

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Soon, we will be visiting with family and friends for Thanksgiving, and then we will return to Auburn, and Advent will be upon us. Advent is the season of waiting, expecting, and hoping, which prepares us for the celebration of Christmas. During Advent, we will *get ready* for Christmas.

Getting ready for Christmas is no easy task. Even before Thanksgiving, we are thinking about taking the picture for the annual Christmas card. We are making a list of gifts for everyone in the family. We are looking at price tags and creating a budget. Calendars are compared and coordinated, and we take a deep breath before our sprint to the finish.

Advent reminds us of the different meanings of “getting ready.” We can “get ready” in an effort to be finished. We can get the lists made, gifts bought, and cards sent, or we can “get ready” by cultivating anticipation. One way of getting ready completes the job and ties a bow on it, while another way of getting ready opens us up to what is unfinished. Advent helps us get ready by opening us up to what is unfinished, as in the work of God, fostering anticipation and insight.

Our theme for Advent this year is “Anticipating the Stable.”

Advent opens us up to discover what we find in the stable, which is a view of the world in need of hope, peace, joy, and love. It is an unfinished world, where we participate in what God is still doing. We are able to participate in Christmas.

By lighting a candle each Lord’s Day, we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. Each week, we are not closer to having everything done, rather, our anticipation is heightened, our insight is keener, and our prayers become wider. We begin by remembering Israel’s hope for a Messiah, by remembering our need for hope as well, and by welcoming Christ into this unfinished world, where the good news of mercy and justice will go to work.

During Advent, we will anticipate the stable, a place of ordinary life and a place of extraordinary grace, which is what we hope to find this Advent and Christmas. We hope to find the extraordinary grace of God at work in the ordinary events of life. Anticipating has a way of slowing time down, making us look deeper, and helping us to truly prepare for what is unexpected. We will get ready for the meaning of Christ, which we continue to rediscover again and again on this journey of faith.

-Tripp



**Church-wide
Thanksgiving Meal**
November 19th
5:15 p.m.

Our annual Thanksgiving meal
celebrating God’s presence for all.

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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.

Deacon Nominations

Deacon Elections will be held at the Special Called Business Meeting December 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

Wallace Baldwin and his wife, Barbara, joined AFBC in 1987, and are members of the Pilgrims Sunday School Class. He has previously served as a deacon. He served 24 years in the Army before retiring and starting a second career, teaching Algebra. He has served in many capacities including grounds, counting, visitation, mission, building, and Committee on Committees. He has been a member of the annual Brazil Mission team since 1998 and has served as the team leader for the past ten years.

Brad Cook and his wife, Genesee, joined AFBC in 2006. They have three daughters, Emilee (12), Sydnee (10), and Marlee (8). Brad is the principal of Smiths Station Freshman Center in Smiths Station, AL. He graduated from Auburn University with a BS (Secondary English Education), MS (Higher Education Administration), and a PhD (Education Administration). He has served on the building maintenance committee and currently serves on the youth committee.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Hundley joined AFBC in 2004. She has two adult children, Rachel and Joshua, and is the daughter of Flarcie Hopkins. She is a three time graduate of Auburn University and is, now, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at Auburn. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, serves as co-teacher for the Young Adults Sunday School Class, on the College Committee, and coordinator for the First Sunday Ladies Lunch Bunch.

Peggy Johnson has been a member of AFBC for 37 years. She retired as Church Secretary in 2000, having served 22 years in that capacity. She has served on numerous church committees and is the current chair of the Crisis Committee. She also teaches in the church's Conversational English program and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Peggy and Lavaughn are the parents of three adult sons and have three grandchildren.

Wally Ridgway has been a member at Auburn First Baptist since 1971, while attending school. His daughter, Spenser, was raised in this church and participates in the preschool children's music program. Wally has served as a deacon in the past and is currently active in the Sanctuary Choir, Music Committee, and Search Committee for Associate Pastor for Music.

Advent Family Night!

Sunday, November 22nd, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy the nacho bar and then create a banner with your family that you can take home and enjoy during the Advent Season.

Drew Smith first became a member of AFBC as a child and has been actively involved ever since. He currently serves as Sunday School Director as well as being a member of the Stewardship and Healthcare Committees. He is married to Beth and is the father of Andrew and Katherine. He is also the son of Oxford and Phyllis Smith. He is Admissions Supervisor at Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Phenix City.

Teresa Vest has been a member of Auburn First Baptist since 2010. Teresa enjoys being a member of the Pilgrims Sunday School class, serving on the Greeters and Missions Committees, overseeing the Loaves and Fishes program, and assisting with Bible Encounters Class on Sunday evenings. Teresa and her husband, Floyd, have lived in Auburn since 1973, are both Auburn Alumni, and are retired from Auburn University. She enjoys traveling with her husband, attending Auburn sporting events, and spending time with friends.

Charlotte Ward joined AFBC in 1957. She was the second woman to be ordained as a deacon in 1976. (The legendary Miss Leland Cooper was the first.) She has taught Sunday school for most of the years she has lived here, first at the mission that became Lakeview Baptist Church, then in the college department, and children's department. She is now a substitute teacher for two adult classes. She is an Associate Professor Emerita of AU's Physics Department.

Kyle R. Willian and his wife, Melissa, joined the church in 1996 and have both been active members of the choir and music program ever since. He is the biochemistry laboratory coordinator in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Auburn University. In addition to choir and handbells, he has served on many church committees such as the college, visitation, van, music, stewardship, and Committee on Committees. He is currently serving as the Assistant Treasurer of the church.

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 22nd, 2:00 p.m.

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can.

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

The Missions Committee has created an email group to keep everyone informed about Habitat for Humanity projects. If you are not already receiving emails about these opportunities and would like to be notified about upcoming events and projects, please contact the church office (334-887-8506 or auburnfbc@mindspring.com).



Winter Youth Summit
January 15 - 17, 2016
Cost: \$150
Payment Due: Dec. 1st



Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Choir Rm

Youth Sunday Nights
6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Parent Volunteers:
15th: Jordan/Draughon
22nd: Advent Family Night
29th: Cindy Cleveland

Looking Ahead...

Family Night at Christmas
December 6th, 6:15 p.m.

(Music by our Youth and Children's Choirs)
Followed by our renowned *Cookie Fellowship*
Bring your favorite cookies to share.

Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program
"Rejoicing At The Manger"

December 13th, 11:00 a.m.
Presented by our Sanctuary Choir

Special Called Business Meeting

December 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Coleman Fellowship Hall

The Following items will be on the agenda:

A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2016 budgets), & election of deacons.



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)
(Last Bible Study for Semester is December 1st)
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Lunch On Campus

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WMU CHRISTMAS JAIL MINISTRY

PROJECT 2015

Our annual project to offer kindness at Christmas to the inmates of Lee County Jail is off to a great start. Thank you to all who have wrapped boxes and donated money. If you want to wrap boxes or donate, there is still time. . . Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)

\$15 covers the cost of "The Gospel of John," a devotional book, 10 envelopes, 4 pens, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards (to send), a game book, a deck of playing cards and candy.

PRODUCTION LINE

9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 15th, Fellowship Hall
VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY, VERY WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE JAIL

Wednesday, December 16th

The program is repeated all day for groups of prisoners. Usually, our church is the focus of the one o'clock program. For a real Christmas blessing, please plan to attend.

Adult Sunday Evening Activities

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fisher's classroom (new location)

Discipleship Training

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

Pledge Sunday is Over

But it's never too late to Pledge!

Estimate of Giving Cards can be found in the pew racks, in the church office or you can pledge online:

<http://www.jotform.us/form/40564171632147>



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:

Nov. 19: Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

Nov. 26: No Evening Activities





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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- 15th			
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room		1:00 p.m.
Ordination Service	Sanctuary		2:30 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- 17th			
Senior Adult Luncheon	Fellowship Hall		11:00 a.m.
DayFriends	Taziki's		11:45 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Classroom		6:30 p.m.
TNBS	College Room		7:00 p.m.
Wednesday- 18th			
Conversational English	Education Building		9:00 a.m.
Thursday- 19th			
First Bells	Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner	Fellowship Hall		5:15 p.m.
Sunday- 22nd			
Advent Decorating	Sanctuary		2:00 p.m.
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.
Advent Family Night	Fellowship Hall		6:00 p.m.
YSN	Youth Room		6:00 p.m.
Tuesday- 24th			
Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall		5:15 p.m.
Wednesday- 25th			
Church Office Closes at Noon			
Thursday- 26th			
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
Sunday- 29th			
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	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.

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Dee Williams, George Crandle, Sharlene McDaniel
Offering: Seekers/Sojourners/Young Adult
Visitors: Shells

Serving November 15th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas
Sound & Light: Addison Meeks
Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Sue Walker, Jay Spiers, Mark Wilson, Anna Parish, Adelola Ogunde, Katharine Martin
Loaves & Fishes: Leigh Anne Armstrong (17th)

Serving November 22nd

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee
Sound & Light: Gary Cantini
Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Ronda West, Lynn Eden, Anna Coxwell, Maggie Stoeckel, Ruthie Spiers, Leah Duzy

Serving November 29th

Counters: Aaron Greene, James Nichols
Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby
Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Brad Smithhart, Kellie Wilson, Paula Turnham, Victoria Eden, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter
Loaves & Fishes: Lynn Eden (December 1st)

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