

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## *REFLECTIONS* by Tripp Martin

Each year when we gather around the theme of stewardship, we are grateful for the church. We are thankful for its commitment and generosity, as we live into what it means to be a congregation. We give thanks for the shared journey of faith. We share this journey because we are bound to one another by the grace of God, which is the reason we gather.

We are thankful for this place and its people, and we recognize how the congregation tends to the needs of this place. Whether it is working behind-the-scenes or where we might notice, each hand is valued. We tend to the needs of this place together, like a gardener tending to his or her yard.

One writer describes the meaning of this work. Elias Amidon writes, “The view from the handle of my shovel helped me love each place I made home, and the sound of my neighbor’s shovels working next to me did the same.” The work of a shovel is not heroic. It does not draw attention, but it is necessary. It requires commitment and diligence, but at the end of the day, it cultivates love for a place. As we view stewardship as a way of life, where our presence or prayers, contributions or concerns, have purpose and meaning, we foster our love for this place. In sharing this with others, like our neighbor’s shovel, we also deepen our love for the people of this place.

With our shovels in hand, we can dig in to a place. We can share this journey with others, and can deepen our thanksgiving. Amidon also writes, “By learning to dig in – literally and figuratively – I became a neighbor: living under the same weather, walking on the same ground, sharing the patience needed to live in a place and care for it.” Digging in sounds like our journey together, or the calling of stewardship, which builds the community of faith.

We become neighbors to one another in the deepest meaning of the word. We also become neighbors to the surrounding community, serving and tending to the needs close by and far away. Through the shared journey of faith, we provide support to each other. We celebrate with one another. We grieve with one another. We learn from each other, and we serve together. We learn to work and walk on the same ground in the name of Christ.

-Tripp

**Pledge Sunday**  
*October 9<sup>th</sup>*

Pledge Sunday is a time for our church to prepare for the ministries and mission of our church in 2017. You will receive by email or post mail an Estimate of Giving card. We hope each of you will prayerfully consider how your financial support can enable our congregation to serve our church family, community, and world in the name of Christ.

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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, October 2nd, 12:00 p.m., Kitchen 3810*

### **Children's Committee Meeting**

*Sunday, October 2nd, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

### **Missions Committee Meeting**

*Sunday, October 2nd, 12:00 p.m., Seekers Classroom*

### **Preschool Committee Meeting**

*Sunday, October 2nd, 4:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

### **CDC Committee Meeting**

*Wednesday, October 12th, 5:30 p.m., Library*

### **Stewardship Committee Meeting**

*Thursday, October 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library*

## **Documentary Screening and Discussion** *Nigerian Genocide*

A documentary screening and discussion of "The Disturbances" will be held on Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities at Pebble Hill.

"The Disturbances" chronicles the role of Christian missionaries and local religious leaders in preventing deaths in 1966 in Nigeria during tribal atrocities. Thousands of people, mostly Igbos and Easterners, were brutally killed in a few days in the fall of 1966 in Northern Nigeria. The death toll would have been higher if Christian missionaries and Nigerian pastors had not taken action to save lives.

Following the screening, producer Cliff Vaughn will discuss research for the documentary, which includes more than two dozen on-camera interviews, nearly 2,500 documents, slides and photographs, and several hours of 8mm and 16mm home movies. Dr. Bonnie White, professor emerita in the Auburn University College of Education, will discuss the documentary's most critical piece of evidence, a 110-page notebook written in shorthand, which chronicles the participants growing realization of a pogrom against certain native peoples and their response. White provided a translation of the notebook for the documentary.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Mark Wilson at [mwilson@auburn.edu](mailto:mwilson@auburn.edu) or 334-844-6198. Pebble Hill is located at 101 S. Debardeleben Street.

## WMU CHRISTMAS

### **JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2016**

Starting now on the annual project to offer kindness at Christmas to the inmates of Lee County Jail will make sure we have the Christmas boxes ready for their Christmas program.

For the past few years, members of our congregation have shown a preference for donating \$15 and letting the Jail Ministry Committee shop for the contents of the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.) Early checks would be appreciated!

The \$15 check covers the cost of "The Gospel of John," a devotional book, inspirational book, 10 envelopes, 2 pens, a pad of paper, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards (to send), a game book, a deck of playing cards and candy.

Several churches share the work of preparing 400 boxes (total inmates). Auburn First Baptist and Opelika United Methodist each prepare 150 boxes; several small churches in Auburn and Opelika prepare the rest. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that Central Baptist Church will join us with our 150.

### WRAPPING SHOE BOXES

Shoe boxes will be delivered to Adult Sunday School Classes on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Others wanting to participate in wrapping may call Mary Joe Howard at 887-7458.

### PRODUCTION LINE

*9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 13th, Fellowship Hall*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY, VERY WELCOME!**

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE JAIL

*Wednesday, December 21st*

The program is repeated all day for groups of prisoners. Usually, our church is the focus of the one o'clock program. For a real Christmas blessing, please plan to attend.

Co-chairs for the shoe box program are Mary Joe Howard and Vikki Miller. Other Jail Ministry team members are Helen Brown, leader, Ann Crance, Mary Virginia Moore and Julia Morgan.

### **AFBC Brotherhood**

As AFBC Brotherhood kicks off another year, we want you to know that we will be available throughout the year to assist you in small home repairs and projects. Please let us know how we might help you by emailing Lavaughn Johnson at [vonnpeg@charter.net](mailto:vonnpeg@charter.net).



**Thursday Nights**  
 5:15 p.m. Brown Bag  
 5:45 p.m. Hang Out Time  
 Oct. 6: No Evening Activities

**Youth Sunday Nights**  
**Youth Choir** 5:00 p.m., Choir Room  
**Bible Study** 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

**5th Quarter**  
 Friday, October 21, 10:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Activities Building

**Thursday Evening Activities**

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

October 6th: No Evening Activities  
 October 13th: Wayne Flynt teaching  
 October 20th: Stories about Missions

**Children's Sabbath**

Sunday, October 23rd  
 Churchwide Picnic following worship.  
 Our children will lead in worship, and we will  
 enjoy fellowship together afterwards.

**College Ministry**

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

We still need a few more volunteers to prepare a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall. Please sign up on your own or partner with someone else to prepare a meal. These meals mean so much to our college students! Email Laura at [lauraedgar@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraedgar@mindspring.com) or call the church office at 334-887-8506 to volunteer.



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

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
 7:00 p.m., Activities Building  
**Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.**

**Baby Room**

Would you like to spend an hour each Sunday morning rocking a baby? We have an opening during the Sunday school hour for an adult to assist in the infant room. If you are interested, please contact Betty Tatum at [bettytatum42@gmail.com](mailto:bettytatum42@gmail.com) or 444-5420.

**Sunday Evening Adult Activities**

**Connecting Faith and Family**

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' classroom  
 Discussion and support about parenting  
 and personal spiritual growth.

**Discipleship Training**

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
 Led by Mike McClanahan



**Pumpkin Patch Trip**

October 8th

**Preschool Dance Party**

October 15th, Activities Building  
 Bring your tots for some dancing fun!  
 We'll bring the jams, glow sticks, and pizza.

Mark Your Calendars

**Children's Sabbath**

Sunday, October 23rd

**Children's Choir(2\* year olds - 5th Grade)**

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building  
 \*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

**Bible Encounter(1st – 5th graders)**

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

**Spark Adventure**

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

**Helpers:**

**October 6th:** No Evening Activities

**October 13th:** Kelly Meeks





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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 - 2nd**

Ladies' Lunch Bunch .....	Kitchen 3810	12:00 p.m.
Children's Committee Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Missions Committee Meeting .....	Seekers' Classroom	12:00 p.m.
Preschool Committee Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall	4:15 p.m.
Children's Choir .....	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir .....	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training .....	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.

**Tuesday - 4th**

TNBS .....	College Room	7:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday - 5th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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**Thursday - 6th**

Handbell Rehearsal .....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
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*No Evening Activities*

**Sunday - 9th**

Children's Choir .....	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir .....	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training .....	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.

**Tuesday - 11th**

TNBS .....	College Room	7:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday - 12th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
CDC Committee Meeting .....	Library	5:30 p.m.

**Thursday - 13th**

Handbell Rehearsal .....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
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.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

**Serving the Month of October**

**Greeters:** Nancy Roberts, Brenda McCord, Dick Graves

**Offering:** College

**Visitors:** Wayne & Jean Shell

**Serving October 2nd, 2016**

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

**Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini

**Extended Session:** Cindy Cleveland, Dean Myrick, Kathleen Sabo, Suzanne Parish, Stephen Eden

**Loaves & Fishes:** Cindy Cleveland

**Serving October 9th, 2016**

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

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Alison Crosby, Ronda West, Lee Alice Johnson, Mark Wilson, Addison Meeks

**Loaves & Fishes:** Nancy Webster

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