

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by *Tripp Martin*

As the temperature continues to rise around us, we become keenly aware that we are entering the depths of summer. Along with a different temperature, there is a different rhythm to these months, which is not to say that each day will look much different from our other days, but there is an overall distinctive feeling. Much of our days will look the same as they always do in February or October, but there will be some days that will look very different.

We will travel and we will rest during these months, which will take us away from this place, where we worship and serve, for a few days here and there. There is something to be gained from getting away. We find many opportunities latent in travel, as we gather elsewhere beside the ocean, around a picnic table, or with family and friends. Away from this place, we find discovery and renewal in a similar, but different way, than we find it in this place.

When we are packing our bags, getting ready to leave town for a few days, we can be sure to take some of this place with us. This does not mean we need to pack a hymnal or bulletin; we can simply take with us the same attentiveness that this place fosters inside of us. We can go from this place to our other places with the same attention to the presence of God that is cultivated within us when we gather here.

If we take that with us, along with our sense of journey and faith, we can discover the presence of God in new ways, broadening our spirits, as we go. We can look through the stained-glass of this world, watching the waves wash up against the beach and widening our souls to the Spirit of God. We can find the presence of God as we gather around other tables with family we have known for years or with people from other places, who are different from us. We can engage in prayerful conversations with God, others, and even ourselves, which we struggle to have in the normal busyness of our days.

We can find sabbath, as we go, which can renew us and calls us back to what is at the heart of “who we are” as people of faith and followers of Jesus. We might begin to notice needs around us, or we might hold a magnifying glass over the joys of our lives. As we go, we can take some of this place with us, and we can also bring back some of what we find to this place. For as we go, we always take the church with us because we are the church, a people more than a place. We bring back with us what we see and what we gain by going away. Traveling mercies as we go, and we look forward to gathering here again on the Lord’s Day as well.

Tripp

Potluck Dinner with Cross Road Baptist

*June 17th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
preschool childcare provided*

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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.

AFBC Youth Bibles

Do you have a favorite Bible that you've had for many years? The pages are worn. Certain passages are highlighted. There are notes in the margins. Slips of paper are tucked between pages or just inside the covers. Recently, when I was doing some cleaning, I ran across my old Bible. As I opened it, I instantly remembered where I was when I took the notes that are in the margins of Mark. I could almost feel the softness of the grass at camp where I sat to fill out the worksheet tucked into the front cover. The rush of excitement of going to the youth conference came over me as I saw the highlighted passages. My favorite Sunday School teacher's face came to mind as I found the bookmark she gave me so many years ago. For me, leafing through that Bible brings back memories that provide a sense of grounding, a firm foundation.

We want our youth to have a sense of grounding, a firm foundation in their faith. One of the ways we can help them do that is by giving them Bibles that they will use throughout their time in the youth ministry at AFBC. Our youth committee wants to start a new tradition of providing students with Bibles when they enter the sixth grade. We will keep these Bibles in the youth room, making them available for Sunday School and youth Bible study. We will bring them with us to camps, retreats, and mission trips. When students graduate from high school, we will present them with their Bibles. We hope they are filled with notes, highlighted passages, and a sense of rootedness in their faith.

In order to start this tradition, we need to provide Bibles for every student currently in our youth ministry. We need your help and support to do this. Would you consider buying a Bible for a student? Your name will be placed inside the Bible so that the student will know that you and your family have chosen to support him or her by providing a Bible. In this way, the Bibles will serve as an intergenerational connection point among members of our church. The Bibles will be NRSV, bonded leather, and will have the student's name engraved on the front cover. Total cost is \$30.00 per Bible (make checks payable to AFBC w/ notation "Youth Bible". This is not a tax-deductible gift.) A list of student names is included in the newsletter and will be printed in class Sunday School announcements. Please prayerfully consider providing a Bible for one of our youth. Thank you!

Laura

(If you are interested in purchasing a bible, please email Laura (lauraedgar@mindspring.com) or Trista (tristaslaughter@mindspring.com).

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!

Names for Youth Bibles

Tucker Cantrell-Wright	Maggie Stoeckel
Laney Draughon	Lynli Cantrell-Wright
Emmalee Jordan	Jennifer Arce
Ellie Shumate	Addison Meeks
Mikel Zugazaga	Braison Pierce
Ella Boone	Maddie Shumate
Michael Cline	Walker Shumock-Bailey
Emilee Cook	Andrew Wang
Hudson Draughon	Devin Wood
Parker Draughon	Amaia Zugazaga
Steven Eden	Logan Buchanan
Steffany Arce	Cheyenne Burkhalter
Elizabeth Jordan	Chandler Eden
Anna Parish	Annalee Isbell
Abby Shumate	Katherine Smith
Ananda Shumock-Bailey	Dakota Burkhalter
Matthew Thornton	Victoria Eden
Benjamin Wilson	Brittany Peacock
Joy Zou	Ana Starks
Rachael Boone	

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 the church office (887-8506) or email (tristaslaughter@mindspring.com) to make your reservations. Space is limited to 20. We still have 4 spots available.

Mark Your Calendar

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Potluck Dinner with Cross Road Baptist

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

Senior Adult Trip

Monday, June 22nd, 8:00 a.m., Church Parking Lot

Caring Hands

Tuesday, June 23rd, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 23rd, 5:30 p.m., Library

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 28th, 12:00 p.m., Activities Building



Thursday Nights

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

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

(Will Not Meet 6/18)

Sunday Nights of Summer

June 21st: No Meeting

June 28th: Location TBD



Passport Camp

July 12th-17th

Greensboro College, NC

For info, go to

www.passportcamps.org

and click on Youth Camps

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.

Brazil Mission Trip Supplies Needed

Brazil team is still in NEED of t-shirts (adults and children), baseball caps and approximately 200 tooth brushes. Please drop those off anytime this month!

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

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 and children return from Passport or the Brazil Mission team shares its experiences.

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

June 18th: No Evening Activities

June 25th: Laura Edgar Speaking

July 2nd: No Evening Activities

July 9th: Brazil Mission Team Send-off Party

July 16th: Prayer of Examen

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. Bring your favorite covered dish. The church will provide the meat and drinks.



Spark Adventure

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

Adult Helpers:

June 18th: Will Not Meet

June 25th: Vicky van Santen



Bible Study & Breakfast

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

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building



PassPort kids!
June 29 - July 3

Pray for our campers: Elizabeth Wilson & Emmalee Jordan, and their chaperones: Kellie Wilson and Betsy Jordan



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<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-16th			
DayFriends	Acapulco's	11:45 a.m.	
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Classroom	6:30 p.m.	
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday-17th			
Potluck Dinner	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.	
Thursday-18th			
(No Evening Activities)			
Sunday-21st			
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.	
(No Evening Activities)			
Tuesday-23rd			
Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.	
CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 p.m.	
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Thursday-25th			
Youth Hang Out Time	Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Sunday-28th			
Youth Committee Meeting	Activities Building	12:00 p.m.	
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.	
Youth SOS	TBD	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday-30th			
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	

Serving the Month of June

Loaves & Fishes: Sojourners

Greeters: Danae Sandusky, Teresa Vest, Sharlene McDaniel

Offering: Seekers

Visitors: Millers

Serving June 21st

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

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

Serving June 28th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Sue Walker, Paula Turnham, Terri Wood, Genesee Cook

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