

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 1, 2015

Vol. 6 Issue 38

REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

In the recent weeks, the Nominating Committee has been tasked again with meeting and compiling the education, music, and mission leadership of the congregation. It is a list of names, from year to year, that guide and teach in ways that shape “who we are” as a community of faith. Each of these leaders, along with the groups they teach, creates space in the church for living into “who we are” as a congregation, as the body of Christ.

On this list, we find Sunday School teachers, children’s choir and handbell directors, coordinators of the Brotherhood and Jail Ministry, facilitators of Discipleship Training and Connecting Faith and Family, and leaders in the youth and college ministries. We find greeters and teachers, who make space in the church for living into “who we are” as a congregation. It is fitting for us to pause, as the Nominating Committee begins its work, to recognize and to thank all of these leaders for what they do.

We are grateful for the gifts of study and prayer, service and music. They connect us to one another, marking us in sacred ways and representing many of the distinct characteristics of our congregation, and they also connect us to the community around us. They shape “who we are” as people of faith, so we carry them with us when we leave this place into the community around us. Whenever we enter these classrooms and sanctuaries, we continue to become the body of Christ, and when we leave this place, we go forth slightly different, as more of “who we are.”

The leaders of the education, music, and missions of the congregation spend time reading and studying, praying and preparing, reflecting and speaking to us and for us. They bring their gifts to bear on “who we are,” and they empower us to do the same. We learn and grow, as we care and support one another as a community of faith. They help us, and we help one another, to love God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength as well as to better love our neighbor as ourselves.

They help us to form deeper community, caring for one another; sharpening our faith, changing how we see this world and our lives; extending the same welcome we find around the Lord’s Table, inviting all to participate; and sending us out to share with the surrounding community what we find in the shared community of faith.

We are grateful to them, and to one another, as we live into “who we are” as a congregation. We give thanks for their leadership and their preparation, and we are also thankful to the Nominating Committee as they begin their work again this year. When we see our teachers, directors, coordinators, or facilitators throughout the congregation, let us thank them again for all they do.

Tripp



QUACKER DAY

Saturday, April 11th

9:00-11:00 a.m., MLK Park

All preschool children, families and prayer partners are invited. We will have fun making ducky crafts, singing silly duck songs, and eating ducky snacks.

RSVP by email auburnfbc@mindspring.com
or call 887-8506.

We hope you join us for a “quacker” of a day!

**Auburn First Baptist Church • 128 E Glenn Avenue • Auburn, AL • auburnfbc.org
334.887.8506 • auburnfbc@mindspring.com**

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.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

April 2nd, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

presented by: The Sanctuary Choir

April 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 5th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

(No Evening Activities)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

The Stories of Acts

Following the celebration of Easter, the lectionary places in front us readings from the book of Acts. During this time of year, the lectionary does not provide us a reading from the Old Testament; but rather, provides us readings from the days of the early church. Easter is not only a day; it is also a season. It is the Great Fifty Days between the day of Resurrection and the day of Pentecost, where we celebrate the birth of the Church. On the Thursday evenings during the season of Easter, we will be studying and praying about the stories from the early church, reflecting on what they say to us today.

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

If you would like to be notified about upcoming Habitat for Humanity events and opportunities to serve, please contact the church office (334-887-8506 or auburnfbc@mindspring.com). The Missions Committee is creating an email group to keep everyone informed about Habitat for Humanity projects.

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

No Evening Classes on April 5th

Connecting Faith and Family

Activities Building

What On Earth Am I Here For?

A group for parents to share wisdom and support.

Discipleship Training

Fellowship Hall

Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most by Marcus J. Borg

Easter Lilies

In Memory of:

Bill Burdine
Grace Casey
Robert Earl Christmas
Haskell Lumpkin
Paul & Clois Shoffeitt
Tom Smith
Inez & Walter Sowell
Gwendolyn & Gordon Wallace
Curtis Ward
Agee Wiggins
My Parents & Brother
Our Parents
Our Parents

In Honor of:

Helen Brown
Jim Evans
John Jeffers
J.D. & Hunter Martin
Tripp Martin
Tripp & Katharine Martin
Jane Moore
Mary Virginia Moore
Jo Randall
Dot Smith (Greatmama)

Given by:

Tom & Marcie Smith
Candace Enkeboll
Edna & Edna Earl Christmas
Alice & Family
Jean, Paul & Mary
Tom & Marcie Smith
Family
Stephanie Renuart
Charlotte Ward
Family
Mary Ann Dell
Peggy & Lavaughn Johnson
Dee & Steve Williams

Given by:

David & Susan Housel
David & Susan Housel
David & Susan Housel
Pops & Kaki
David & Susan Housel
Milton & Kathy Martin
David & Susan Housel
David & Susan Housel
David & Susan Housel
Milton & Kathy Martin

BigHouse Foundation's

Swimsuit & Towel Drive

In our continuing ministry to the BigHouse, AFBC is collecting NEW swimsuits for foster and adopted children throughout the state of Alabama. The swimsuits should be modest, and suits for children of all ages are needed. The BigHouse is also collecting NEW beach towels that will be personalized with each child's name embroidered on the towel. Boxes will be located throughout the church for donations. **Collection ends April 30th.** Thank you for your support of this ministry.

AFBC Missions Committee

Mark Your Calendar

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, April 12th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, April 14th, 11:45 a.m., Little Italy Pizzeria

Caring Hands

Tuesday, April 14th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th, 5:30 p.m., Library



Thursday Nights

Brown Bag Meal Time, 5:15 p.m.

Youth Hang Out Time, 5:45 p.m.

Sunday nights

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

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

“Jesus and Relationships”

(Will Not Meet April 5th)



Passport Camp

July 12th-17th

Greensboro College, NC

For info, go to www.passportcamps.org

and click on Youth Camps

SpudfeSt

By the Numbers:

120: The number of potatoes served to those who attended.

20+: The number of children who wrapped potatoes, decorated the fellowship hall, cleared plates and served desserts.

\$529: The amount collected to donate to the Backpack Ministry.

4+: The number of children who can receive a full backpack of food every weekend for an entire school year because of these donations.



Thanks be to God for our time of table fellowship, for the children who served, for our church family and for the children who will be fed because of your service and your gifts.

CHOIR RECOGNITION SERVICE

Sunday, April 26, 6:15 pm

Featuring music by our Youth and Children's choirs followed by a church-wide Favorite Dessert Fellowship. (Please bring your families' favorite dessert to share.)



Sunday Evenings

Children's Choirs @ 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter @ 6:00 p.m.
(Will Not Meet April 5th)

Spark
adventure
thursdays
@ 5:50 p.m.
ed Bldg



June 8th-12th? Coming to VBS!

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



PassPort kids!
June 29 - July 3



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

-ing!
Verb your life.

Coming up:
College
Sunday
April 19th!

'Hear the word, then act on it!'
- James 1:22

Tuesday Night Bible Study
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
Free home-cooked meal
followed by Bible study & music

TNBS Meal Sign-Ups
April 7th: Becketts



**AUBURN
FIRST
BAPTIST**
128 E. Glenn
Auburn, AL
36830-4702

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-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.
Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Friday-3rd

Good Friday Service Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.

Sunday-5th

(No Evening Activities)

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.

Saturday-11th

Quacker Day MLK Park 9:00 a.m.

Sunday-12th

Brotherhood Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 3:15 p.m.
Youth Committee Meeting Youth Room 4:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Children's Choirs Education Building 5:00 p.m.
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-14th

DayFriends Little Italy 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.

Serving the Month of April

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Greeters: Brenda McCord, Richard Graves, Hazel Lee,
Nancy Roberts

Offering: College

Visitors: Willians

Serving April 5th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Denise Stoeckel, Kathleen Sabo

Serving April 12th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Kellie Wilson, Terri Wood

Ministerial Staff

Dr. Tripp Martin
Pastor
trippmartin@mindspring.com
334-332-4100

Leigh Anne Armstrong
Interim Minister of Students
leighannearmstrong@gmail.com

Cindy Cleveland
Youth Coordinator
cindycleveland@mindspring.com

Eddi Vinson Riley
Interim Minister of Music
evinsonriley@gmail.com

Dale Peterson
Minister of Music Emeritus/
Composer in Residence

Support Staff

Bryan King
Organist
kingbry@auburn.edu

Trista Slaughter
Office Manager
tristaslaughter@mindspring.com

Milissa Clowers
CDC Director
milissaclowers@mindspring.com

Mary Puckett
Administrative Assistant
auburnfbc@mindspring.com

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