

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On August 27, 2015, we will give thanks for a particular anniversary in the church, which began on August 27, 2000, celebrating with Bryan King the fifteen years he has served as the organist of Auburn First Baptist Church. For these fifteen years, Bryan has sat on the organ bench, enabling us to sing in worship, as the organ leads us in song and surrounds us with beautiful music. Bryan has served with diligence and kindness, offering his best gifts for our gift of worship.

In Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, he writes, "It is not you that sings, it is the church that is singing, and you, as a member . . . may share in its song. Thus all singing together that is right must serve to widen our spiritual horizon, make us see our little company as a member of the great Christian church on earth, and help us willingly and gladly to join our singing, be it feeble or good, to the song of the church." We stand to sing each Sunday as a congregation, and it binds us to the Church around the world. The church depends on its singing in order to remember, "who it is," and to express, "who God is," as we worship together. Our voices are bound to the voices of our brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever they are found. Without the music behind our singing, our worship would lose its vitality, and we would lose sight of our connection to others.

For fifteen years, Bryan has been a valuable member of the church staff, remaining committed to his preparation and playing. On each Lord's Day, there is often a moment, as a result of this commitment, when we experience a sense of awe or a glimmer of the presence of God, who is always with us. We are grateful for Bryan's dedication and gentle spirit amongst us for these fifteen years.

On Sunday, August 23, we will recognize Bryan at the end of worship, offering our gratitude verbally to him. In the afternoon, Bryan will offer an organ concert at 2:00 p.m., as a celebration of these fifteen years. We will give thanks for these fifteen years by listening to the music that has been such a gift to this congregation. In the days to come during the month of August, we can all take a moment to personally thank Bryan for his work and for what he means to this place and our worship.

Promotion Sunday

August 2nd

9:00 a.m. Church-wide Pancake Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Bibles, Trees & Backpacks during worship

Organ Recital

presented by
Bryan King

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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.

Update from the Associate Pastor for Music Search Committee

We continue to receive and review resumes from potential candidates. A broad network of individuals has been cultivated and they are helping us identify candidates. Also, we have talked with numerous schools of music across the country. We are thankful for good conversations with individuals, who know our church and our tradition of music and have offered encouragement, as we work through this process. Your prayers are appreciated as the committee continues its work, and we give thanks for Eddi, Bryan, and the Sanctuary Choir that remain committed to lead us in music each week.

Sunday, August 2nd

Church-wide Kick-off Breakfast by Edzard

9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Promotion Sunday Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

(For those promoting, this will be the time you will go to your new class and meet your new teacher!)

Bibles, Trees and Backpacks Worship - 11:00 a.m.

A time of worship including Bible presentations to rising 1st graders, tree presentations to rising 6th graders & a Blessing of the Backpacks for all of those beginning, returning to or continuing their education. Please bring your backpack to the table of communion before worship begins.

School Supplies for Sparkman

The Mission Committee, along with some assistance from our benevolence offerings, has purchased and distributed school supplies to the children living in the Sparkman neighborhood through the Auburn Housing Authority. They were distributed on the last day we served lunch in the neighborhood this summer. There are about twenty-five children living in the neighborhood.

An Ordination Council has been formed for the Ordination of Laura Edgar

Laura Edgar has requested ordination from Auburn First Baptist Church, and the church voted on July 23 to form an Ordination Council. The members of that council are as follows: Mark Wilson, chair, Gwynne Lovelady, Oxford Smith, Wayne Flynt, Joe Turnham, Cindy Cleveland, Lexie Rasco, Chad Parish, Mary Virginia Moore, Victoria Eden, and Kathy Reed, co-pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Auburn. This group will be meeting with Laura and will make a recommendation to the congregation after its work.

Sunday Evening Activities Resume August 9th

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fisher's classroom (new location)
Discussion and support about parenting and intentional spiritual growth, based on "What On Earth Am I Here For."

Discipleship Training

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Show & Tell: A Study of the Gospel of John

We often discuss what the gospel of John is "saying," but we can also ask what the gospel of John is "doing." It is not only about what it says, but also about how it says it. We will read again familiar stories from the perspective of the entire gospel of John, seeing anew what the gospel story is saying and doing, as we look for how the "Word became flesh" (John 1:14). This will be a 5-week study led by Tripp Martin.

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room

The Youth Choir is open to all youth in grades 6-12. In addition to leading periodically in worship, we also present special programs throughout the year.

Older Children's Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building

3rd-5th graders have the opportunity to grow as musicians and children of God as they explore worship through singing, instruments, movement, drama, service, leadership, and friendship.

Younger Children's Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building

Welcomes all children in grades *kindergarten through 2nd grade* this year. Our activities include not only singing, but also playing instruments and movement. Exploring hymns and preparing to participate in worship will be a big part of our year, as we prepare our kindergarten and first grade students to participate in the Sunday morning worship services. We will be singing for worship on Children's Sabbath, Family Night at Christmas, and Choir Recognition Night as well as other times throughout the year. Our workers for this year include Ben Shell, Penny Popwell, and Sharon Odom. There is something for every child in our choir as we sing, play instruments, and move to learn more about God and His great love for us.

Preschool Music Makers

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building

Preschool Music Activity Group is comprised of preschoolers ages 2* through Pre-K. This group introduces the children to all aspects of music by using movement, listening, rhythm instruments, and art. The activities are geared to their attention span and their need to be active. The leaders are Tiffany Myrick, Spenser Ridgway, and Eve Engle.

*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

Bible Encounter

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

Children ages *1st-5th grade* learn all about the Bible and how to find favorite and new verses through activities and games. Led by Mark Wilson and Teresa Vest.



Thursday Nights

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

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

Youth Choir Resumes Sunday, August 9th

5:00 p.m., Education Building

Youth Sunday Nights Resume

August 9th at 6:00 p.m.

in the Youth Room

following Youth Choir

Fall Retreat

Friday-Saturday, July 31-August 1

Location: YMCA Hargis Retreat, Chelsea, AL

Join us as we kick off a new year in youth ministry!

This will be a formational time for our group, as we work, learn, pray, and grow TOGETHER.

Mark Your Calendar

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, August 2nd, 12:00 p.m., Jim n' Nick's

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, August 9th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Caring Hands

Tuesday, August 11th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library



Bible Study & Breakfast

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

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

Will resume, Tuesday, August 18th

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

We are talking 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.

August 6th: Contemplative Prayer

August 13th: Brazil Mission Team Report

August 20th: Passport Reports

August 27th: Praying the Ordinary

Auburn First Baptist Church

and the Auburn Community

is cordially invited to attend

an Organ Recital

presented by

Bryan King

on Sunday, August 23rd, at 2:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall please email Laura at lauraedgar@mindspring.com.



Promotion Sunday, August 2nd

Bible Presentation (Rising 1st Graders)

Blessing of the Backpacks

11:00 a.m., Worship Service

Children's Choirs and Bible Encounter Re-

sume

Sunday, August 9th

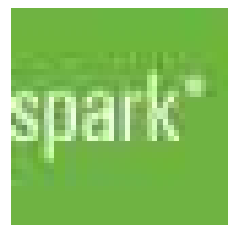
Spark Adventure

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

Adult Helpers:

August 6th: Oyette Chambliss

August 13th: Mary Joe Howard





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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.
Sunday-2nd			
Church-wide Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m.	
Ladies Lunch Bunch	Jim n' Nick's	12:00 p.m.	
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Resumes ..	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.	
Thursday-6th			
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Sunday-9th			
Brotherhood Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.	
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.	
Children's Choirs	Education Building	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.	
Discipleship Training	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.	
Connecting Faith and Family	Fishers' Classroom	5:00 p.m.	
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.	
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday-11th			
Dayfriends	Veggies to Go	11:45 a.m.	
CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 p.m.	
Thursday-13th			
Stewardship Committee	Library	5:00 p.m.	
Brazil Mission Team Report	Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.	
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	

Serving the Month of August

Loaves & Fishes: Fishers' Sunday School Class
Greeters: Todd Miller, Dee Williams, Teresa Vest
Offering: Adult 4
Visitors: Walkers

Serving August 2nd

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee
Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn
Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Kelly Meeks, Suzanne Parish, Jay Spiers, Victoria Eden, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter

Serving August 9th

Counters: Aaron Greene, James Nichols
Sound & Light: David Sutton
Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Sue Walker, Ruthie Spiers, Paula Turnham, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Katharine Martin, Terri Wood

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