

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Only a week ago, we watched as college students carried the Light of Christ down the center aisle of the sanctuary into the world, as we recognized their graduation from college, and this week, we will hand out Bibles to our high school seniors, as we recognize their graduation. These acts of blessing and benediction, which send them forth into this transition of their lives, are full of stories.

Looking back from these blessings and benedictions, we see the storied life of faith. It is the story of the years of college. It is a story marked by arriving to campus, looking for a church, receiving an invitation, eating a home cooked meal, meeting members of the congregation, and then growing together with other travelers along the way, sprinkled with discoveries and friendships. It is also the story of growing up in a congregation. It is a story marked by baby dedication and learning from Sunday School teachers, attending retreats with the youth group and asking good questions, choosing baptism and gathering around the Table, singing in the choir and having mentors that impact our lives before high school graduation.

We have a storied faith, including the stories of scripture and the stories of our lives. We can talk about how the story of God has shaped and formed our stories, and we can talk about how the story of Auburn First Baptist has shaped and formed our stories as well. They are stories of college students and our youth as well as our stories. They are stories of comfort during times of grief, support during times of questions, encouragement during times of perseverance, and grace during times of struggle. They are stories for which we are grateful.

The place where the church intersects our lives is the place of our story. Some of it belongs to the church; some of it belongs to us. It is why we belong to one another, as our stories are intertwined. They are stories that we celebrate and pass along.

The story of this church that shapes our lives is grace-filled and gospel-centered. It is a good story. It is the story of the shared journey of faith. It can be celebrated and told in countless smaller stories. They are the stories of college students and our youth as well as our stories. They are the stories of youth serving the hungry, children singing in worship, college students studying scripture and Sunday School classes caring for one another. In all the ways we serve the community around us, our story is woven into the stories of others as well—a story of compassion, generosity, and hope. It is how our story comes to reflect the story of God.

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**Youth Senior
Banquet**
Sunday, May 3rd
12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
In honor of
Holly Smithart & Cameron Nix

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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.

Search Committee Update

Associate Pastor for Music

We are excited and encouraged to know Laura Edgar will soon be joining AFBC as our Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults. We are grateful for the work of that committee and offer them a sincere thank you! With the announcement of this search committee, our Search Committee for an Associate Pastor for Music wanted to provide an update. Each search for a minister will look different from the next one, and we are on our own timeline. Our work has gone well, and we have been pleased and encouraged by the candidates we have discussed and contacted, but our work continues, as we strive to locate the right person for this position. For our committee, this has been sacred work, as our committee has grown close, and we continue to look forward to the next chapter of this ministry. We ask that you continue to pray for us, as we search for a person who is a good fit for our congregation and the years to come.

Shane Dunn and Ronda West, Co-Chairs



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 Sunday morning, using a disposable container or one with your name on top and bottom. The Social Committee will arrange refreshments on serving pieces.

First Sunday Ladies Lunch Bunch

All ladies are invited to join us for food and fellowship at Taziki's on College Street following worship on **Sunday, May 3rd**. 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.

Senior Adult Trip

to American Village, Monday, May 4th

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. Additionally, Frank Engle, Eve Engle's father, was the sculptor who created the American Presidents doll collection on display. He made George and Martha Washington through Richard and Pat Nixon). 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.

Mark Your Calendar

Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 3rd, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, May 3rd, 12:00 p.m., Taziki's

Senior Adult Trip

Monday, May 4th, 8:00 a.m., American Village

DayFriends

Tuesday, May 12th, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's Deli

Caring Hands

Tuesday, May 12th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 12th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 14th, 5:00 p.m., Library



Thursday Nights

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

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



Passport Parents/ Youth Meeting

Thursday, May 7th, 6:30
p.m., Youth Room

Passport Camp

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

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Ways to Pray

We will conclude our conversations on the stories from Acts at the end of May. 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 the or Brazil Mission team shares its experiences.



Bible Study & Breakfast

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

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!

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 for 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.



Spark adventure
ThursdayS @ 5:50 p.M.
eduCation 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.

Register now at auburnfbc.org.



PassPor t 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.

Sunday-3rd

Youth Senior Banquet Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
Ladies Lunch Bunch Taziki's 12:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 3:15 p.m.

(No Evening Activities)

Monday-4th

Senior Adult Trip Meet in Parking Lot 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday-6th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-7th

Youth Hang Out Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Passport Parents/Youth Meeting Youth Room 6:30 p.m.

Sunday-10th

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 3:15 p.m.

(No Evening Activities)

Tuesday-12th

DayFriends Chappy's Deli 11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday-13th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-14th

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.

Serving the Month of May

Loaves & Fishes: Fishers

Greeters: Todd Miller, Sharlene McDaniel

Offering: Sojourner/Young Adult

Visitors: Graves

Serving May 3rd

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Ronda West, Katharine Martin,
Anna Parish, Suzanne Parish, Denise Stoeckel

Serving May 10th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Lee Alice Johnson, Cynthia Smithart,
Benjamin Wilson, Kathleen Sabo

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