

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

We have reached the end of another calendar year, and now, we begin again. With a New Year, we embrace the opportunity to live into another year. It is the next chapter, which builds on the previous one. We turn the page on our calendars, and we look out on the horizon of new days.

We are grateful for this next year, as we carry with us expectations and hopes. We are thankful for the feeling we have when we look at a New Year. It means that we have opportunities and possibilities in front of us. It means we have time for gathering with loved ones, creating valuable memories, retelling meaningful stories, and learning more with one another. This year will take us further on our journeys.

We have approached new years before, so we know that our excitement about new expectations can wane. We can hesitate to turn the page on the calendar, knowing that our old days were once new days, and their excitement did not always live up to their promise. We might enter this next year with tepid anticipation, which is not terrible, but if we look closely, there is an opportunity at the beginning of the next year.

Our expectations might lead us into the depth of faith, where we recognize that God is always present. Each year on January 6, the Church remembers the Epiphany of the Lord, the day when the Magi arrived to witness the birth of Jesus. The Magi traveled from the East, representing the entire world, in order to see Emmanuel, or God is with us.

We can begin this year, knowing that God is with us in each day, which makes each day new. In remembering God's presence, we can embrace each day as a gift, looking and listening in new ways because we begin again. We can become intentional about the living of these days.

The New Year can remind us of the poem by Mary Oliver, where she says, "I don't want to end up simply have visited this world." At the beginning of a New Year, we can embrace each new day, not just visiting this world, but embracing our lives, for God embraces us. This does not mean we will meet all of our goals or receive all of our hopes, but it does mean we can look and listen differently each day, discovering more than we would have otherwise.

-Tripp

Committee Night

January 10th, 6:00 p.m.

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Jan. 10. (Childcare will be 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.

Advent De-decorating

Wednesday, January 6, 5:30 p.m.

The Flower Committee will take down and put away all of the Advent decorations and need as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can.

Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, January 24th

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mark Your Calendar

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, January 10th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Caring Hands

Tuesday, January 12th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th, 5:30 p.m., Library

No Evening Activities

Sunday, January 17th

Church Office Closed

January 18th

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 21st, 5:00 p.m., Library

Blood Drive

Sunday, January 24th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, January 26th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Business Meeting

Thursday, January 28th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday Evening Activities

resume January 7th

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Hyperbole: Serious Words about Faith

When we read the many stories and parables of Jesus, we discover hyperbole. We find exaggerated words used to make a particular point. Hyperbole is often thought of as non-serious speech, but just the opposite. Exaggeration places a magnifying glass over our words, putting emphasis on them. They slow us down as we are reading, so that we do not skim over what is essential. During these conversations, we will slow down to hear these serious words and what they might say.

J-Term Class, by Tripp Martin Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Farm to Table: Food, Faith, and the Church

5 week study starts January 10

The church is more like a farm than a factory. As we remember where our food comes from, we remember where our faith comes from as well, learning again what it means to be a part of creation, sustained by God. The practice of farming or gardening teaches us about faith, reminding us it is local, communal, and global. We see what it means to "say grace" with our lives. We also rekindle our understanding of the agrarian stories of scripture, while knowing what it means to gather around the Table of communion. As we connect with the land, we rediscover a great deal about food and our lives, creation and grace, the Table and church.

(Discipleship Training and Connecting Faith and Family will join together for this class.)

Bridal Shower

in honor of

Laura Edgar

January 24th

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the home of Marcie Smith

1878 South Ashe Court, 36830

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 habitat events and projects, please contact the church office (334-887-8506 or auburnfbc@mindspring.com).



Winter Youth Summit
Jan 15 - 17



Passport Camp
July 10 - 15, 2016
Greensboro College
Greensboro, NC
Deposit of \$100 due by
February 1st

Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Choir Rm
Resumes Jan. 10th
Youth Sunday Nights
6:00 p.m., Youth Room
Resumes Jan. 24th

Dinner and Details

All youth and parents are invited to come for dinner and discussion of the Spring semester events and activities. We will meet in the Activities Building at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7th. Dinner will be provided. Please make plans to attend!

Communion

The deacons of Auburn First Baptist take communion to those who cannot be with us in worship, as we are all bound together by the grace of God. If you know of a church member, who might benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Thank you to all who volunteered to bring supper for the college students during the Fall semester! Your acts of service and caring made each Tuesday night a wonderful time for our college group. It's hard to believe, but it's already time to sign up for the Spring semester. Please support our college ministry by signing up to bring a meal for our students one Tuesday night this Spring.

If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this Spring, please email Laura at 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)
Resumes January 19th
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Lunch On Campus

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Resumes January 20th

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!!!!

Congratulations, AFBC Family!!!

For the past few weeks, members of our church family have been working hard to make our project of Christmas boxes for inmates at Lee County Jail a success, and it was a very great success!

You have brought and wrapped shoe boxes and contributed \$15 for the cost of the contents of one box. These Sunday School classes wrapped boxes: Seekers, Sojourners, College, Fishers, and Pilgrims. Also, involved in this were Laura Edgar and our youth, as well as Central Baptist Church's WMU under the leadership of Peggy Carroll. Several individuals also gave money for postage stamps. This was coordinated by Kellie Wilson.

Many, many, many thanks to the Jail Ministry Team (Helen Brown, Ann Crance, Mary Joe Howard, Vikki Miller, Mary Virginia Moore, Julia Morgan and Charles Segrest.)

We had a great turnout for the production line of packing boxes on December 15. Those helping, other than the Jail Ministry Team, were: Bill and Ruth Alford, Doris Beckett, Jason Beckett, Jesse Cauley, Laura Edgar, Aaron and Brenda Greene, Gwynne Lovelady, Tripp Martin, Ginny Radford, Carol Salmons, Charles Segrest, Bob and Frances Stevenson, Bill and Nancy Webster, Teresa Vest, Ronda West, Elizabeth Wright, and Matthew Wright.

Lavaughn Johnson took the Christmas boxes to the jail in his truck. Jada Butler helped in so very many ways that we would be remiss if we tried to list them.

Vikki Miller and Mary Joe Howard, co-chairs for this year's project, declare it a great day, indeed! They are greatly indebted to Helen Brown for her magnificent training through the years!

Many genuine thanks to everyone who has ever helped with this work! And may each of you have a real blessing in having done so!



Children's Choirs 5:00 p.m.

Resumes January 10th

Bible Encounter 6:00 p.m.

Resumes January 24th

Sundays, Education Building

Spark Adventure

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

Resumes January 7th

Helpers:

Jan 7th - Oyette Chambliss

Jan 14th - Mary Joe Howard





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Every Sunday		Every Thursday	
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.

Friday- 1st

Church Office Closed

Sunday- 3rd

Ladies Lunch Bunch	Good Ol' Boys	12:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	2:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 6th

De-decorating of the Sactuary	Sanctuary	5:30 p.m.
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Thursday- 7th

Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.
Youth Dinner & Details	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Sunday- 10th

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.
JTerm Class	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Committee Night	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 12th

Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 p.m.

Wednesday- 13th

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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Thursday- 14th

Youth Hang Out Time	Education Building	5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Hazel Lee, Nancy Roberts

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Offering: Adult 4

Visitors:

Serving January 3rd

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: MaryAnn Dell, Carolyn Thompson, Anna Coxwell, Paula Turnham, Maggie Stoeckel, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

Serving January 10th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Dean Myrick, Kathleen Sabo, Kellie Wilson, Victoria Eden, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

Serving January 17th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Suzanne Parish, Ruthie Spiers, Katharine Martin, Addison Meeks, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

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