

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## **REFLECTIONS** by Tripp Martin

On Sunday, May 22, we will move the sanctuary to the Activities Building, where we will worship during the summer, while repairs are being made to the ceiling of the Sanctuary Building. As we shift our place for worship, we will also shift our season of time. As the academic calendar comes to a close, our family calendars start to say “summer vacation” on them. In the summer, we keep time differently.

The Church’s Calendar also shifts our season of time, as we enter a season called “time after Pentecost.” It is what the Church has called “ordinary time.” We do not focus on a specific chapter of Jesus’ life, like his birth or his resurrection. We do not celebrate any particular milestone, like when the Magi finally arrived at Epiphany or the birth of the Church at Pentecost. Time after Pentecost is “ordinary time,” where we reflect on the general life of faith and the life of the church.

The parameters of time after Pentecost are much wider, which is fitting during the summer months, as we recover the meaning of “ordinary time.” When we focus on a specific holiday, we focus on what makes it unique, but the meaning of “ordinary time” is often times lost in the routine of life. We do well to reclaim the value of “ordinary time,” as our “getting away” during the summer coincides with time after Pentecost.

The practice of pilgrimage has always been integral to the journey of faith. There are many aspects of pilgrimage, which are varied and essential, but the foundation of this practice is “getting away.” When we are able to travel to another place, or simply down the street to the park, we can regain our perspective of “ordinary time.” We are then able to return to “ordinary time” with renewed eyes and energy.

As we enter time after Pentecost, we can practice pilgrimage. If we are able to “get away” for a few days, or just for an hour in the afternoon, we can return with fresh eyes and new vigor. We can rediscover the gifts of “ordinary time” and what happens during it.

Most of our lives happen during “ordinary time,” as does most of the Church’s Calendar. We value “getting away,” but not to the exclusion of “being here,” where most of life happens. Instead, time “away” and time “here” benefit each other. We find God in both, and both strengthens us. This summer, a different way of keeping time, and place, can help us foster our faith along the journey of life.

- Tripp

## ***Building Sanctuary***

Worship Service  
in the Activities Building  
*beginning May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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

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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.

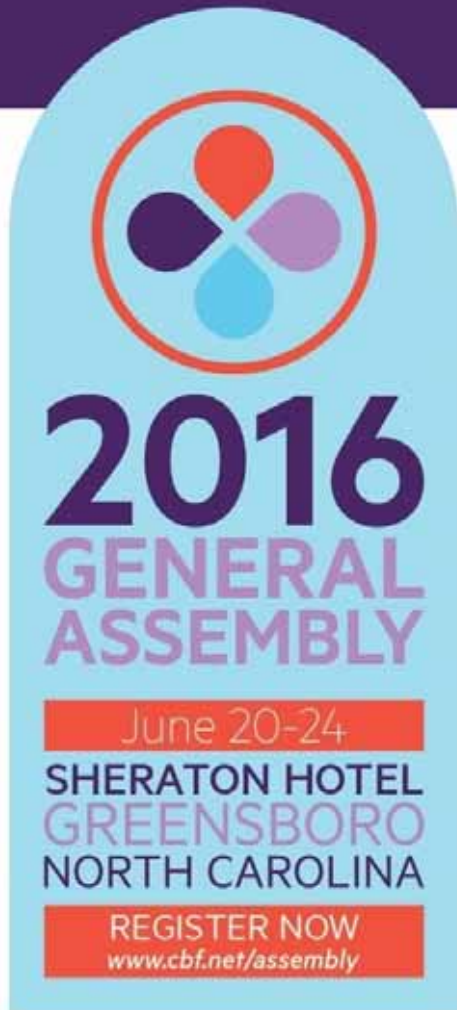
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# Building Sanctuary

*It's 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.*



## Thursday Evening Activities

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

*6:00 p.m. Bible Study*

*Will Not Be Meeting June 9th*

*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.

Laura Edgar will be leading Bible study May 26, July 7, & July 28, and Mark Wilson will be leading Bible study June 23 on various subjects.

## Inquirers' Class

*for the second through fifth grade Sunday School*

*May 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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.

## Sparkman Ministry

### Summer Food Service Program

We have been invited to participate again this summer in a feeding program through a regional food bank. We will serve a free meal provided by the food bank and spend some time playing with the children at the Sparkman neighborhood of the Auburn Housing Authority. On each Tuesday during June we need a few volunteers to serve lunch at 10:00 a.m. and play games with the children after lunch. If you are interested in helping, please email Laura Edgar (lauraedgar@mindspring.com).

Sparkman Neighborhood: Sparkman Drive, off Commerce Drive, Auburn

## REACH

REACH is a Respite Care Ministry for the community, which will be located at AUMC. Reach will be offered on the third Tuesday of each month this summer (June 21, July 15, August 16) from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. The cost is \$30/day and is for persons with early to moderate memory issues. A volunteer training will be held on Thursday, June 2 from 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. at AUMC for anyone interested in helping. Please contact Rev. Julie Hare at 334-826-8800 ext. 232 or julie.hare@aumc.net with questions or to sign up.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Senior Adult Luncheon Fish Fry

*Tuesday, May 17, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

### DayFriends

*Tuesday, May 17, 11:45 a.m., The Draft House*

### Deacons' Meeting

*Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom*

### Senior Adult Dinner Out

*Wednesday, May 25, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys*

### Church Office Closed

*Monday, May 30*

### Brotherhood Breakfast

*Sunday, June 12, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*



### 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 Parents' Meeting**  
May 15th, 12:00 p.m., Youth Room  
**Final Balance Due: May 22nd**

For info, go to [www.passportcamps.org](http://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 - 8:00 p.m.

### BigHouse

Donations for the swim suit and towel drive continues. 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.

### Help our Brazil Mission Team!

Below is a list of items they will need for the children of Brazil. Please place donations for this project in the basket provided in the hallway outside the church office.

Items needed include: coloring books and crayons, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, ball point pens, six inch rulers, individually wrapped chewing gum, bubble gum and hard candy (no chocolate), baseball type caps, stickers (smiley faces, etc), quart size zipper storage bags.



**Bible Study & Breakfast**  
Sundays, 9:45 a.m., College Room

### Looking Ahead...

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



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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](http://www.auburnfbc.org)

## Preschool Red, White, & BBQ

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sabo's Home  
12:00 p.m.

**Spark Adventure**  
Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.

**Helpers:**  
May 19: Gwynne Lovelady  
May 26: Katharine Martin





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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- 15th**

Passport Parents' Meeting ..... Youth Room 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday- 17th**

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

Senior Adult Luncheon ..... Fellowship Hall 11:00 p.m.

DayFriends ..... The Draft House 11:45 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting ..... Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday- 19th**

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.

**Sunday- 22nd**

Red, White, & BBQ ..... Sabo's House 12:00 p.m.

Youth School's Out Party ..... Shumock-Bailey's 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday- 25th**

Senior Adult Dinner Out ..... Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday- 26th**

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.

**Sunday- 29th**

*No Evening Activities*

**Monday- 30th**

*Church Office Closed*

**Serving the Month of May**

**Greeters:** Dee Williams, Todd Miller

**Loaves & Fishes:** Fishers

**Offering:** Sojourner/ Young Adult

**Visitors:** Alan & Sue Walker

**Serving May 15th, 2016**

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

**Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini

**Extended Session:** Carole Zugazaga, Sue Walker, Suzanne Parish, Steven Eden, Kathleen Sabo, Leah Duzy

**Serving May 22nd, 2016**

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Alison Crosby, Dean Myrick, Lynn Eden, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Suzanne Parish, Ruthie Spiers

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