

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## **REFLECTIONS** by *Tripp Martin*

We are grateful this week for last Sunday as we welcomed Laura Edgar back to Auburn, and the church elected to call her as our Associate Pastor for Youth, College, and Young Adults. Laura will graduate and begin her work soon, as her first Sunday at Auburn First Baptist will be May 31. We look forward to her becoming a part of this congregation, working alongside of us and providing leadership for us.

As we give thanks for this last weekend, we are also thankful for the Search Committee, whose diligent work led us to this moment. We are grateful to Joe Turnham, chairperson, and to Bliss Bailey, Amber Berry-Moore, Lee Alice Johnson, Tim Meeks, Lexie Rasco, Beth L. Smith, Holly Smithart, and Andy Yohn. This group worked prayerfully and patiently, as they sought a candidate to recommend for this position.

We are also thankful to the Search Committee and others, who coordinated the gatherings this past weekend, where our congregation was able to meet Laura Edgar and Seth Kochera and for them to meet us. This fellowship was instrumental to the weekend and required quick planning and help from many people. The congregation extended such a generous welcome, and we are thankful for each person who helped and who came.

We need to also say a deep word of gratitude to a couple more people, whom we will thank in the coming weeks. During the interim, the leadership of these ministries were led and coordinated by Leigh Anne Armstrong and Cindy Cleveland. They have provided such good leadership during the interim for which we are so thankful. When we see them in the coming weeks, we can thank them again for their leadership amongst us.

In the coming days, we will gather for College Sunday on April 19, celebrating our college students in another way. We look forward to their leadership in worship, as they have been planning and preparing. We are thankful for them and for their voices, which we will hear on Sunday. We will gather yet again this week on the Lord's Day, remembering "who we are" as the body of Christ and as a congregation at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue.

**College Sunday**  
*April 19th*  
College group leads in worship.  
Luncheon following service in the fellowship hall for college group, staff & families, and college committee & families

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**Choir Recognition Service**  
*Sunday, April 26th, 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.)

*Tripp*

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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.

## Letter from Laura

What a wonderful weekend! Thank you for the warm welcome Seth and I received. It was a joy to meet so many of you, to hear your stories, and to worship with you. I look forward to getting to know you and growing with you in the years ahead.

You have shared with me how Auburn First Baptist is a wonderful church. This past weekend I experienced in so many ways what a great place it is. I heard it in the stories of youth, college students, and young adults. I saw it in the faces of so many families. I felt it in the care and commitment of senior adults. Thank you for sharing so graciously with us.

Tripp preached on Sunday about how Easter is ongoing—new life does not happen all at once or once and for all. I think that is true for the life of the church as well. Auburn First Baptist has a deep and rich history, but the life of the church has not happened all at once or once and for all. It is ever moving forward. Thanks be to God! I am excited about moving forward with you and working together to live into the new life God offers all of us.

Grace and peace,  
*Laura Edgar*

## 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 of 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.

**Sunday Evening Adult Classes - 5:00 p.m.**  
(last meeting April 26th)

**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

## 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](mailto:auburnfbc@mindspring.com)). The Missions Committee is creating an email group to keep everyone informed about Habitat for Humanity projects.

## Senior Adult Trip

*to American Village, Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>*

Leaving the church by church van at 8:00 a.m. and returning by approximately 4:30 p.m. Admission Cost for American Village is \$9, veterans are free. Please bring \$9 cash in exact change the morning of the trip. Lunch will cost whatever you want to spend. The American Village is located near Montevallo about two hours from Auburn. It is a collection of buildings and programs similar to Williamsburg. (There is an Auburn First Baptist connection, as the architect is the son-in-law of Billy Fluker and the husband of former member, Kathie Fluker). For slow walkers and wheelchairs, a vehicle driven by a volunteer of the American Village will meet the bus to transport them from building to building.

## 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.**

## Soup Meal

Thursday, April 23rd, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Edzard will be preparing two types of delicious soup (Gazpacho and 13-bean, both on the mild side) for our evening meal. Please plan to join us and bring a bread and/or dessert to share. Please RSVP to [tristaslaughter@mindspring.com](mailto:tristaslaughter@mindspring.com).

## Mark Your Calendar

*Senior Adult Luncheon*

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

*Deacons' Meeting*

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

*DayFriends*

*Tuesday, April 28th, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's Deli*

*Caring Hands*

*Tuesday, April 28th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

*Senior Adult Dinner*

*Wednesday, April 29th, 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.

### Sunday nights

Youth Choir @ 5:00 p.m., Choir Room - last meeting 4/26

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

"Jesus and Relationships" - last meeting 4/19



### Passport Camp

July 12th-17th

Greensboro College, NC

For info, go to [www.passportcamps.org](http://www.passportcamps.org) and click on Youth Camps

## CHOIR RECOGNITION SERVICE

Sunday, April 26th, 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.)



**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 21st:

Pam Jones Hubbard

April 28th:

The Thorntons

## Water U Doing

### on April 26th after worship?

Coming to the VBS volunteers meeting, we hope! Whether you have committed to serving in a certain area or still wanting more information, join us Sunday, April 26th in the Fellowship Hall following worship for an overview of the curriculum, schedule and all the details! Light snacks and childcare are provided.

### Book Collection

The Preschool Committee is accepting gently used or new children's Bibles, Bible story books, or other faith-oriented books for the toddler and preschool Sunday School rooms. Please place them in the basket in the hallway near the office. Many thanks!

### Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 3rd

Tickets are \$10 and will be sold by our Youth on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights or in the Church Office, April 12th-26th.



### Sunday Evenings

Older Children's Choir

@ 4:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs

@ 5:00 p.m.

last meeting 4/26

Bible Encounter

@ 6:00 p.m.

last meeting 4/19

**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



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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.

**Sunday-19th**

College Sunday ..... Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 3:15 p.m.  
Older Children's Choir ..... Choir 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-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-24th**

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-26th**

VBS Volunteer Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 3:15 p.m.  
Older Children's Choir ..... Choir 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.  
Choir Recognition Service ..... Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.

**Tuesday-28th**

DayFriends ..... Chappy's Deli 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 ..... 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 April**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Seekers

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

**Offering:** College

**Visitors:** Willians

**Serving April 19th**

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Cindy Cleveland, Ruthie Spiers, Brad Smithart, Addison Meeks, Adeola Ogundele

**Serving April 26th**

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Marcie Smith, Sue Walker, Paula Turnham, Holly Smithart, Geneese Cook, Leah Duzy

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