

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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

On the Lord's Day, we begin each new week in our Sanctuary, where we gather as a community of faith and where we worship God. The beauty of the room is matched only by the sacred act of worship. It is a place where we offer our thanksgiving to God, where we are called again to follow Jesus, and where we are formed by the practice of our faith.

The church voted in January to replace the ceiling of the Sanctuary due to necessary repairs and to raise the funds needed for the project through a capital campaign, entitled *Building Sanctuary*, which will begin this April. During this time, we will reflect upon the immediate need for this project as well as its benefits to our long-term financial health; but we will also ponder the wider meaning of "Building Sanctuary." Our Sanctuary, which is at the heart of our church, extends further than the dimensions of four walls, even though it originates in one specific room.

Our Sanctuary is the place where we sing and pray, celebrate and grieve, speak and listen, give thanks and extend hope. It is a "thin place," where the heavens and the earth meet, like watching the light pour forth through the stained-glass windows, as it reminds us of the Light of the World. It is the place that marks our comings and goings each week. It builds our community with each other, and it fosters our communion with God. It is a place of Word and Table.

It also marks many milestones in our lives and on our faith journeys. In that room, the congregation makes a commitment to the children of the church at baby dedication, and then we listen as young people make a commitment to Christ and to the Church at baptism. We rejoice as we sing together at Christmas and Easter, and we also grieve with one another as we sing together at the funerals of our loved ones. The walls of the Sanctuary are layered with our prayers and praises, our gratitude and grief.

In the room where we worship, we build the wider sanctuary of the church, where we are welcomed by the presence of God, forgiven by the grace of Jesus the Christ, and renewed by the Spirit of God. When we enter that room, we remember that we are children of God, shaped and molded by our faith.

Our sanctuary moves beyond the four walls of where we worship because it defines us as a people. It is why if someone wants to get to know us, there is no better place than in that room, where our sanctuary begins. It is where we begin each week, as we travel down our shared journey of faith.

We are grateful for the congregation, as we continue to build sanctuary with one another and as we offer our support and gifts in order to make the necessary repairs to the ceiling of the Sanctuary of our church.

*-Tripp*

**College Sunday**  
*April 10th*  
Join us as our college students  
lead us in worship.

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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.

**Blood Drive  
In the Bloodmobile  
Sunday, April 3rd  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**REACH**  
providing Relief, Encouragement,  
Activities, Care, and Hope

Located at Auburn United Methodist Church, a new ministry is being developed in cooperation with local churches. The ministry will provide respite for families and activities for participants with cognitive difficulties, including dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of memory loss. An informational meeting is planned for Monday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Auburn UMC. This meeting is for anyone who might want to volunteer or who knows someone who might benefit from participating.

### **Applause Fund**

The AFBC CDC Applause Fund was established to offer rewards and recognitions to the teachers of the Child Development Center. This fund has been used to purchase gift cards for our teachers, to supply a meal for our teachers' Christmas luncheon, and to help with recognitions during provider appreciation week. If you would like to contribute to this designated fund, just note "Applause Fund" on your gift.

### **April Discipleship Training & Connecting Faith and Family**

Dr. Fisher Humphreys

*God as known through philosophy, science,  
the Old Testament, and Jesus.*

April 3, 10, 17, & 24

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Fisher Humphreys is Professor of Divinity, Emeritus, of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. In retirement, he serves as Residential Scholar at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham and as chairman of the board of *Christian Ethics Today*. He and his wife Caroline Nan Toler Humphreys have two children and three granddaughters. Dr. Humphreys served as interim preacher at AFBC from 2012-2013.



**QUACKER DAY**  
*Saturday, April 2nd*  
**9:00-11:00 a.m., MLK Park**

All preschool children, families and prayer partners are invited. We will have fun making ducky crafts, singing silly duck songs, and eating ducky snacks. RSVP by email at [auburnfbc@mindspring.com](mailto:auburnfbc@mindspring.com) or call 887-8506. We hope you join us for a "quacker" of a day!

### **Thursday Evening Activities**

*5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time*

*6:00 p.m. Bible Study*

### **Listening to the Silence Begins April 7**

Often times, silence means the lack of communication, where nothing is said; but other times, silence says something profound and poignant. Throughout scripture, there are places where silence speaks loudly. There are pauses, breaks, interludes, and intervals, marking the absence of words, but the presence of communication. We will stop at those places, listen to the silence, and ponder what it means.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

#### **Blood Drive**

Sunday, April 3rd, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., The Bloodmobile

#### **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

Sunday, April 3rd, 12:00 p.m., BurgerFi in Auburn

#### **DayFriends**

Tuesday, April 5th, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's

#### **VBS Volunteers Meeting**

Sunday, April 10th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### **Caring Hands**

Tuesday, April 12th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### **CDC Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library

#### **Stewardship Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 14th, 5:00 p.m., Library



**Passport Camp**  
July 10 - 15, 2016  
Greensboro College  
Greensboro, NC



**Youth Choir**

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

**Youth Sunday Nights**

6:00 p.m., Youth Room

**Prayer Breakfast**

Tuesdays, 6:45 a.m., Chick-Fil-A

**Parents' Night Out**

Friday, April 8th,  
Leigh Anne's House,  
6:00 p.m.

**Thursday Nights**

*Brown Bag Meal Time*  
5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

*Youth Hang Out Time*  
5:45 p.m., Youth Rm

**Guys' Night Out**

Friday, April 15th, 6:00 p.m.  
Location TBA

**Girls' Night Out**

Friday, April 22nd, 6:00 p.m.  
Location TBA

**College Sunday**

Join us for College Sunday on April 10<sup>th</sup> as our college students lead in worship. Our college ministry is grateful for the love and support of this church. You have invested in the lives of college students by preparing meals for Tuesday nights, providing a place of welcome, greeting them on Sunday mornings, and more. Through College Sunday, we invest in our students in another way: empowering them to plan and lead worship, to share from their faith journeys, to find their voices as future leaders. Our students will invest in the life of our church as they share their gifts and stories with us. It will be a special day of worship.



**Bible Study & Breakfast**

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., College Room

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., College Room

**Lunch On Campus**

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., AU Student Center

**AFBC Kickball**

Come join or support the AFBC Kickball Team! We're having a great time getting to know fellow church members and enjoying some recreation. We play two games a week in a co-ed league through Auburn Parks and Recreation. Games are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Auburn Softball Complex on South College. Come enjoy a nice spring evening of kickball with us!



**Vacation Bible School**

June 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Come join us for Vacation Bible School! There will be Bible and mission stories, crazy games, snacks, and music you won't forget. *Registration Opening Soon!*

**VBS Volunteers Needed!**

Join us June 6-9 (Mon - Thurs) as we discover God's fingerprints all over our world! Whatever your gifts and talents are, they can be put to use! Whether you want to be hands-on with the children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you. Contact Leigh Anne Armstrong if you would like to help! [leighannearmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:leighannearmstrong@gmail.com)



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

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

*Education Building*

**Spark Adventure**

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

**Helpers:**

**Apr 7th-** Mary Virginia Moore

**Apr 14th-** Leigh Anne Armstrong





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FIRST  
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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.

**Saturday- 2nd**

Quacker Day ..... MLK Park 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday- 3rd**

Blood Drive ..... The Bloodmobile 9:00 a.m.  
Children's Committee Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.  
Ladies Lunch Bunch ..... BurgerFi 12:00 p.m.  
Children's Choirs ..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir ..... Choir Room 5:00 p.m.  
D.T. & Connecting Faith ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.  
Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Sunday Nights ..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday- 5th**

Prayer Breakfast ..... Chick-fil-A 6:45 a.m.  
Dayfriends ..... Chappy's 11:45 a.m.  
TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday- 6th**

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

**Thursday- 7th**

Handbell Rehearsal ..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
Youth Hang Out Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Friday- 8th**

Youth Parents' Night Out ..... Leigh Anne's House 6:00 p.m.

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Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Serving the Month of April**

**Greeters:** Nancy Roberts, Brenda McCord, Dee Williams

**Loaves & Fishes:** Seekers

**Offering:** College

**Visitors:** Kyle and Melissa Willian

**Serving April 3rd**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin. Lavaughn Johnson

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

**Serving April 10th**

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

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Kathleen Sabo, Leah Duzy

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