

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

As we look at the upcoming days on the calendar, we step into the week of Thanksgiving, where we gather with family and friends, celebrating with food and fellowship, which grows out of a deeper, broader practice that we live into as a church each week. The practice of thanksgiving surrounds our prayers, as we give thanks for so much; it is rooted in our worship, as we rejoice in God's generosity; and it stems from the grace that gathers us together as a congregation. Thanksgiving is essential and central to a community of faith, both as the reason we gather and as what we practice.

We find the seeds of thanksgiving throughout scripture, where it says in Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving," or in Jeremiah 30:18-19, where it says, "I am going to restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob . . . Out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the sound of merrymakers." We hear it in 2 Corinthians 4:15, where it says, "Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God," or in Romans 1:8, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world." The seeds of thanksgiving are firmly planted in a life of faith, as we find them growing throughout the life of a congregation.

Our cup certainly overflows (Psalm 23:5), as we walk through the hallways and listen to the conversations of this place. We are grateful for its people and all they do, like the work of the ushers and Lay Worship Leaders, and the care of the parish nurse and other health care professionals that lend advice and comfort. We see the dedication of Sunday School teachers and children's choir directors as well as people behind the sound board each week. We appreciate the people who clean, manage, and repair the buildings, and we are grateful for the greeters who open the door for visitors and members alike.

We appreciate the stained-glass windows and music of worship, providing refuge in the sanctuary. We cherish silence, scripture, and the sound of the organ each Sunday, and we give thanks for the gathered community of faith. We are lifted by the congregation's kind words, hopeful smiles, and how people stop long enough to really listen. We find solace in the prayers of the church as well as the laughter we share. The stories that we tell, revisiting scripture together, or the stories we tell in the hallways of the church also nurture our faith.

We give thanks for the traditions of this place and for its compassion and generosity. We depend on its commitment and on its committees as well as its strong lay leaders and deacons. The children, youth, and college students of the church enrich its community and character, while we rely on the church's history, wisdom, and the experience of its seasoned members. We give thanks for so much about our church, saying it out loud during this time of the year, but also grateful each week when we gather.

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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

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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.



Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

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

Annual Thanksgiving Meal
Celebrating God's presence for All.

**Alabama CBF
Institute for Theological and
Ministerial Studies**

Monday, November 17th
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Coleman Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Eric Mathis
"Christ's Times for the Church:
Worship and the Christian Year"

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 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Nancy Webster at 821-0750 or Charlotte Sutton at 826-1172.*

Poinsettia Orders Due: November 17th

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

Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesday, November 18th, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday, November 18th, 6:30 p.m.
Seekers' Classroom

Caring Hands
Tuesday, November 25th, 5:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Special Called Business Meeting
Thursday, December 4th, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

19th Annual Cookie Walk

December 6th

Grace United Methodist Church
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to help in providing cookies, please contact Chad Eastman.

**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!

Financials as of October 31, 2014:

Budget	640,925.00
Contributions	517,483.00
Expenditures	540,882.00
Year-to-date	-23,399.00



Missions Monthly
December 6th @ 11:30 a.m.
Community Market

Thursday Nights

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

Sunday Night Activities

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

Youth Sunday Nights @ 6:00 p.m., Youth Room
November 16th Supper: Wilsons
Devo- Gradients: Weather
November 23rd: No YSN
Family Advent Workshop @ 6:15 p.m.

Choir Practice

December 4th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
No Youth Hang Out Time



Youth Summit

January 16th-18th FBC of
Huntsville
Cost: \$125- Due to Cindy or
the Church Office by November 30th

Pledge Sunday is Over

But it's never too late to Pledge!

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.



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
(last meeting November 16th)

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., Tuesday, December 16th. 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.

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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.

Sunday-16th

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-18th

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-19th

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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Thursday-20th

First Bells	Handbell Room	12:45 p.m.
Thanksgiving Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.

Sunday-23rd

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.
Advent Workshop	Activities Building	6:15 p.m.

Monday-24th

First Bells	Handbell Room	12:45 p.m.
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Tuesday-25th

Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-26th

Church Office Closed at Noon

Thursday-27th

Happy Thanksgiving- Church Office Closed

No Evening Activities

Friday-28th

Church Office Closed

Sunday-30th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.
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No Evening Activities

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 16th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Alison Crosby

Extended Session: Jay Spiers, Ronda West, Betsy Jordan, Suzanne Parish, Genesee Cook

Serving November 23rd

Counters: Donna Bennett, Bill Faurot, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Brad Smithart, Steffany Arce, Jeannie Eddins, Denise Stoeckel

Serving November 30th

Counters: Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Claude Conn

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