

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On Sunday, October 4, we will invite our children to offer leadership in worship for our Children's Sabbath. Each and every year, our children step forward from the pews in the sanctuary to offer leadership in worship, by leading the congregation in prayer, song, and responsive reading. This year the children will lead us with the theme of "Come and Belong," which is fitting on a Sunday where we also gather around the table of communion.

Every time we gather around the table of communion, we say, "Come and Belong." It is a place of invitation, where we invite others to come alongside of us from beyond our congregation, finding a place among us to serve and to share in this journey. It is an invitation of grace and forgiveness, where we all hear the grace-filled words of Jesus, "Come and Belong." It is an invitation to a calling and commitment as well, for our belonging is always linked to our following.

After we worship together, lifted by the voices of our children and the grace of the table of communion, we will gather around different types of tables, but tables that are also filled with grace and fellowship. We will go from our sanctuary to the Martin Luther King Park, gathering around tables for our Church-wide Picnic. Every year, following our Children's Sabbath, we are invited to enjoy fellowship around picnic tables, which also provides us with communion and community. It is a time of invitation as well.

It is a time for every generation of the church to gather. The children will play. The youth and college students will eat. Each and every adult will fellowship with one another, but also across generational lines, as we gain so much from each other, around other grace-filled tables.

The table of communion defines all of our other tables, where we gather, building community that reflects our communion with God. We give thanks for such a day, where we will recall how Jesus says to us all, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14). We will "Come and Belong," as God's children, all of us.

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### Claude H. Moore Lecture Series

September 27

with

Rev. Julie Pennington-Russell



During the Sunday school hour, all youth, college and adult classes will be invited to join together to hear Rev. Pennington-Russell teach in the Fellowship Hall. Julie will also join us during the worship service as the guest preacher.

*Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share as we gather at 9:45 a.m.*

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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.

# Children's Sabbath October 4th Come and Belong

Join us as our children lead worship. As a special offering this day, the children invite the congregation to bring pencils and stickers for the Backpack Ministry in Auburn. Following worship, everyone is invited to a church-wide picnic at MLK park. We will provide chicken and drinks. Please bring side dishes and desserts (side dishes can be left in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School or brought with you to the park). Don't forget to bring your lawn chair!

## Mark Your Calendars

### Sr. Adult Luncheon

September 15, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### Deacons' Meeting

September 15, 6:30 p.m., Seeker's Classroom

### Day Friends

September 22, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's Deli

### Caring Hands

September 22, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Sr. Adult Dinner Out

September 23, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

## BIG HOUSE DONATIONS

Currently, the Big House is in need of the following donations. You can drop these items in the bucket located in the hallway outside of the church office. New packages of underwear (girls and boys, 2T – adult sizes), toiletries (deodorants, shampoos, tooth brushes), brushes, combs, pony tail holders.

## 2015 ALCBF Fall Gathering

Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17, 2015

at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham

Featuring Special Guests: Sam Harrell, *Associate Coordinator for CBF Global Missions, former Kenya Field Personnel*; Jade and Shelah Acker, *CBF Field Personnel, Refuge and Hope International, Kampala, Uganda* and Carter Harrell, special music

Event includes: Friday evening dinner, program and breakout sessions; Saturday morning presentation, on-site and on-location mission opportunities

Register at: <http://www.alabamacbf.org/alcbf-annual-meeting/>

## 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.

## Date Correction:

# Blood Drive

*in the bloodmobile*

***Sunday, October 11th***

***8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***

*College Street Parking Lot*

All donors will receive a recognition item!



### 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 20th-Betsy Jordan and  
Cynthia Draughon  
Sept 27th- Jan Thorton

### Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.  
Choir Room



5th Quarter

**September 18th, 10:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m.**  
**Activities Building**  
**Come for some food, games, and fun!**

### 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.

## Adult Sunday Evening Activities

### *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*  
Mike McClanahan will begin a new study on September 20 entitled "Embracing Spiritual Awakening." This is a 5 DVD session and group discussion featuring Dr. Diana Butler Bass. What does Christianity look like beyond religion and beyond the church? Join us as we delve into Dr. Bass's discussion about this and many other questions.

### Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

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 at AFBC, 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*

*October 1<sup>st</sup>: O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*October 8<sup>th</sup>: O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go*



**Children's Choirs 5:00 p.m.**

**Bible Encounter 6:00 p.m.**

**Sundays, Education Building**

### Spark Adventure

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

**Adult Helpers:**

Sept 17th: Kelly Meeks

Sept 24th: Julie McClanahan





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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.

**Tuesday- 15th**

Senior Adult Luncheon ..... Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.  
Deacons' Meeting ..... Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.  
TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday- 16th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday- 17th**

First Bells ..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
Youth Hang Out Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventure ..... Church 5:50 p.m.

**Friday- 18th**

Youth 5th Quarter ..... Activities Building 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday- 20th**

Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 3:15 p.m.  
Children's Choirs ..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.  
Connecting Faith and Family ..... Fishers' 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.

**Tuesday- 22nd**

Day Friends ..... Chappy's Deli 11:45 a.m.  
Caring Hands ..... Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.  
TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday- 23rd**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.  
Sr. Adult Dinner Out ..... Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday- 24th**

First Bells ..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
Youth Hang Out Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventure ..... Church 5:50 p.m.

**Sunday- 27th**

Combined Youth and Adult SS ..... Fellowship Hall 9:45 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.

**Tuesday- 29th**

TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday- 30th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 p.m.

**Serving the Month of September**

**Loaves & Fishes: Adult IV**

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

**Offering:** Youth

**Visitors:** McClanahans

**Serving September 20th**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

**Sound & Light:** David Sulton

**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Sue Walker, Ruthie Spiers, Kathleen Sabo, Lynli Cantrell Wright, Katharine Martin, Leah Duzy

**Serving September 27th**

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Amber Berry-Moore, Ronda West, Andy Yohn, Benjamin Wilson, Katharine Martin, Adeola Ogunde, Suzanne Parish

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