

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

It is a simple question with a beautiful answer, “Water U Doing?” The answer is we are gathering in another week for Vacation Bible School. Children will come, teachers will prepare, youth will help, and classrooms will be decorated. The rooms of the church will be filled with singing, praying, laughing, and listening. We will hear stories about Jesus, as the Living Water, and we will talk about offering the love of Jesus to the world by providing clean water for drinking and growing food.

Water is important for living, for growing things, for serving others, and for playing, experiencing the joys of this life. “Water U Doing?” We are gathering at the church for growing, serving, and playing, as we always do, but specifically this week for our children. We are gathering to teach our children about Jesus, through both word and deed, as we teach them about the Living Water found in Jesus and as they serve others in Malawi, Africa by providing water pumps, fish ponds, and washing stations. The children will make crafts during the week, which will then be sold after church at a VBS Market on Sunday, raising money for the work of Watering Malawi.

“Water U Doing?” It is a simple question with a beautiful answer. At the church, we find a deep well, and we draw life from it, and life abundant. We share it with one another and with our children, who help make this life as abundant as it is for us all. It is abundant, in part, because it is a shared journey of faith, which is what we find at a well. The water is shared by all of us who gather around it.

To answer this question, we also have to express our gratitude for sharing this week with our friends at Cross Road Baptist Church, where our friend Dr. Johnny Green is pastor. Our children and their children, our teachers and their teachers will share Vacation Bible School around the well of Living Water. We will dive into the waters together, as they enliven us all. Since we will share this week with them, we will also share a meal with them the following week. On Wednesday, June 17, we will come together again in the Coleman Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck meal. We will all bring food to share in order to celebrate a week with our children as well as our friendship with one another.

The beautiful answer to this simple question, “Water U Doing?,” is full of grace because at the well, where we all gather, we can help one another pull the bucket up again and again. It is then passed around for all of us to share. It enlivens us with hope, and it calls us to mercy. It creates community, and it calls us to serve our surrounding community. As we look around the well, we see people of all ages and good friends, so it reminds us that Jesus is Living Water, giving life to us all, and life abundant.

Tripp

Welcome Reception for Laura Edgar

June 13th, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Join us as we welcome Laura to Auburn First Baptist. Please bring a nice finger food to the kitchen when you come, using a disposable container or one with your name on top and bottom. Or you may bring food to the kitchen Friday during office hours. The Social Committee will arrange refreshments on serving pieces.

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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 Leigh Anne

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
I have started and stopped this note of thanks several times over the past several days, as more and more recollections came to mind, each bringing with it a renewed mindfulness of gratitude for the gift of the last 31 months serving God in this intentional way among you. I am thankful for the kind words so many of you have thought to speak to me on Sunday, May 17th and since; and the words many of you have consistently spoken to me throughout my tenure, of support, and challenge, and love. I am thankful for the many shoulders to the wheel of ministry, the serving alongside, from those I expected and those who surprised me with their service. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served alongside our students and young adults in our own church, in our town, on our campus, in Perry County working with (gasp!) University of Alabama students on Sowing Seeds of Hope projects, in Tallahassee (paying off that National Championship wager) working with some awesome Special Olympics athletes and coaches, in our local retirement community and youth detention center, and cooking up meals for our church family in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

I am thankful to have been invited into the lives of students and young adults, and sometimes their families, when life was at its best and sometimes when it was at its worst. To be trusted with the inner workings of another person's soul is a precious gift, and I am awed by it. I am thankful for the opportunity to learn alongside young people with a thirst for spiritual depth, and to watch them grow closer to God and to each other as they study. I am thankful, for a time, to have also supervised the youth and children's interns, giving me the exquisite opportunity to be involved in the lives of our church's preschoolers, children, and youth as they took their places with us on the path. We have talked in the college group about the origin of the word 'companion'; it literally means "one with whom I share bread". Jesus was on to something when he spent so much time sitting around eating and chatting, I think! Some of our best college and young adult memories these past years were made, we decided, in laughter, and tears, and sharing life around the table. And for that I am thankful always.

Thank you. I'll see you, at the table.

Leigh Anne Armstrong

Summer Food Service Program

We have been invited to participate again this summer in a feeding program through a regional food bank. We will serve a free lunch provided by the food bank to all children under the age of eighteen at the Sparkman neighborhood through the Auburn Housing Authority. On each Tuesday during June and July, except for the week of July 4, we need a few volunteers to serve lunch from 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. We will also play games with the children after lunch. Everyone is invited, and if you are interested in signing up, you can contact Sue Walker at thewalkers618@yahoo.com or call 821-4795, or Cathy Summers at catherine.summers@gmail.com or call 826-3218.

First Sunday Ladies Lunch Bunch

All ladies are invited to join us at Amsterdam Cafe for food and fellowship, following worship on **Sunday, June 7th**. If you would like to carpool, please meet by the library door immediately following the service. To be included on the email list for updates, contact Eve Engle at Cinderbama@hotmail.com or call 334-663-7433.

Letter From Cindy

I so appreciate the recognition that I was given by our church. Sunday, the 17th, was very special to me. I was touched by your showering of appreciation and kind words. It has been a wonderful, growing experience for me to work with our Youth these past 14 months. They hold a special place in my heart. I am grateful for the deep support I received from our Youth parents, church staff, and members throughout this time. Thank you for this opportunity. I am excited for what the future holds for our Youth and our church!

With love,

Cindy Cleveland

Letter From Laura

I am thrilled to begin the journey of serving with you at AFBC! Thank you to Leigh Anne and Cindy who have served faithfully with the college and youth. I am humbled and grateful to continue the work they have been doing. Thank you, church family, for the warm welcome you've extended to me. I'm looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks. It's going to be a great summer!

Laura Edgar

From the Church Library

You didn't know we have a church library? Bible Reference, Christian Life, Children's Books, Older Children's Books, Travel, Biographies, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Novels AND MORE! Come check it out now!

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

Ways to Pray

Throughout the summer, we will talk about Ways to Pray. We will discuss ancient forms of prayer that are relevant today, allowing us to pray simply and authentically throughout the experiences of life. During the summer, we will also hear from various groups, as our youth return from Passport or the Brazil Mission team shares its experiences.

June 4th: Simple Prayer

June 11th: Not Meeting Due to VBS

June 17th (Wednesday): Potluck with Cross Road Baptist

June 18th: No Evening Activities

Dinner With Cross Road Baptist

Wednesday, June 17th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We will have a joint potluck dinner with Cross Road Baptist, Johnny Green's church. Our two churches had VBS together last year and plan VBS together again this year, the week before the potluck dinner.

Mark Your Calendar

DayFriends

Tuesday, June 2nd, 11:45 a.m., Acapulco's

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, June 7th, 12:00 p.m., Amsterdam Cafe

Welcome Reception for Laura Edgar

Saturday, June 13th, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, June 14th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall



Thursday Nights

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

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

Sunday Nights of Summer

June 7th: Eden's Home

June 14th: Meeks' Home



Passport Camp

July 12th-17th

Greensboro College, NC

For info, go to

www.passportcamps.org

and click on Youth Camps

Senior Adult's NEXT Trip

Monday, June 22nd, Montgomery, Alabama

Visit the Hyundai Automobile Plant, the Civil Rights museum, and the Alabama Archives and History. Leave on the church van promptly at 8:00 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m. Dr. Gerald Johnson is our guide. A gracious benefactor is paying all admission fees. You are only responsible for your lunch. Call (887-8506) or email (tristaslaughter@mindspring.com) to make your reservations. Space is limited to 20.

Help us help our Brazil Mission Team!

ITEMS STILL NEEDED! Below is a list of items they will need for the children of Brazil. Please place donations for this project in the basket provided in the hallway outside the church office.

Items needed include: coloring books and crayons, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, ball point pens, six inch rulers, individually wrapped chewing gum, bubble gum and hard candy (no chocolate), baseball type caps, stickers (smiley faces, etc), quart size zipper storage bags.



Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., College Room

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

Activities Building

Starts June 2nd

Church-wide Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, June 14th

8:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker:

Bob Stevenson



Everyone is invited to join us for this special Brotherhood breakfast where Bob Stevenson will be speaking on his many missions trips and sharing some of his life stories. Brotherhood Breakfast did not meet in April or May due to conflicts but will kick off summer meetings in June with the special church-wide breakfast. The regular, second Sunday monthly meetings, welcoming all men and boys of the church for a time of breakfast, fellowship, devotion and ministry planning will resume in July. If you have not attended in the past or have not been in a while, please consider joining us for the special breakfast with Bob and get involved with the Brotherhood Ministry.



Spark Adventure

Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed.Bldg.

Adult Helpers:

June 4th: Mary Virginia Moore

June 11th: No Spark



June 8th-12th? Coming to VBS!

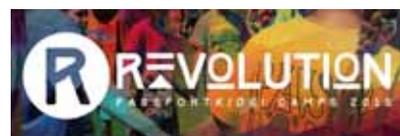
Join us to learn about serving God through providing clean water for Malawi, Africa.

Register now at auburnfbc.org.

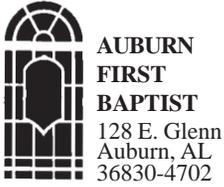
VBS MARKETPLACE

Sunday, June 14th, 12:00 p.m., Courtyard

The VBS students' crafts will be available for purchase to benefit the VBS missions offering to help access clean water for Malawi, Africa.



PassPort Kids!
June 29 - July 3



| <i>Every Sunday</i> | | <i>Every Thursday</i> | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday School | 9:45 a.m. | Brown Bag Meal Time | 5:15 p.m. |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 a.m. | Prayer & Bible Study | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday-2nd | | | |
| DayFriends | Acapulco's | | 11:45 a.m. |
| College TNBS | College Room | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday-4th | | | |
| Youth Hang Out Time | Youth Room | | 5:45 p.m. |
| Spark Adventure | Education Building | | 5:50 p.m. |
| Saturday-6th | | | |
| Youth Missions Monthly | Community Market | | 11:30 a.m. |
| Sunday-7th | | | |
| Ladies Lunch Bunch | Amsterdam Cafe | | 12:00 p.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir | Choir Room | | 3:15 p.m. |
| Youth SOS | Eden's Home | | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday-8th | | | |
| Vacation Bible School | Fellowship Hall | | 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday-9th | | | |
| Vacation Bible School | Fellowship Hall | | 5:30 p.m. |
| College TNBS | College Room | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday-10th | | | |
| Vacation Bible School | Fellowship Hall | | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday-11th | | | |
| Vacation Bible School | Fellowship Hall | | 5:30 p.m. |
| Friday-12th | | | |
| Vacation Bible School | Fellowship Hall | | 5:30 p.m. |
| Saturday-13th | | | |
| Welcome Reception for Laura | Fellowship Hall | | 2:00 p.m. |
| Sunday-14th | | | |
| Brotherhood Breakfast | Fellowship Hall | | 8:00 a.m. |
| VBS Marketplace | Courtyard | | 12:00 a.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir | Choir Room | | 3:15 p.m. |
| Youth SOS | Meeks' Home | | 6:00 p.m. |

Serving the Month of June

Loaves & Fishes: Sojourners

Greeters: Danae Sandusky, Teresa Vest, Sharlene McDaniel

Offering: Seekers

Visitors: Millers

Serving June 7th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Jay Spiers, Suzanne Parish, Lynn Eden, Maggie Stoeckel, Terri Wood, Kathleen Sabo

Serving June 14th

Counters: Aaron Greene, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Kelly Meeks, Andy Yohn, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Terri Wood, Kellie Wilson

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