Sunday Nights Resuming, August 17th*  
**Youth Choir @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner and Devo "B2S" @ 6:00 p.m.**  
*\* Activities will end at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m.*  
*Reminder: No Evening Activities for August 31st (Labor Day Weekend)*

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**  
Coleman Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**Thursdays, August 7th & 14th**  
Psalms: A Prayer Book  
*Led by: Tripp Martin*

## SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir will be rehearsing anthems for Sundays and for our Finale Concert which will take place on Sunday afternoon, September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have sung in choirs before and enjoy singing, you are cordially invited to join us. If you have questions, contact Dale Peterson or any member of the Sanctuary Choir.



## Back to School Bash

August 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Eden's Pond  
(9621 Tuskegee Street, Notasulga, AL 36866)

*Please bring a side, dessert, and/or drink to share. Meat will be provided. If you want to fish, you can bring your fishing gear and come as early as 8:00 a.m.*

**Spark Adventure**  
ages 3 - 11  
Thursdays at 5:50 p.m.





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128 E. Glenn  
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**Every Sunday**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Every Thursday**

Brown Bag Meal Time 5:15 p.m.  
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday-2nd**

Youth Missions Monthly ..... Community Market 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday-3rd**

Youth Lake Day ..... Following Morning Worship

**Tuesday-5th**

DayFriends ..... Chappy's Deli 11:45 a.m.

**Thursday-7th**

Youth Hang Out Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.

SummerSalt ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday-9th**

Back to School Bash ..... Eden Pond 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday-10th**

Promotion Sunday

Churchwide Breakfast ..... Fellowship Hall 8:30 a.m.

Youth SOS ..... Martin's House 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday-12th**

CDC Committee Meeting ..... Library 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday-14th**

Stewardship Committee Mtg ..... Library 5:00 p.m.

Youth Hang Out Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.

Spark Adventure ..... Education Bld. 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.

**Financials as of June 30, 2014:**

Budget	384,555.54
Contributions	303,173.38
Expenditures	318,336.12
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>-15,162.74</b>

**Serving the Month of August**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Mary Martha's

**Greeters:** Lois Graves, Dee Williams, Nancy Hill Roberts, Delaine Dendy

**Offering:** Adult 4

**Serving August 3rd**

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

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Mary Lynn Porter, Terri Wood

**Serving August 10th**

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

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Mary Lynn Porter, Terri Wood

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