

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## **R**EFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Soon we will be counting down the days before the beginning of school, including the schools for the city of Auburn and Auburn University. We will watch as the days of summer become the rush back to class. Everyone will be going back to school, but we must remember that going back also means moving forward.

Watching the days of summer come to an end means we have a great deal to look forward to during the school year. There will be opportunities as we go back, which will carry us forward. We will discover these opportunities in the routine of each week as well as in special opportunities.

Before the summer is over, we will have special opportunities to hear from each other. On Thursday, August 11, our children and youth, who went to Passport, will put their experience into words for us. On Thursday, August 18, the Brazil Mission Team will share its stories and pictures, giving us a glimpse into their experience.

On Thursday, August 25, we will also welcome a special guest, James Blay. James is a graduate of the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, and he has several connections to our church because he has worked at Passport for many years. James is from Liberia, having worked at the Ricks Institute, a boarding school, which provides needed education for students. Ricks was started by Baptists, but it was partially destroyed during the Civil War in Liberia. James was a part of its new beginning, and now, he returns to Liberia to help carry on its mission. We look forward to hearing James' story and to learn more about the Ricks Institute.

We also look forward to Promotion Sunday on August 14, where we will give Bibles to our first graders, trees to our sixth graders, and then bless the backpacks of everyone returning to school. As we bless those within our congregation, we also remember those outside our congregation. Through the Benevolence Fund, we have purchased school supplies for students living in the Auburn Housing Authority neighborhoods. We hope every student can begin the school year with excitement.

As we go back to school, we look forward. We look forward to these opportunities and others, as they the journey of faith.

-Tripp

## **Building Sanctuary**

*The work on the ceiling is complete. On Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will return to the sanctuary for worship.*

*We are grateful for the continued commitment and generosity of the congregation. It is not too late to give to Building Sanctuary. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.*

## **Promotion Sunday** *August 14<sup>th</sup>*

### **Pancake Breakfast**

*9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

### **Bibles, Trees, & Backpacks**

*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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Ladies Lunch Bunch

*Sunday, August 7th, 12:00 p.m., Mandarin House*

### CDC Committee Meeting

*Wednesday, August 10th, 5:30 p.m., Library*

### Stewardship Committee Meeting

*Thursday, August 11th, 5:00 p.m., Library*

### Brotherhood Breakfast

*Sunday, August 21st, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

### Children's Committee Meeting

*Sunday, August 21st, 12:00 p.m., Library*

## Thursday Evening Activities

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

*6:00 p.m. Bible Study*

*August 4: Led by Tripp Martin*

*August 11: Passport Campers' Reports*

(The passport campers from both the children's camp and the youth camp will share their stories and experiences.)

*August 18: Brazil Mission Team Report*

(Members of the Brazil Mission Team will speak about their trip to Recife.)

*August 25: James Blay*

James Blay is from Liberia and is a graduate of the McAfee School of Theology. When James came from Liberia, he had worked at the Ricks Institute, and now upon graduation, he is returning to work there again. Ricks is a school started by Baptists, but it was partially destroyed during the Civil War in Liberia. It provides a quality education for children who need it. James is coming to share his story as well as the work of the Ricks Institute. He has several connections to Auburn First Baptist because he has worked at Passport for years.

## AFBC/CDC Video Surveillance Policy

Earlier this year, the Child Development Center installed a video surveillance system in the Education Building, which is a standard tool in daycare facilities. There was not an incident, which precipitated this installment. The CDC was simply making updates to their facilities to match standard practice. On Thursday, July 21, the church approved the policies for the use of this system, which applies to the CDC as well as AFBC. The system is on a closed-circuit, which is constantly recording, but it will not be monitored outside of the operating hours of the CDC. The system stores video footage for a limited amount of time, which will help us provide protection for the children in the CDC as well as during church events. If a child's safety is in question, the video can be consulted through the procedures detailed in the Video Surveillance Policy. If anyone would like a copy of the policies, please notify the church office.

## Sunday Evening Activities Resume

*August 14th*

*Connecting Faith and Family*

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fisher's classroom*

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth.

*Fall Bible Study*

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

The Book of Ruth, Led by Tripp Martin

We will discuss the story of Ruth, and how her story helps us understand the story of the people of God and the ways in which we discover God at work. The short story of Ruth speaks of struggle and faithfulness, commitment and redemption. It deals with life in real terms without reducing faith to something that is simplistic. In the story of Ruth, faith is the unexpected journey, the endurance of devotion, and the surprise of grace. We will also discover what the story of Ruth says about the history of Israel and the broader story of the Old Testament in addition to the hope of Jesus the Christ.

*Youth Choir*

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room*

The Youth Choir is open to all youth in *grades 6-12*. In addition to leading periodically in worship, we also present special programs throughout the year.

*Older Children's Choir*

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building*

*3rd-5th graders* have the opportunity to grow as musicians and children of God as they explore worship through singing, instruments, movement, drama, service, leadership, and friendship.

*Younger Children's Choir*

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building*

Welcomes all children in *grades kindergarten through 2nd grade*. Our activities include not only singing, but also playing instruments and movement. Exploring hymns and preparing to participate in worship for Children's Sabbath, Family Night at Christmas, and Choir Recognition Night as well as other times throughout the year. There is something for every child in our choir as we sing, play instruments, and move to learn more about God and His great love for us.

*Preschool Music Makers*

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building*

Preschool Music Activity Group is comprised of preschoolers ages 2\* through Pre-K. This group introduces the children to all aspects of music by using movement, listening, rhythm instruments, and art. The activities are geared to their attention span and their need to be active.

\*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

*Bible Encounter*

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building*

Children ages *1st-5th grade* learn all about the Bible and how to find favorite and new verses through activities and games.



**Thursday Nights**  
5:15 p.m. Brown Bag  
5:45 Youth Hang Out

**Youth Choir Begins**  
August 14th, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room

**Youth Sunday Nights Resume**  
August 14th, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

**Youth and Parents' Launch Lunch**

*Sunday, August 14th, following worship*

During our time together, we will talk about expectations for the youth ministry and have a chance to sign up for upcoming activities and events. Launch Lunch provides a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with each other within the youth ministry. Please make plans to attend!



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



Whether you are coming to Auburn as a first time student or coming back for a new semester, we want to welcome you. Come meet new friends and experience what it means to be welcomed into this place.

Enjoy games, the Auburn University Challenge Course, devotions, eating together, and more.

Cost includes all meals, ropes course fees, and t-shirt.  
Register at [www.auburnfbc.org](http://www.auburnfbc.org)

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Fall semester classes begin at Auburn University on Tuesday, August 16. Tuesday Night Bible Study at AFBC begins that night! Please support our college ministry by providing a meal for our students. Help us welcome students to our church and invest in their lives by signing up to bring supper this semester. Sign up as an individual or team up with someone else. Thank you!

*If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at [lauraedgar@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraedgar@mindspring.com) or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.*

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Resumes**  
*Practice will begin on August 4th  
at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.*

**REACH**

REACH is a Respite Care Ministry for the community, which will be located at AUMC. The last session of the summer will be offered on August 16 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. The cost is \$30 and is for persons with early to moderate memory issues. Please contact Rev. Julie Hare at 334-826-8800 ext. 232 or [julie.hare@aumc.net](mailto:julie.hare@aumc.net) with questions or to sign up.



**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Pancake Breakfast**

The day will begin with a church wide pancake breakfast prepared by Edzard van Santen (and crew), starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Promotion Sunday**

At 9:45 a.m., our new Sunday School year will begin. For those students promoting, this will be the Sunday you will move into your new classes.

**Bibles, Trees, and Backpacks**

During worship, upcoming first graders will be presented with their new Bible and our new 6th graders will receive trees. All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks for our special blessing of the backpacks during the service.

**Spark Adventure**

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

**Helpers:**

August 4: Mary Virginia Moore & Mary Joe Howard

August 11: Leigh Anne Armstrong





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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.

**Thursday - 4th**

Youth Hang Out Time ..... Gym 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Sunday - 7th**

Ladies Lunch Bunch ..... Mandarin House 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday - 10th**

CDC Committee Meeting ..... Library 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday - 11th**

Stewardship Committee Meeting .. Library 5:00 p.m.  
Youth Hang Out Time ..... Gym 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
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**Sunday- 14th**

Pancake Breakfast ..... Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m.  
Youth Launch Lunch ..... Activities Building 12:00 p.m.  
Children's Choir ..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir ..... Choir Room 5:00 p.m.  
Fall Bible Study ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.  
Connecting Faith and Family ..... Fishers' Classroom 5:00 p.m.  
Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.  
YSN ..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

**Serving the Month of August**

**Greeters:** Brenda Green, Aaron Green, Dick Graves

**Offering:** Adult 4

**Visitors:** Peggy and Lavaughn Johnson

**Loaves & Fishes:** Pilgrims

**Serving August 7, 2016**

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

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Jay Spiers, Kathleen Sabo, Benjamin Wilson, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

**Serving August 14, 2016**

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

**Sound & Light:** Addison Meeks

**Extended Session:** Cindy Cleveland, Lee Alice Johnson, Mark Wilson, Anna Parish, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM***