

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

While in seminary, I remember finishing class and walking across the campus to the library. After walking through the large front doors, I would take a quick left, navigating a narrow hallway to the stairs, which took me to the second floor. On the second floor, there were stacks and stacks of books, but on each side of this broad section of shelves was a wide hallway with a single, round table. It was a quiet oasis for studying, and there was plenty of space to spread out.

After class, I would walk to the library and spread out on one of those tables to study. I would eventually walk to that table everyday without even thinking about it. It became my place; but there were one or two days when I arrived, and somebody else was already sitting there. When I saw someone else sitting at that table, I realized it had become my place.

Places are important, and they become a meaningful part of our lives, particularly the sanctuary. If we sat down in the sanctuary all alone on a quiet afternoon, looking around at the stained-glass windows and the hymnals in the pews, memories would start to come back. Those memories would tell a significant story about our lives and our faith. It tells a story about us because it is our place.

Together, we tend to our place—"what kind of place this is, what kind of people we are," as Thomas Frank writes. Through what we say and do in worship, we tend to "what kind of place this is" and to "what kind of people we are." We are "Building Sanctuary."

Looking around the sanctuary there are memories that come back to us, recalling what has happened in that room, but we must remember that so much of what happens in the sanctuary is never seen. It happens quietly as the Spirit of God whispers compassion and grace, stirs the embers of hope and calling, and enlivens our souls. It is why this kind of place is tied to the kind of people we are.

We tend to this place through what we say and do in worship, which includes the practice of generosity and commitment. It is simply part of the kind of place this is and the kind of people we are. We are grateful for each other and all of the ways we tend to this place, including the financial gifts we make to the church. At the outset of our capital campaign, "Building Sanctuary," as always, we are thankful for those gifts.

For this campaign, we consider making monthly gifts for the next year over and above our regular giving, or estimating our overall contribution to this campaign and then making those gifts at other intervals than monthly. It is yet another opportunity to practice stewardship with one another, as we tend to our place and what happens here. The capital campaign will help us repair the ceiling of the sanctuary as well as to ensure our long-term financial health for years to come.

-Tripp

Choir Recognition Service

Sunday, April 24th, 6:15 pm

Featuring music by our Youth and Children's Choirs followed by a church-wide Favorite Dessert Fellowship. (Please bring your families' favorite dessert to share.)

Quarterly Business Meeting

April 28th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Building Sanctuary

GOAL \$300,000

On Sunday, April 24, we will bring estimate of giving cards to worship.

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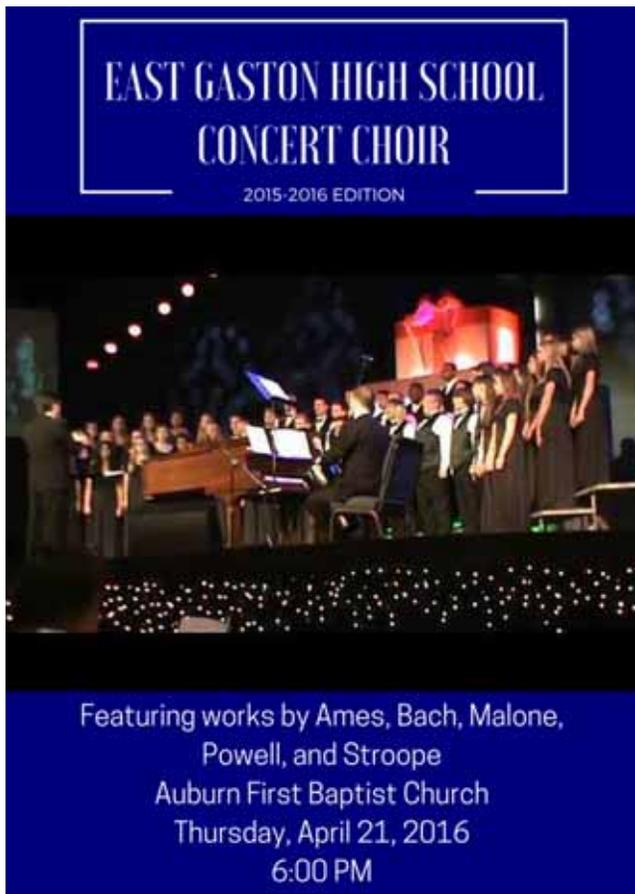
Our Mission: Believing the Spirit of God is alive in each one of us and in the world, we affirm that the mission of Auburn First Baptist Church is: to glorify God as the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of life; to call all people to God through Christ as Savior and Lord; to enable all people to be more like Jesus.

Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 1st

Tickets are \$10 and are being sold by our Youth on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights or in the Church Office.

Last Day to Purchase Tickets is April 24th.



**EAST GASTON HIGH SCHOOL
CONCERT CHOIR**
2015-2016 EDITION

Featuring works by Ames, Bach, Malone,
Powell, and Stroope
Auburn First Baptist Church
Thursday, April 21, 2016
6:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 17th, 12:00 p.m., Youth Room

Senior Adult Luncheon

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

DayFriends

Tuesday, April 19th, 11:00 a.m., Chappy's

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Caring Hands

Tuesday, April 26th, 5:15 p.m., Fishers' Classroom

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, April 27th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

Business Meeting

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

Building Sanctuary

By now, you have likely heard of our need to repair the sanctuary ceiling and the campaign, Building Sanctuary, which will finance the cost of replacing the ceiling and ensure our long-term financial health by repaying our existing debt to trust funds. I hope that you have had the opportunity to hear some of our fellow church members share their memories of the sanctuary and what this place has meant to their lives. There will be additional opportunities this month to hear from other church members.

As you consider what our sanctuary has meant in your faith journey and your role in this campaign, please remember that Sunday, April 24 will be a day of commitment and the opportunity to turn in Estimate of Giving cards in worship. These cards will be available in the pew racks in the sanctuary. Instructions for completing an online estimate of giving form will be emailed the week of April 18.

In addition, for those who are over 70 ½ years of age, please be aware of a unique option to use your required minimum distributions for this campaign. These individuals may be able to make a tax-free distribution from their IRA to a charitable organization while satisfying their annual required distribution. Because this distribution is excluded from the donor's taxable income for that year, no taxes are paid on that amount. Please contact your financial advisor for more details or visit this link from the IRS website (page 13) - <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590b.pdf>. As always, thank you for your faithful service and commitment to Auburn First Baptist Church.

Drew Smith

Chair, Stewardship Committee

The Annual BigHouse Swimsuit and Towel Drive has Started!!!

The BigHouse is having its annual swimsuit and towel drive! Each year, the BigHouse provides a new swimsuit and a beach towel with their name embroidered on it to each child in foster care within the state of Alabama. Please donate any new swimsuit, (child sizes from infant to size 14) and/or a colorful beach towel for the cause. The BigHouse is expected to distribute over 1500 swimsuits and towels this year! Donations will be accepted until April 30th. If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please visit their website at www.ourbighouse.org. Please place your donations in the big, red, BigHouse bucket near the Church Office.

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time

6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Listening to the Silence



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

Guys' Night Out
Friday, April 15th,
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Sports Academy

Thursday Nights
Brown Bag Meal Time
5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Hang Out Time
5:45 p.m., Youth Rm

Girls' Night Out
Friday, April 22nd, 6:00 p.m.
Location TBA

April Discipleship Training & Connecting Faith and Family

April 17 & 24, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Dr. Fisher Humphreys

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

AFBC Kickball

AFBC Kickball continues! 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 on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Auburn Softball Complex on South College. If you have not made it out to watch, plan to come enjoy a nice spring evening of kickball with us!



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



Vacation Bible School

June 6th – 9th

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!

Hi, friends! The time for VBS is drawing close (June 6-9), but there is still time to sign on to be part of this year's effort. When I think of all the significant people who played a role in my faith formation through my childhood, it feels like a holy privilege to have the chance to do likewise for other children now that I'm a grownup. Won't you join me and those who've already volunteered (including every member of the Sunday School class I'm privileged to be a part of)? Let me know if you feel led to jump in! leighannearmstrong@gmail.com



Join us for a Day at the Lake

Saturday, April 23rd

Eden's lake house

(9621 Tuskegee Street, Notasulga, AL 36866)

Come early and fish! Bring your own fishing gear, chairs,
picnic lunch/drinks, and sunscreen/bugspray!

We will gather for lunch at noon!

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:

April 21st: Kelly Meeks

April 28th: 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.

Friday- 15th

Youth Guys' Night Out Sports Academy 4:00 p.m.

Sunday- 17th

Youth Committee Meeting Youth Room 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- 19th

Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A 6:45 a.m.
Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
DayFriends Chappy's 11:45 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 20th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday- 21st

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- 22nd

Youth Girls' Night TBA 6:00 p.m.

Saturday- 23rd

Children's Day at the Lake Eden's Lake House 12:00 p.m.

Sunday- 24th

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.
Choir Recognition Service Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday- 26th

Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A 6:45 a.m.
Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:15 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

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.
Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 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 17, 2016

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Suzanne Parish, Ruthie Spears, Marcie Smith, Lee Alice Johnson, Lesley Odom, Victoria Eden

Serving April 24, 2016

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Katharine Martin, Adeola Ogundele, Amber Moore, Tiffany Myrick, Anna Parish

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