

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Entering into these summer months, there are a great deal of events and moments to look forward to as well as to celebrate. Many of us are looking forward to the end of school and an opportunity to spend time together as family on vacation. Others of us are looking forward to a different pace each week, as the summer remains busy, but it has a different rhythm to it. All of us are looking forward to Vacation Bible School, Passport camps, lunches at Sparkman, Brazil Mission Trip, and other opportunities the summer affords us.

We are also looking forward to and celebrating the arrival of Laura Edgar as our Associate Pastor for Youth, College, and Young Adults. We look forward to welcoming her on Saturday, June 13 at a reception from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. When she arrives, we will take time to get to know her, reminding her of our names, and sharing our stories with her. We are grateful for her ministry among us.

We also have an opportunity to celebrate with our youth group. Each fall, our youth park cars during the football season, raising funds to assist them with their retreats and also with missions. Throughout the years, they have used these mission funds in thoughtful and generous ways, like supporting Watering Malawi, purchasing bicycles for students, who need them in order to get to school, and hosting our Stop Hunger Now event.

Passport, the ministry that provides camps and opportunities for our young people, including training future leaders in the church, is beginning a capital campaign. This campaign focuses on raising funds, which will provide scholarships for youth, who cannot afford the cost of camp, maintain a reasonable cost of camp for everyone, and improve the camp experiences of our young people. Among many Baptist leaders and ministers throughout the Southeast, our Katherine Smith, a sophomore in high school, is a member of the capital campaign committee.

The youth group and the Youth Committee discussed a gift to Passport's Capital Campaign, looking at the funds they have accrued throughout the years. In recognition of how Passport has been meaningful to our youth and how it provides an experience that is invaluable to many, they decided to contribute \$15,000 to this campaign over the course of the next three years. Due to the funds they have saved by parking cars through the recent years, the youth can make this contribution and still have funds available for other projects.

Later this year, the youth will formally present this gift to Passport on a Sunday morning, as we give thanks for their generous commitment, but we pause now to offer our gratitude as well. Our youth continue to give us great reasons for thanksgiving, as we continue to support them on their journey of faith. When we see them, we can celebrate this gift with them!

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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.

## **Water U Doin on May 31st from 3-5 p.m.?**

Come decorate for VBS! We will be painting, making bulletin boards, putting up posters, stacking buckets and more! There's a job for everyone! Even if you can't be at VBS, this is a great way to be a part of such a significant week in the life of our church and in the faith formation of our children and families.

## **BigHouse Donations**

Even though the official BigHouse Towel and Swimsuit drive is over, there is still a HUGE need for towels and swimsuits! One county had 500 NEWLY registered foster children this year! The BigHouse only provides a new towel and bathing suit to newly added children each year. Bathing suits are provided to children from infant to 12 years old. Teens are provided with a towel. Each towel has the child's name embroidered on it to provide the child with an item that belongs ONLY TO THEM. Please consider donating a beach towel or a swim suit (infant sizes all the way to size 14) to the BigHouse in the next couple of weeks! Denise Stoeckel will transport the donations to the BigHouse.

## **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.

## **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 or the Brazil Mission team shares its experiences.



## **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.

## **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.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### ***Children's Committee Meeting***

*Sunday, May 17th, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

### ***Senior Adult Lunch***

*Tuesday, May 19th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

### ***Deacons' Meeting***

*Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom*

### ***Caring Hands***

*Tuesday, May 26th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

### ***Senior Adult Dinner Out***

*Wednesday, May 27th, 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 SOS begins June 7th.

Parents: Sign up to host on SignUpGenius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48a9ab29a3fd0-youth>

## Welcome Picnic for Laura

We are excited to welcome Laura on May 31st with a picnic at 6:00 p.m. at Town Creek Park. We were hoping that you would be ready for a kickball game or something ACTIVE to do that night, along with hamburgers! Please sign up on the link below for the picnic. Hope all the youth can come and enjoy the evening with Laura to welcome her.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545a9a623a31-may31st>



## Passport Camp

July 12th-17th

Greensboro College, NC

For info, go to

[www.passportcamps.org](http://www.passportcamps.org)

and click on Youth Camps



## Bible Study & Breakfast

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

## Tuesday Night Bible Study

Resumes June 2nd

## Help us help our Brazil Mission Team!

The last day to donate items is June 1st! 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.

- 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

## Traffic and Parking

As many of you already know, the Toomer's Corner intersection has closed for the summer. As a result, parking and traffic issues have increased, most notably on Tichenor Street due to the barricades on College Street rerouting traffic away from Toomer's. We ask as you cross Tichenor or park in that area, exercise a bit of extra caution, especially with small children, as you enter the building.



### Spark Adventure

Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M.

Education Building

### Adult Helpers:

May 21st: Katharine Martin

May 28th: Gwynne Lovelady



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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.

**Sunday-17th**

Children's Committee Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall 2:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 3:15 p.m.

(No Evening Activities)

**Tuesday 19th**

Senior Adult Lunch ..... Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting ..... Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday-21st**

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

Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.

**Sunday-24th**

(No Evening Activities)

**Monday-25th**

(Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day)

**Tuesday-26th**

Caring Hands ..... Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday-27th**

Senior Adult Dinner Out ..... Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday-28th**

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

Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.

**Sunday-31st**

Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 3:15 p.m.

Youth Welcome Picnic for Laura ..... Town Creek Park 6:00 p.m.

**Serving the Month of May**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Fishers  
**Greeters:** Todd Miller, Dee Williams  
**Offering:** Sojourners/Young Adult  
**Visitors:** Graves

**Serving May 17th**

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, James Nichols  
**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby  
**Extended Session:** Amber Berry-Moore, Alan Walker, Betsy Jordan, Kellie Wilson, Terri Wood

**Serving May 24th**

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot  
**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn  
**Extended Session:** Kathleen Sabo, Carolyn Thompson, Kellie Wilson, Steffany Arce, Ruthie Spiers, Genesee Cook

**Serving May 31st**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin  
**Sound & Light:** David Sutton  
**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Anna Coxwell, Mark Wilson, Victoria Eden, Adeola Ogundele, Leah Duzy

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