

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## **REFLECTIONS** by *Tripp Martin*

Each fall, there are two committees that begin their work yet again, like many other committees during this time of year, as they start to talk about the names of church members, serving on committees and as deacons. The Deacon Nominating Committee and the Committee on Committees have started to meet again to carry out their work within the congregation. These committees represent a microcosm of every church member, who works and leads in so many quiet ways throughout the congregation.

These two committees will invite the congregation to submit names of those who might serve on various committees or as deacons. These names are important, as are all of the names of the church, representing the leadership that makes “who we are” and “what we do” possible. The work of committees and deacons exemplifies much of our shared calling as a congregation.

A calling is personal as well as shared, as the church travels its journey together. Larry McSwain recalls the calling of Moses, standing there at the burning bush, listening to the voice of God call him to join his voice with the voices of the Hebrew people in captivity. God calls Moses out by name, saying, “Moses, Moses!” (Ex. 3:4). As McSwain writes, “Calling is synonymous with naming.”

The Hebrew people considered that a person’s name was an expression of his or her character. It was part of his or her identity. Moses’ name, given to him by the daughter of Pharaoh when she discovered him in the river, means, “draw out.” Moses was drawn out of the water, but he was also drawn out for a task, and he draws out the gifts and talents of others, like Aaron, Joshua, and Miriam, for the work of God.

When we look at the names of the people serving on committees or as deacons, along with the names of the Nominating Committee report in the spring, and including other names not written on any list, but part of the work of the church, we are deeply grateful. These names are drawn out and drawn together, along with all of our names, for the sake of the shared journey of faith.

We are drawn together in our work and worship for the sake of “who we are” and “what we do,” but also for “who we are always becoming.” We are grateful for all of the work of those on this journey with us. We appreciate the work of these committees and the work represented by all of the names in the congregation. In those names, we find deep community, lasting grace, enduring hope, and communion with God, which is given for us and given away as well.

*Tripp*

## **Blood Drive**

*in the bloodmobile*  
**Sunday, September 13th**  
**8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
*College Street Parking Lot*  
**All donors will receive a recognition item!**

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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.

## Claude H. Moore Lecture Series

with guest speaker

**Julie Pennington-Russell**



Claude H. Moore was a dedicated and beloved member of Auburn First Baptist Church. In honor of his commitment to this congregation, the family of Claude H. Moore enabled the church to establish these lectures in his name. Having joined the church in 1957, Claude and Mary Virginia, along with their children, Marianne, Elizabeth, David, Bill, and Ginger, are grateful for this congregation's place in the life of their family. Claude served the church in a number of ways, particularly as the Treasurer of Auburn First Baptist as well as a deacon for countless years. He also served as the Chair of Deacons from 1983-1984 and as a Sunday School teacher in the children's ministry for a number of years.

In February, we had our inaugural Claude H. Moore Lectures when Dr. Bill Leonard joined us for meaningful discussions about faith and the church. Bill was originally scheduled to join us last fall, but due to an unforeseen conflict, he needed to postpone his visit with us. This fall, we will welcome Reverend Julie Pennington-Russell to Auburn First Baptist for our second annual lectures on Sunday, September 27. All Sunday school classes from youth to adult classes will be invited to the lecture in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., and Julie will also be our guest preacher.

Julie Pennington-Russell has served as pastor of three churches in Waco, Texas; San Francisco, California; and Decatur, Georgia. She earned her B.A. from the University of Central Florida and her M.Div from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Her sermons have been featured on the television broadcast "30 Good Minutes", Day 1 Radio and the Festival of Homiletics. Julie is married to Tim Pennington-Russell, and they have two adult children, Taylor and Lucy.

## Committees Are Important To The Life Of Our Congregation

Prayerfully consider how you might serve our church, community and world. Please place a check by the committees of interest to you. The Committee on Committees will be meeting soon to compile a list of nominations for all committees to be voted on by the church.

Please tear off this completed form and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office by September 18.

Aesthetics_____	Building_____	Children_____
College_____	Counters_____	Crisis_____
Flowers_____	Food Service_____	
Greeters_____	Grounds_____	Health_____
Library_____	Memorials_____	Missions_____
Music_____	Nominating_____	Ordinance_____
Preschool_____	Senior Adult_____	Social_____
Sound_____	Stewardship_____	Trustees_____
Ushers_____	Van_____	Visitation_____
Youth_____	I will serve wherever you need me._____	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2016 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

*If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at [auburnfbc@mindspring.com](mailto:auburnfbc@mindspring.com) by September 18<sup>th</sup>.* Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box.

### Adult Sunday Evening Activities

*No Evening Activities September 6th*

#### **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. These conversations will conclude on September 13. Mike McClanahan will begin a new study on September 20 entitled "Embracing Spiritual Awakening."



**Thursday Nights**  
*Brown Bag Meal Time*  
 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
*Youth Hang Out Time*  
 5:45 p.m., Youth Room

**Youth Sunday Nights**

6:00 p.m., Youth Room  
**Parent Volunteers:**  
 Sept 6th- No YSN  
 Sept 13th- Lynn Eden

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

*No Sunday Evening Activities September 6*

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**

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

*September 3rd: Prayerful Change*  
*September 10th: Unceasing Prayer*

On Thursday, September 17, we will shift our conversations from prayer to hymns. Years ago, I learned the coined-phrase, which is not uncommon, “third-verse theology.” In some traditions, it is routine to skip the third verse of a hymn, as in singing verses one, two, and four. On occasion, we might skip a verse due to limited time left in worship, but we regularly sing all of the verses of each hymn. The practice of skipping the third verse prompted people to ask, “What do we miss without the third verse?” Our hymns communicate theology, so over the next several weeks, we will look at the theology of many of our third verses.

*September 17<sup>th</sup>: Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*September 24<sup>th</sup>: How Firm A Foundation*

**Global Ministries Offering Update**

The Global Ministries Offering is a designated offering, which is given above and beyond our general budget, with the sole purpose of supporting particular ministries and missions, both local and global. As we reach beyond our walls, we are invited to participate in this good work through our giving and our lives, as it takes place nearby as well as far away. We were able to meet and exceed our 2014-2015 GMO Budget of \$24,000.

We are now about halfway through the year for our 2015-2016 GMO Budget of \$24,000, which was announced and approved by the church in March. As of today, we have reached approximately 50% of our goal of \$24,000, which is less than this time last year, but our giving will continue until March 2016. Many of the gifts for the GMO are submitted right after the budget is announced, while others are pledged or given later. We appreciate all of the gifts for the GMO, as they are used in important ways.

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Tuesday night college Bible study has gotten off to a great start! Thank you to all who have volunteered to bring supper. We still have a few dates open for the fall semester. Please support our college ministry by signing up to bring a meal for our students. Thank you!

Remaining available dates:

October 13, October 20  
 November 3, November 10, & December 1

*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](mailto:lauraedgar@mindspring.com).*



**Bible Study & Breakfast**  
*Sundays, 9:45 a.m.*  
*College Room (Activities Building)*

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
*Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.*  
*College Room (Activities Building)*  
 Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.



**Children's Choirs 5:00 p.m.**  
**Bible Encounter 6:00 p.m.**  
 Sundays, Education Building  
*No Sunday Evening Activities September 6*

**Spark Adventure**  
 Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.  
**Adult Helpers:**  
 Sept 3rd: Mary Virginia Moore  
 Sept 10th: Leigh Anne Armstrong





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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.
<b>Tuesday-1st</b>			
TNBS .....	College Room		7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday-2nd</b>			
Conversational English .....	Education Building		9:00 a.m.
<b>Thursday-3rd</b>			
First Bells .....	Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time .....	Youth Room		5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure .....	Education Building		5:50 p.m.
<b>Sunday-6th</b>			
Ladies Lunch Bunch .....	Acre		12:00 p.m.
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Monday-7th</b>			
<i>Church Office Closed</i>			
<b>Tuesday-8th</b>			
TNBS .....	College Room		7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday-9th</b>			
CDC Committee Meeting .....	Library		5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday-10th</b>			
First Bells .....	Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg .....	Library		5:00 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time .....	Youth Room		5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure .....	Education Building		5:50 p.m.
<b>Sunday-13th</b>			
Blood Drive .....	College Street Lot		8:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room		3:15 p.m.
Children's Choirs .....	Education Building		5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family .....	Fisher's Classroom		5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training .....	Fellowship Hall		5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir .....	Choir Room		5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter .....	Education Building		6:00 p.m.
YSN .....	Youth Room		6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday-15th</b>			
Senior Adult Luncheon .....	Fellowship Hall		11:00 a.m.
Deacon's Meeting .....	Seeker's Classroom		6:30 p.m.
TNBS .....	College Room		7:00 p.m.

**Serving the Month of September**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Adult IV

**Greeters:** Danae Sandusky, Teresa Vest, George Crandle

**Offering:** Youth

**Visitors:** McClanahans

**Serving September 6th**

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, James Nichols

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Marcie Smith, Carolyn Thompson, Kellie Wilson, Anna Coxwell, Addison Meeks, Terri Wood and Mary Lynn Porter

**Serving September 14th**

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Leah Duzy, Kelly Meeks, Suzanne Parish, Paula Turnham, Victoria Eden, Terri Wood and Mary Lynn Porter

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