

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

In the next week, we will gather on the Lord's Day, as we always do in order to worship together, but the voices and faces of our youth will lead us as we worship. On Sunday, February 22, we are grateful for the opportunity to hear from our youth. They are already preparing prayerfully the words they will offer and the message we will hear.

Each year, we make room in the room of the sanctuary for our youth to lead because we need to hear from them. We need to hear from the depths of their faith and to remember how we share in their journey. One of the many gifts in the shared journey of faith is the connection between us all, including all of us from eight years old to eighty years old. The church is one of those rare places, where we find those connections, which are indispensable to our faith. Hearing from our youth helps us remember the earlier experiences of our journey as well as opening us up to the future that will come.

We gather in order to hear from our youth, but we also gather to say something to them. When they lead in worship, we have a unique opportunity to say something that we always know to be true, but that we do not always have the chance to say. We can tell them about all of the good things we see inside of them, as they demonstrate insight, maturity, compassion, and wisdom.

We all need someone in our lives to point out the goodness inside of us because it is often difficult for us to see ourselves. We make room in the room of the sanctuary to hear their voices, but so they can hear our voices as well, saying, "We see such poise and purpose, promise and possibility in your lives."

One of the ways in which we see such goodness in their lives is an event the youth group is planning for Sunday, March 8. With resources from their parking lot fund, they are sponsoring a meal-packaging event through Stop Hunger Now, an organization that works against global hunger. On this afternoon, the youth are inviting members of the congregation to join them, as they pack 10,000 meals, which will be delivered to people who are the most vulnerable in this world. It is one of those moments, where the church can say, "We see such insight and maturity, compassion and wisdom in your lives."

Youth Sunday
February 22nd
Join us for worship as our youth lead us through song, prayer, scripture, and proclamation.

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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.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

PicturingLent

Lent is the season of the Church Year, where we prepare for the celebration of Easter, having first walked through significant events in the life of Jesus. As we enter into the season of Lent, which spans from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning, we will reflect on the symbols of this season. We are accustomed to the symbols of Advent and Christmas, but there are images throughout scripture that are indicative of this time of year as well, helping us reflect on the life of Jesus and preparing us for the joy of Easter morning.

Sunday Evening Adult Classes - 5:00 p.m.

Financial Peace Class - Seekers' Classroom

Connecting Faith and Family

- Activities Building

Resumes Weekly Starting February 22nd

What On Earth Am I Here For?

A group for parents to share wisdom and support.

Discipleship Training - Fellowship Hall

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Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most by Marcus J. Borg
Six-week series of both lecture and discussion to process Borg's manifesto for progressive Christians who seek the path for following Jesus. When and where is salvation? Can the Bible be true without being literally true? What does God have to say about justice and the poor? It is recommended that participants have access to the book, but it is not required.

Lee County Alabama Habitat for Humanity

Cordially invites you to our
60th home Dedication Ceremony
for The Wright Family (614 Luverne Avenue, Auburn)
February 19th at 1:30 pm

This home is sponsored by EAMC Cornerstone Foundation
& WeHelp Coalition Auburn Churches

The WeHelp Coalition is a long-time partnership of AFBC, where local churches work together through Habitat for Humanity. We support this partnership through the Global Ministries Offering as well as through individuals who volunteer to work on the houses.

Financials as of January 31, 2015:

Budget	63,093.07
Contributions	40,987.14
Expenditures	43,664.05
Year-to-date	-2,676.91



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 17th
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Mardi Gras music, face painting, kids' fun

Hosted by our college ministry

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18th

7:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Special Called Business Meeting
February 19th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Agenda:

Global Ministries Offering Budget 2015-16

We are intentional and generous in supporting ministries beyond the boundaries of our congregation. Annually we encourage members to pledge an additional offering that is dispersed throughout the world in ways such as, global missions, Habitat for Humanity, local and world hunger, theological seminars, disaster relief, etc. This is a special offering in addition to giving to the church budget, which helps us partner with other ministries, accomplishing work we could not do by ourselves.

Mark Your Calendar

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, February 17th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, February 17th, 11:45 a.m., Taziki's

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, February 17th, 6:15 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Caring Hands

Tuesday, February 24th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, February 25th, 5:00 p.m., Good 'Ol Boys



Thursday Nights
Brown Bag Meal Time
 5:15 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time
 5:45 p.m.

Youth Sunday
February 22nd

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Youth Choir @ 5:00 p.m., Choir Room
 Youth Sunday Nights @ 6:00 p.m., Youth Room
 "Jesus and Relationships"

Coming Next Month:
 Stop Hunger Now meal packaging on March 8th

Passport Camp
 July 12th-17th at Greensboro College, NC
 For info, go to www.passportcamps.org
 and click on Youth Camps

Brasil Mission Trip

It is time to start thinking BRASIL. Plans are beginning for the 2015 Brasil Volunteer Mission Trip. This will be the 28th annual trip to Brasil for members of Auburn First Baptist, people from surrounding churches, and other states. We hope you are interested in being a member of this team.

We will continue our partnership with the Pernambuco State Baptist Convention, working in remote, small towns in the interior of the state. The exact site for this year's work has not been finalized. The dates for the trip are July 11th through July 26th. Total cost has not yet been determined, but the best estimate is about \$2300 - a little less if you have a visa, and a little more if you need a visa.

The activities of the team will be essentially the same as in recent years: construction work of a church building, Vacation Bible School, ESL classes, eye clinics for glasses fittings, worship and evangelistic efforts with a local congregation.

If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin or Bob Stevenson.

The last date to commit is April 5th.

Blood Drive in the bloodmobile

Sunday, March 8th
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 All donors will receive a Recognition Item!



Bible Study & Breakfast
Sundays
9:45 a.m.
College Room

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Coming up:
College Sunday
April 19th!

'Hear the word, then act on it!'
 Tuesday Night Bible Study
 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
 Free home-cooked meal
 followed by Bible study & music

TNBS Meal Sign-Ups
 Feb. 24th: Tiffany Myrick
 March 3rd: Katharine Martin & Kellie Wilson



Church-wide

SpudFest
March 1st

Potato, Salad and Dessert Luncheon following worship in Fellowship Hall.

The children will serve lunch to the congregation and earn tips to give to the mission organization that they choose collectively.

Sunday Evenings

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

Spark adventure
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June 8th-12th?

Coming to VBS!

Save the date and join us to learn about serving God through providing clean water for Malawi, Africa.



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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-15th

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 3:15 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Children’s Choirs Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Financial Peace Class Seekers Classroom 5:00 p.m.
J-Term (last) Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday-17th

Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
DayFriends Taziki’s 11:45 a.m.
Pancake Supper Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.
Deacons’ Meeting Seekers’ Classroom 6:15 p.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-18th

Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary 7:00 a.m.
Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-19th

First Bells Handbell Room 11:45 a.m.
Youth Hang Out Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Special Called Business Mtg. Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

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Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family Activities Building 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday-24th

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

Wednesday-25th

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

Thursday-26th

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 February

Loaves & Fishes: Adult IV

Greeters: Danae Sandusky, Dee Williams, Teresa Vest

Offering: Pilgrims

Visitors: Johnsons

Serving February 15th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Katharine Martin, Benjamin Wilson, Genessee Cook, Adeola Ogundele

Serving February 22nd

Counters: Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Suzanne Parish, Lee Alice Johnson, Kellie Wilson, Leah Duzy, Cathy Summers

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