

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

When we join our hands in worship each week in order to sing of the love of God, we are called together in order to be sent out. One way we are sent forth is by reaching out our hands to ease the pain of others through comforting words. We find this ministry of congregational care throughout the church, but one poignant place we find it is in the new ministry of Caring Hands. On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:15-6:15 p.m., Caring Hands meets in the Fellowship Hall, knitting or creating comfort beads, which are then given to church members and others, who are in the hospital or carrying the weight of grief.

It is the simplest form of comfort, allowing us to pray for someone else and then to offer a small gesture of kindness, or gift, which stands as a reminder of the church's prayers. When a knitted shawl or blanket covers us, while we are sick, we can remember the prayers of the church, which cover us as well. When we can hold in our hands a small strand of beads, while we are in the hospital, we can hold onto the prayers of our congregation that hold onto us. It is small and simple, but it is hopeful and comforting.

The Caring Hands ministry gathers together in order to reach out, extending their hands as they craft and knit. The group welcomes all generations, as they gather to work, and no skill is required. If anyone is unable to come to fashion the beads or to knit the shawls, everyone can help deliver these gifts to people at the hospital or at home, whether it is a one-time delivery to a person you know who is hurting, or whether you would like to make such deliveries often. It is a short visit to say, "The Caring Hands group at the church made this for you, so you would know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, as a congregation." It is simple, but hopeful, and it is comforting.

It is congregational care, as we are travelers on a journey, together. As that great hymn says, "We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear." We reach out with our caring hands in order to help one another "walk the mile and bear the load." For the prayers of the church, we are thankful, knowing that as we make this journey, we do not make it alone.

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Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 20th, 5:15 p.m.

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal as we celebrate God's presence for all. Be sure to respond to the church-wide email (or call the church office) no later than Thursday, November 13th, to make your reservation. (No charge for this meal.)

Pledge Sunday is Over But it's never too late to Pledge!

It is not too late to Pledge if you have not done so. Pledges are a vital part of establishing the 2015 Budget. You can still find Estimate of Giving Cards in the pew racks, in the church office or you can pledge online at http://auburnfbc.org/wordpress_1200809541/?p=3234.

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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.

CHEAHA STATE PARK LEAF TRIP

Join the Senior Adults for a leaf tour to the highest mountain in Alabama on Monday, November 10th. Leave the church parking lot in the church vans at 8:15 a.m., and return by 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a buffet lunch in the Cheaha Mountain Restaurant. Enjoy stops along the way. \$16 covers entrance to the park, buffet lunch, and tips. Make reservations by emailing tristaslaughter@mindspring.com or calling the church office.

Reservation deadline is November 7th.

PREPARE
the Way



Advent Workshop

November 23rd, 6:15 p.m.

Activities Building

Everyone is invited to gather as we share a snack supper and create something for our homes for Advent. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Sponsored by the Children's Committee

Mark your calendars now for... December 7th

...a special Day of Celebration & Worship.

11:00 A.M.

Prepare... for Hope Fulfilled

(The music of Christmas)

Presented by our Sanctuary Choir

6:00 P.M.

Family Night at Christmas

(Music by our Youth and Children's Choirs)

Followed by our renown...

Cookie Fellowship

Plan now to attend!

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 17th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the December 28th morning worship service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Mark Your Calendar

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 2nd, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, November 9th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, November 11th, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's Deli

Please call the church office by noon
on Monday to reserve childcare

Caring Hands

Tuesday, November 11th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library

18th Annual Cookie Walk

December 6th

Grace United Methodist Church

8a.m. – 1p.m.

Caring Hands

Caring Hands will gather twice a month to create hand-made items designed to provide comfort and support to those in need, particularly those facing emotional or health issues. This ministry will teach participants how to make comfort beads as well as teaching participants to knit baby booties, shawls or blankets. *Caring Hands will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday from 5:15-6:30 pm in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Nancy Webster at 821-0750 or Charlotte Sutton at 826-1172.*

Alabama CBF

Institute for Theological and Ministerial Studies

Monday, November 17th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Eric Mathis

*"Christ's Times for the Church:
Worship and the Christian Year"*

Financials as of September 30, 2014:

Budget	576,833.25
Contributions	463,690.00
Expenditures	484,260.74
Year-to-date	-20,570.74



Missions Monthly
November 1st @ 11:30 a.m.
Community Market

Thursday Nights

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

Sunday Night Activities

Youth Choir @ 5:00 p.m., Choir Room

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

November 2nd Supper: Smiths and Meeks

Devo- Gradients: Walk

November 9th Supper: Terri Wood

Devo- Gradients: Stay Healthy



Youth Summit

January 16th-18th FBC of Huntsville

Cost: \$125

Deadline to sign up is December 1st.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Led by Tripp Martin

Coleman Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays, November 6th & 13th

A Scrapbook: Listening to the Past



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

Sunday Evening Options

Discipleship Training

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m., Activities Building

Fall Book Club: Mountains Beyond Mountains

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

IT'S TIME AGAIN!!!

WMU CHRISTMAS JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2014



Starting now on the annual project to offer kindness at Christmas to the inmates of Lee County Jail will make sure we have the Christmas boxes ready for their Christmas program.

For the past few years, members of our congregation have shown a preference for donating \$15 and letting the Jail Ministry Committee shop for the contents of the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.) *Early checks would be very much appreciated!!*

For your information, the \$15 check covers the cost of a Bible, candy, writing paper, 15 envelopes, 4 pens, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards (to send), a game book, and a deck of playing cards.

Several churches share the work of preparing 400 boxes (total inmates). Auburn First Baptist and Opelika United Methodist each prepare 150 boxes; several small churches in Auburn and Opelika prepare the rest.

PRODUCTION LINE: Coleman Fellowship Hall, 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 15th. VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY, VERY WELCOME!!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE JAIL: Wednesday, December 17th. The program is repeated all day for groups of prisoners. Usually, our church is focused on the one o'clock program. For a real Christmas blessing, please plan to attend.



Sunday Nights

Children's Choirs @ 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter @ 6:00 p.m.

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





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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-1st

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

Sunday-2nd

Children's Committee Mtg Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 3:15 p.m.
Children's Choirs Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Families Activities Building 5:00 p.m.
Fall Book Club Seekers' Classroom 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Activities Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday-4th

College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-5th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-6th

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-9th

Brotherhood Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 3:15 p.m.
Children's Choirs Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
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Bible Encounter Activities Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Monday-10th

Sr. Adult Leaf Tour Mt. Cheaha 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday-11th

DayFriends Chappy's Deli 11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-12th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-13th

First Bells Handbell Room 12:45 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg Library 5:00 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Serving the Month of November

Loaves & Fishes: Fishers

Greeters: Dee Williams, Nancy Roberts, Todd Miller, George Crandell, Hazel Lee

Offering: Seekers, Sojourners, Young Adult

Serving November 2nd

Counters: Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Amber Berry-Moore, Kellie Wilson, Anna Parish, Suzanne Parish, Terri Wood

Serving November 9th

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Brian Ledbetter, Adeola Ogundele, Lynn Eden, Amy Zhong, Leah Duzy

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