

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Our capital campaign, *Building Sanctuary*, has started, and we are grateful for the commitment and gifts of the congregation. If you were not able to fill out an Estimate of Giving Card and turn it in, there is still that opportunity, and you can contact the church office with any questions. In this upcoming month, we turn now to the construction phrase of the project, repairing the ceiling.

It is fitting as we approach the end of the season of Easter and the celebration of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, that we are not only *Building Sanctuary*, but we are also “moving” the sanctuary, just temporarily. We will celebrate Pentecost on May 15, and the following week, we will begin meeting in the Activities Building for worship.

Our first Sunday for worship in the Activities Building will be **May 22**. The winds of the Spirit will carry us to this different room, reminding us of how the Spirit moved after that first Pentecost. The Holy Spirit found the people, wherever they were, and gathered them together. We will convert the Activities Building into our sanctuary, and we will worship in this room for about eleven weeks this summer.

The schedule for Sunday morning will remain the same, although, a couple of Sunday School classes are moving graciously to other rooms, so we can move worship to the Activities Building. The Pilgrims Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall during this time, and our youth will gather in a large classroom on the third floor of the Sanctuary Building. We are thankful these groups are willing to meet elsewhere during this project.

In addition to moving hymnals, setting up chairs, and relocating a piano, we will also designate multiple parking spaces as handicap accessible in the parking lot at the corner of Glenn Avenue and Gay Street. We will put temporary signs in those places.

The setting will look a little different, and it will feel out of the ordinary, but we will gather for worship, as the Spirit of God finds us wherever we are. We will come together as the Church, as always, and we will offer our thanks to God. We will continue to worship and to serve, to form community with each other and to foster communion with God. We will sing and pray, listen and gather, and then we will be sent out yet again, as the body of Christ.

-Tripp

Building Sanctuary

*Its not too late to pledge!
Estimate of Giving Cards are available
in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. They
can be placed in the offering plate or brought
to the church office.*

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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

honoring
Victoria Eden
and
Anna Starks

Congratulations Seniors!
We are so proud of you!

Church Wide Grounds Workday

Saturday, May 7th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us as we work to clean up the grounds by pressure washing, weeding, planting, and painting caution stripes.

Inquirer's Class

for the second through fifth grade Sunday School
May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

During May, these students will gather during Sunday School with Tripp to focus on various aspects of their faith, providing the children an opportunity to ask questions. They will talk about scripture, prayer, baptism, Lord's Supper, the ministry of Jesus, and the Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, May 1st, 12:00 p.m., Hamilton's

DayFriends

Tuesday, May 3rd, 11:45 a.m., The Draft House

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 12th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Building Sanctuary

Worship Service
in the Activities Building
beginning May 22nd

We are grateful for the commitment of the congregation. Together, we are *Building Sanctuary*, while we repair the ceiling in the Sanctuary Building.



The BigHouse wants to thank the generous folks at Auburn First Baptist Church! They have received some great clothes in recent weeks from our congregation. Currently, they need LARGE BOYS SWIM SUITS. Of course you can still donate swim suits in any other size. Even adult size! Although teens are not provided a swimsuit through the SwimSuit/Towel drive, they do receive an embroidered towel and their foster family can pick out a suit for them from the BigHouse Clothes Closet in Opelika.

As always, please place any donations in the big, red tub near the church office door. Denise Stoeckel will pick up the donations each week and transport them to the BigHouse. If you need a receipt for your donation, please provide your name and address on a piece of paper, taped to the outside of your donation bag.

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Listening to the Silence

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.



Thursday Nights

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

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

Prayer Breakfast
Tuesdays, 6:45 a.m.
Chick-fil-A

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



Passport Parent's Meeting
May 15th, 2:00 p.m., Youth Room
Final Balance Due: May 22nd
For info, go to www.passportcamps.org and
click on Youth Camps.

School's Out Party!

May 22nd at the Shumock-Bailey Home
Dinner and Swimming in the pool
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



VBS Decorating Day

Sunday, May 15th, 3:00 p.m.

Come decorate for VBS! We will be painting, making bulletin boards, putting up posters, and more! There's a job for everyone! Even if you can't be at VBS, this is a great way to be a part of such a significant week in the life of our church and in the faith formation of our children and families.



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 Now Open at
www.auburnfbc.org

Preschool Red, White, & BBQ

Sunday, May 22nd

Sabo's Home

(Watch for more details)

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

May 5: Oyette Chambliss

May 12: Mary Joe Howard



Bible Study & Breakfast

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

Finals

Please remember our college students in your thoughts
and prayers as they take finals May 2nd - 6th.

Looking Ahead...

Be on the lookout for College Ministry summer activities!
Dates and locations coming soon!



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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.

Sunday- 1st

Senior Banquet Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
Ladies Lunch Bunch Hamilton's 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday- 3rd

Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A 6:45 a.m.
Dayfriends The Draft House 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday- 4th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday- 5th

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.

Saturday- 7th

Grounds Workday Gay St. Parking Lot 8:00 a.m.

Sunday- 8th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday- 10th

Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A 6:45 a.m.

Wednesday- 11th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:00 p.m.

Thursday- 12th

Stewardship Committee Meeting .. Library 5:00 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.

Serving the Month of May

Greeters: Dee Williams, Todd Miller

Loaves & Fishes: Fishers

Offering: Sojourner/ Young Adult

Visitors: Alan & Sue Walker

Serving May 1, 2016

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Carolyn Thompson, Mark Wilson, Addison Meeks, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

Serving May 8, 2016

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Kathleen Sabo, Anna Coxwell, Benjamin Wilson, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

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