

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS from *Tripp Martin*

Several weeks ago on a Tuesday evening, members of the Mission Committee as well as the congregation, gathered to prepare the tables in the fellowship hall for a dinner, where families connected to The Big House Foundation were invited to eat and fellowship. The Big House is a community ministry, assisting families who have fostered or adopted children. They are families with a story, as all families have a story, but they share a particular story with one another, so the connections they have with each other are meaningful. Tables were prepared for a meal, so these families could be together for an evening, while their children played and enjoyed time together as well.

It was a night of hospitality, hosted by the Mission Committee and the church, as members from the youth group, college group, and other adults in the congregation cooked, cleaned, welcomed, and served. The tables were decorated, food was prepared, places were set, and conversation bounced off the walls, as the church participated in one of its most enduring practices, hospitality. It is the practice of welcoming others and offering friendship. It is the practice that creates connections that are lasting and hopeful. Where would we be without the hospitality of the church?

Each month we prepare the Table, gathering for the Lord's Supper, where we all have a place, and we are all welcome to join in the feast of God's grace. It is the table of communion, which sets the stage for the hospitality of the church. We find tables and chairs throughout the church, whether they are the literal tables in the fellowship hall or the figurative tables in other rooms, where people connect.

We welcome visitors, as they join us for worship, extending hospitality that is shaped by the welcome of God. We extend a hand, learn a name, and say, "We are glad you are here." We welcome the children of the church, learning their names so we can call them out loud. We welcome our youth and college students by calling out their names, letting them know that they are an important part of our congregation. We welcome each other, sharing the journey of faith and learning from one another. It is the gift of community.

Whenever we extend hospitality to one another or to visitors, we live into an essential gift of the church, the gift of belonging. It is a gift, which leads to hope and faith, community and compassion. It leads us to the deepest gift, remembering that we belong to God, the one who welcomes us with grace and goodness.

Tripp

Pledge Sunday October 19th

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

You should have already received a pledge card either electronically or in your post mail. You may complete your card and submit it or mail it back to the church office (Attn: Office Manager) or you may also choose to bring it with you to **Pledge Sunday, October 19th**. There will be pledge cards available in the pew racks on Pledge Sunday as well.

Children's Sabbath October 26th Count to 2!

Join us as our children lead worship. As a special offering this day, we will collect children's books for the Sparkman Neighborhood. Following worship, everyone is invited to a church-wide picnic at Town Creek Park. We will have chicken, please bring side dishes and desserts (side dishes can be left in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School or brought with you to the park). And don't forget to bring your lawn chair.

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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.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

MANY THANKS:

~from the Adult Choir . . . for your support of this vital ministry here at AFBC. This amazing and dedicated choir continues to work to contribute worthy and effective worship leadership week by week. But we want you to know that new voices are always welcome.

I understand that some are unable to make a year-round, weekly choir commitment, but for you we issue an **open invitation to join us for Christmas**. We have only just begun preparing the music for Christmas and invite you join us by making this seasonal commitment. We began splitting the rehearsal time on October 12th to accommodate your participation. The last half of rehearsal will be dedicated to the Christmas music so that you may arrive a bit later and then dismiss to the evening activities.

3:15-4:00 p.m. – Weekly service music

4:00-4:45 p.m. – Christmas music rehearsal

We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, any choir member can probably answer them, or you can tag me on a Sunday. I encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity for ministry.

~ from Eddi Riley. . . for your warm and enthusiastic welcome on my first Sunday, September 21st. The receiving time after the service was a perfect venue for greeting many I had not been able to meet personally. Thank you for preparing the goodies we all enjoyed and for the time you all took to stop and greet me and my husband. I am happy to be at AFBC for this time of transition and look forward to knowing you all better as we move along.

*May Christ bless us as we work together in His name –
Eddi*

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Led by Tripp Martin

Coleman Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays, October 16th, 23rd, & 30th

A Scrapbook: Listening to the Past

Thursday Night Meal

Thursday, October 23rd, 5:15 p.m.

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Edzard's Chili (mild)

Please bring cornbread, cornbread muffins or desert to share.

*Make a reservation
by contacting the church office.*

Mark Your Calendar

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, October 21st, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, October 23rd, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, October 28th, 11:45 a.m., Little Italy

Please call the church office by noon

on Monday to reserve childcare.

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, October 29th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

Alabama CBF

Institute for Theological and Ministerial Studies

October 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Coleman Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Loyd Allen

"Ways Christians Have Prayed through the Centuries"

This course will introduce models of Christian prayer from church history to increase resources for deepening spiritual life in contemporary congregations.

Associate Pastor Search Committee Surveys

The search committees for the Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults and the Associate Pastor for Music will continue to receive surveys until October 24th. Hard copies are available outside of the church office or you may submit electronically.

Input on Future Associate Pastor for Youth, College & Young Adults

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9TTNZZT>

Input on Future Associate Pastor for Music

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYVW8RM>

Financials as of September 30, 2014:

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



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 began 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 19th: Supper-Clines; *Gradients: Guide*

October 26th: NO YSN Activities; **CHURCH PICNIC**

Coming up:

Six Flags Trip!
October 18th
Depart at 7:15 a.m.



Youth Summit

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

Alabama CBF 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

Monday morning breakout sessions

Special Guest, Suzii Paynter,
CBF Executive Coordinator



Pumpkin Palooza

Costume Party and Progressive Dinner
Friday, October 24th, Meet at church at 5:30 p.m.

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 8th. VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY, VERY WELCOME!!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE JAIL: Wednesday, December 10th. 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.

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.*



Sunday Nights

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

Spark adventure

ThursdayS 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.

Wednesday-15th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-16th

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.

Saturday-18th

Youth Six Flags Trip Parking Lot TBA

Sunday-19th

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 and Family 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-21st

Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-22nd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-23rd

First Bells Handbell Room 12:45 p.m.
Edzard's Chili Meal Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Quarterly Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

Sunday-26th

Church Wide Picnic Town Creek Park 12:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 3:15 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Tuesday-28th

DayFriends Little Italy 11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-29th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Dinner Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

Thursday-30th

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.

Serving the Month of October

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

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

Offering: College

Serving October 19th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Claude Conn

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Katharine Martin, Benjamin Wilson, Denise Stoeckel, Adeola Ogundele

Serving October 26th

Counters: Donna Bennett, Bill Faurot, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Alison Crosby, Sue Walker, Jeannie Eddins, Kathleen Sabo

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