

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

One of the best things is gratitude. We are grateful to God for the goodness of this life, for the surprise of grace, and for the community of the church. It is important to tend to the best things, like expressing our gratitude to one another.

This week we are grateful for much. We are grateful for a weekend, where our congregation voted to call another minister to its staff. We are thankful for Morris and Dawn, who will pick up their lives and move to be with us. We are thankful for the many conversations and the many prayers during this process.

We give thanks for our tradition of music and worship, which enriches our lives. We are grateful for the members of the Search Committee: Ronda West, Shane Dunn, Wally Ridgway, Belinda Wright, Suzanne Parish, Carolyn Grimes, Ben Shell, Julia Morgan, Mary Joe Howard, and Bryan King. We are also grateful for the many people the committee consulted as advisors, an entire network of pastoral musicians and churches, throughout this process of discernment.

We also offer our thanksgiving to many lay leaders and choirs, who provided essential leadership during this time, as well as to Eddi Vinson Riley, who enriched our congregation. We give thanks to a congregation as well, who supported and prayed for the church and the Search Committee. In addition, we are always thankful for how the Spirit of God weaves itself through all the connections and conversations, particularly during this search process.

We will formally offer our thanksgiving on Sunday, February 7 after worship, recognizing Eddi in a gathering moment, so we might have a chance to express our gratitude for her. In the coming weeks, we will also tell her informally how much her leadership has meant to us. On Sunday, February 21, we will welcome Morris again, as he begins his leadership with us.

We have much to be grateful for in terms of our music ministry. We are also thankful for the wedding of Laura Edgar and Seth Kochera, as we plan to gather on Sunday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The entire congregation is invited to the wedding to join them as we celebrate. Let us give thanks for all of the goodness that we find around us, knowing that it speaks of the grace of God.

-Tripp

Deacon Ordination
January 24th, 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service

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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.

A Note From Morris Driggers

Dear Auburn FBC family,

Let me begin by expressing Dawn's and my deep gratitude to the AFBC Music Search Committee for the outstanding job they did in representing the greater fellowship of Auburn First Baptist Church in the process that led us to the events of last weekend. In choosing them to represent the congregation as a whole, you chose well. Their faithful stewardship of the responsibility entrusted to them gave us a clear understanding of the heart of this great community of faith, and I am happy to accept your call to join the staff of Auburn First Baptist Church as Associate Pastor for Music.

Though they have already received word via e-mail, I will deliver my "official" resignation letter to Clinton First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, January 17. My final Sunday working here will be February 7. The next few weeks will be filled with bringing my 15+ year journey with this congregation to a close and preparing for my first Sunday morning with Auburn First Baptist Church on February 21. Members of AFBC have already publicly expressed compassionate care for what this means for my Clinton First Baptist family. Knowing of your care for them comforts me and helps them to trust God's hand in my decision.

In accepting this call, I am aware that in some ways I will be moving into a city that I did not build, drawing from wells that I did not dig, and harvesting vineyards and olive groves that I did not plant (Deuteronomy 6:10ff; Joshua 24:13). Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of Deuteronomy 6:13 guides my thoughts: "When you take it all in and settle down, pleased and content, make sure you don't forget how you got there ..." AFBC enjoys the blessing of a strong tradition of musical excellence that I am eager to join and committed to work to continue.

Grace and peace,

Morris

Young Adult Dinner
Wednesday, January 20
6:00 p.m.
at Pieology
Dinner and Fellowship

Bridal Shower

in honor of

Laura Edgar

January 24th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the home of Marcie Smith

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Thursday Evening Activities

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

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.)

Intergenerational Women's Sunday School Class

Join us on January 31st on the 2nd floor of the Educational Building as we begin a new adventure, exploring Scripture together using the seasons of the church as our tempo and discussion as our format. Bring your Bible, and your coffee or tea, and create community. Please contact Tiffany Myrick (tiffany.m.myrick@gmail.com) or Leigh Anne Armstrong (leighannearmstrong@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Winter Youth Summit
Jan 15 - 17



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

Passport Camp
July 10 - 15, 2016
Greensboro College
Greensboro, NC
\$100 Deposit due 2/1

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).

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

Mark Your Calendars

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 17th, 2:00 p.m., Choir Room

No Evening Activities

Sunday, January 17th

Church Office Closed

Monday, January 18th

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, January 19th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Meeting

Thursday, January 21st, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive

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

Dayfriends

Tuesday, January 26th, 11:45 p.m., Taziki's

Caring Hands

Tuesday, January 26th, 5:15 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



Children's Choirs Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

(Resumes January 24th)

Education Building

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

Jan 21st - Gwynne Lovelady

Jan 28th - Katharine Martin





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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- 17th			
Sanctuary Choir	.....	Choir Room	2:00 p.m.
No Evening Activities			
Monday - 18th			
Church Office Closed			
Tuesday- 19th			
Senior Adult Luncheon	.....	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
TNBS	.....	College Room	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday- 20th			
Conversational English	.....	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
Thursday- 21st			
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.
Sunday- 24th			
Blood Drive	.....	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.
Bible Encounter	.....	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	.....	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday- 26th			
Dayfriends	.....	Taziki's	11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands	.....	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting	.....	Seeker's Classroom	6:30 p.m.
TNBS	.....	College Room	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday- 27th			
Conversational English	.....	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Dinner Out	.....	Good Ol' Boys	5:00 p.m.
Thursday- 28th			
First Bells	.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Spark Adventure	.....	Education Building	5:50 p.m.
Business Meeting	.....	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Sunday- 31st			
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.
Bible Encounter	.....	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	.....	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Hazel Lee, Nancy Roberts

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Offering: Adult 4

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes and Nancy Roberts

Serving January 17th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light:

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Suzanne Parish, Ruthie Spiers, Katharine Martin, Addison Meeks

Serving January 24th

Counters: Aaron Greene, James Nichols

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: TBA

Serving January 31st

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: TBA

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