

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS *from Tripp Martin*

As we turn our attention to a season of stewardship, as the church constructs its budget for next year, and we observe Pledge Sunday on October 19, we begin by giving thanks for the commitment and the generosity of the congregation. Gifts of time, talent, and financial resources are offered to the church each week, for which we are deeply grateful. These gifts represent more than we can define, and they become more than we can describe. They represent an act of faith, and they become the faithful ministry of the congregation. We are grateful for the history of this church, built around these generous gifts, and we are grateful for its future as well, sustained by the same commitment.

In reflecting upon stewardship, we hope to step far enough back from the word in order to see its full meaning. Standing far enough back, we can see how any conversation about how we use our lives is a conversation about stewardship. Whether we mention the word or not, each time we think about how we engage our lives, we enter into this type of conversation. Any way that we use any gift from God is a decision about stewardship.

The meaning of the word stewardship, as Douglas Hicks writes, comes from *sty-warden*, or keeper of the sty. Off hand, we might hear echoes of a parent saying to us, "Your room looks like a pig sty." It is an earthy characterization of stewardship, which reminds us of how our spirituality intersects the material. Our faith roots us in daily living, as we are stewards of God's household. The ways in which we care for others, use our gifts and resources, or manage our time are decisions of stewardship. We are connected to God through our daily living, engaging life through our hopes and decisions.

During this time of year, we not only step far enough back to see the width of stewardship, we also step close enough to it as well in order to explore the depths of its meaning for us. The width of stewardship includes all aspects of life, but we must also explore the depths of each aspect for our lives. As we think about stewardship as a church, we make room for each of us to consider the possibilities for our lives. We begin by giving thanks for our gifts as well as listening for how we may use our lives to care for others, support the church, and foster the goodness of God around us. It is the life of a steward, giving thanks for the possibility of such goodness.

Tripp

Mark Your Calendar

Children's Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 5th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 9th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, October 12th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends
Tuesday, October 14th, 11:45 a.m., Little Italy
Please call the church office by noon
on Monday to reserve childcare.

CDC Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 14th, 5:30 p.m., Library

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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.

Deacon Nominations - LAST DAY OCTOBER 3RD

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2015 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box.

Thursday Evening Bible Study
 Led by Tripp Martin
 Coleman Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays, October 2nd & 9th
A Scrapbook: Listening to the Past

Flu Shot Clinic
 October 2nd, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 Parish Nurse Office

**Committees Are Important
 To The Life Of Our Congregation**

Prayerfully consider how you might serve our church, community and world. Please place a check by the committees of interest to you. The Committee on Committees will be meeting soon to compile a list of nominations for all committees to be voted on by the church.

Please tear off this completed form and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

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| Aesthetics_____ | Building Maint._____ | |
| Children_____ | College_____ | Counters_____ |
| Crisis_____ | Flowers_____ | |
| Food Service_____ | Greeters_____ | Grounds_____ |
| Health _____ | Lights,Sound,Recording_____ | |
| Media Center_____ | Memorials_____ | Missions_____ |
| Music_____ | Nominating_____ | Ordinance_____ |
| Preschool_____ | Senior Adult_____ | Social_____ |
| Stewardship_____ | Trustees_____ | Ushers_____ |
| Van_____ | Visitation_____ | Youth_____ |
- I will serve wherever you need me._____

Name_____

e-mail_____

Phone_____

A Note from the Stewardship Committee:

It is hard to believe we have entered the season of Fall. It seems just yesterday we were digging deep in our closets to find our summer clothes! Just as we change seasons throughout the year, we are now moving into another season of our church. Our church is fortunate to have two separate committees, searching for new staff members, which will help lead us into this next season.

The stewardship committee is also hard at work, reviewing the proposed budget for 2015. We are looking closely at our expenses and contributions. We are excited to report that the overall budget for 2015 looks favorable. Committees and programs are paying close attention to expenses that can be reduced, and the overall reduction for 2015 might be upwards of \$12,000. This is a good trend, as the church has worked to reduce its expenses in the last few years. This reduction, though, does not affect our budgeted missions or ministries.

We are also making progress in reducing the debt carried over from 2012. Moving into 2013, we carried over about -\$70,000 in debt. In 2014, we only carried -\$40,758 of debt into the year, having reduced that original amount. As of August 2014, we have a -\$12,063 shortfall for the year, which is comparable to last year. This means our total deficit is currently -\$52,821. Our expectation and hope is to further reduce our deficit by the end of this year. In addition, we, as a church, have a great opportunity to further reduce the deficit during this interim period, which will extend into 2015.

At times, the Stewardship Committee receives questions about easier ways to give on a routine basis. One easy and practical way is to use a service like bill pay. Most banks have free bill pay service in which you can schedule automatic payments, which are sent to the church. Whatever way of giving works best for you and your family, we are grateful for your commitment.

Stewardship affects every area of our Christian life. It affects our worship, service, ministry, and fellowship. We are grateful for your generous gifts in 2014. We also ask that you be in thought and prayer in the coming weeks as we move towards Pledge Sunday on October 19th, as we then finalize our budget for 2015. This is a very exciting season we are entering in the life of Auburn First Baptist Church!

Sincerely,
Brian Ledbetter
Stewardship Committee Chair

Do something AMAZING.
 Donate blood.
October 12th, 8:00 a.m.
 College St. Parking Lot

Discipleship Training

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
 Great Figures of the New Testament will be the focus of fall Discipleship Training. Join us on Sundays as we view Dr. Amy Jill Levine's 30 minute lectures and then open the floor for discussion.

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m., Activities Building
 Children's choirs meet 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.



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

Sunday Night Activities

Youth Choir @ 5:00 p.m., Choir Room
Youth Sunday Nights @ 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

We are beginning a new study this month, Gradients.

It is a group of Bible studies for Youth who live in a world that's neither black nor white.

October 5th: Supper-Parishes; *Gradients: Understand*
October 12th: Supper-Cantrell-Wrights; *Gradients: Prepare*

Coming up:

Six Flags Trip!
October 18th

Depart at 7:15 a.m.

Deadline to let Cindy know is October 7th

Passport

July 12th-17th

Queens College
 Charlotte, NC



Youth Summit

January 16th-18th FBC of Huntsville
 Deadline to sign up with Cindy is December 1st.

Associate Pastor Search Committee Surveys

The search committees for the Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults and the Associate Pastor for Music encourage all church members to fill out surveys that will be available in the coming days. Both committees are making good progress and value your input. There will be an e-mailed link for those wishing to complete surveys on line or hard copies will be shared in Sunday School on Oct 5th. A drop box will be outside the church office for collecting the surveys through Oct 24th.

Joe Turnham, Search Committee for the Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults Chair

Shane Dunn and Ronda West, Search Committee for the Associate Pastor for Music Co-Chairs



Friday Lunches on Campus
 Food Court in Student Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Drop by between classes!

Tuesday Night Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. in the College Room

Fall Book Club: Mountains Beyond Mountains
 Join us for a fall book club in the Seekers' classroom beginning on Sunday night October 12th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.! This group, open to all ages, will use book discussions to talk about how our faith informs how we see the world. This fall, we will read and discuss Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder. This non-fiction narrative centers around the work of Harvard-trained Dr. Paul Farmer, doctor and humanitarian who travels from Haiti, Cuba, Peru and Russia offering radical solutions in order to save lives. The fall series will meet October 12th, 19th, and November 2nd, 9th, 16th. Facilitator: Katharine Martin

AlabamaCBF 20th Anniversary Celebration:

Sharing in the Spirit

Sunday, October 26 - Monday, October 27, 2014
 Shades Crest Baptist Church, Birmingham

Sunday evening Celebration at 6 pm

Dinner: \$25 per person or \$150 for a table of six

Special Guest, Suzii Paynter,
 CBF Executive Coordinator

Monday morning breakout sessions



Fall Family Camping Trip
 Weekend of October 10th

We will be camping at Wind Creek State Park.

Last day for families to sign up is October 7th.

www.alapark.com/windcreek/

If you are planning to go, please e-mail or

contact the church office
 (tristaslaughter@mindspring.com or 887-8506)



Passportkids! Camp
 Spartanburg, SC

June 29th-July 2nd

For children who have completed 3rd - 5th grade
 Contact Kellie Wilson for more information

Sunday Nights

Children's Choirs @ 5:00 p.m.
 Bible Encounter @ 6:00 p.m.

Spark adventure
 ages 3 - 11
 thursdays at 5:50 p.m.





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<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Meal Time	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-1st			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Thursday-2nd			
First Bells	Handbell Room	12:45 p.m.	
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Sunday-5th			
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	3:30 p.m.	
Children's Committee Meeting	Education Building	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.	
Discipleship Training	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.	
Connecting Faith and Family	Activities Building	5:00 p.m.	
Bible Encounter	Activities Building	6:00 p.m.	
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday-7th			
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday-8th			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Thursday-9th			
First Bells	Handbell Room	12:45 p.m.	
Stewardship Committee Meeting ..	Library	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Friday-10th			
Family Camping Trip	Wind Creek	TBA	
Sunday-12th			
Brotherhood Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.	
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	3:30 p.m.	
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.	
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Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday-14th			
DayFriends	Little Italy	11:45 a.m.	
CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 p.m.	
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday-15th			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	

Financials as of August 31, 2014:

Budget	512,740.66
Contributions	414,807.01
Expenditures	426,870.10
Year-to-date	-12,063.09

Serving the Month of October

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Greeters: Lois Graves, Hazel Lee, Todd Miller, Brenda McCord, Amber Berry-Moore

Offering: College

Serving October 5th

Counters: Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Alison Crosby

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell, Delanine Dendy, Lee Alice Johnson, Jeannie Eddins, Amy Zhong

Serving October 12th

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Cynthia Smithart, Victoria Eden, Suzanne Parish, Leah Duzy

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