

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS *by Tripp Martin*

If we walked behind the scenes of a play, we might be surprised to see props piled up in the corner, stage hands running around, actors scurrying to their places, and someone with a clipboard reminding every actor of his or her first line in the next scene. It is controlled chaos, which is shocking, because everything looks so polished on stage. This is one aspect of a shared journey, where people join their hands together in order to create something beautiful.

Behind the scenes of a congregation, there are similar hands at work, tending to important details, communicating with others, and coordinating joint efforts. People are joining hands for the sake of others. It might be a meal cooked for our college students, an anthem rehearsed by the choir, a program organized for our children, or a service project, which is planned and led by a group in the church.

During this time of year, we make recommendations to the Committee on Committees and Deacon Nominating Committee. It reminds us of the lay leadership of the church, which is the heart of a congregation. They are the many hands, which come together for ministry. It is through these groups and many others that we serve each other, living into our calling as the body of Christ.

Over the next couple weeks, we can fill out the form provided by the Committee on Committees. We can also recommend names to the Deacon Nominating Committee. Each year, we give thanks for the lay leadership of the congregation as we write down these names because they are the hands of the church.

It requires a great deal of work behind the scenes, where there are countless details and preparation is always taking place. We are grateful for how it builds the community of faith, but also for how it serves the community around us. Every time we look behind the scenes we find the hands of the church at work.

- Tripp

Driggers' Tailgate!

Thursday, September 15th

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Let's welcome the Driggers with a Tailgate! The church will provide chicken, rolls, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We invite the church families to bring the Driggers a gift card if you wish. Don't forget to wear your Auburn orange and blue!

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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

DayFriends

Tuesday, September 6th, 11:45 a.m., Acapulcos

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 8th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 11th, 8:00 a.m., BloodMobile

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, September 20th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Dr. Alan Walker

Creating a Safe Place Policy Meeting

On Sunday, September 11 from 6:00-6:30 p.m., we will have a meeting about our Creating a Safe Place Policy. This policy outlines our ministry for working with children and youth, creating a safe place for them at the church. Everyone who works with the children or youth in any capacity is to read and sign this policy. Every so often, we need to review the policy and obtain new signatures. If you work with our children or youth on Sundays, Thursdays, Vacation Bible School, or at any other point during the year, we will gather briefly to talk about this important policy.

Stop Hunger Now

Sunday, September 25th

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We will join with First Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Episcopal to pack meals for Stop Hunger Now. Meal packaging will be at First Presbyterian from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Together we will pack over 17,000 meals! **Please register online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/FirstPresAuburn2016>** or come by the church office to sign a printed waiver. Join us for this great opportunity to partner with other churches in our community as we work together to make a difference in our world.

Loaves and Fishes

The Loaves and Fishes program ministers to people in our community by furnishing hot meals every Tuesday to recipients selected by the Salvation Army, our partner in this ministry. We currently need volunteers for Tuesday, October 4th and October 11th. If you would be willing to take a week and prepare 16 meals for the Loaves and Fishes Ministry, please contact the church office.

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Biblical History in Twelve Minutes or Less

Led by Tripp Martin

So much of the New Testament is better understood in light of the biblical history of the Old Testament, but the subject is daunting. For four weeks, we will talk about the biblical history of the Old Testament in twelve minutes or less, honoring the law of diminishing returns. After twelve minutes, interest wanes and benefit decreases. In focused doses, biblical history can become quite interesting, recognizing how so many aspects of the story are connected. These connections create the foundation for understanding the story of Jesus.

September 1st: *God's Covenant and the People's Identity*

September 8th: *We Want a King!*

September 15th: *Tailgate for the Driggers*

September 22nd: *Subtraction through Division:*

Divided Kingdoms

September 29th: *Jesus is King and New Creation*

Claude H. Moore Lecture Series

with guest speaker

Dr. Emmanuel McCall

“Good News

for Troubled Times”

Sunday, September 25

9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship



We welcome Dr. Emmanuel McCall to Auburn First Baptist Church. Dr. McCall is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of East Pointe, Georgia, where he was also the founding pastor of the congregation in 2006. He has served various churches as well as a professor in ministerial education. Throughout his ministry, he has worked towards racial reconciliation. In 1968, he became the first African-American employed at the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He served as the national Moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in 2006-2007. From 2005-2010, he served as the Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance, having already served on the Commission of Social Justice, Commission on Ethics, and the Human Rights Award Committee. Since 1993, he has served as an Adjunct Professor of the McAfee School of Theology. Dr. McCall is the author of eight books, and he was also on the Editorial Committee of the Celebrating Grace hymnal. Dr. McCall and his wife, Emma Marie, have two children and four grandchildren.



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

Sunday Nights
(No Evening Activities September 4th)
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m., Choir Room
Bible Study 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast @
Chick-Fil-A
Tuesday, September 6
6:45 a.m.

Fifth Quarter
September 9th
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m
Youth Room

Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2017 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at auburnfbc@mindspring.com by September 18th.

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box.

College Ministry

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

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 or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.



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.

Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by September 18th.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> CDC | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maint. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Counters | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorials | <input type="checkbox"/> Lights & Sound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Van | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will serve wherever you need me. | | |

Name _____

e-mail _____

Phone _____

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.



Sunday Evening Children's Activities (No Evening Activities September 4th)

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:

September 1: Oyette Chambliss

September 8th: Cathy Summers





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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 - 1st

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 4th

Ladies Lunch Bunch Red Lobster 12:00 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 6th

TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 7th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 8th

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting .. Library 5:00 p.m.
Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Friday - 9th

Youth 5th Quarter Youth Room (following game)

Sunday - 11th

Blood Drive Bloodmobile 8:00 a.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.
Safe Place Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.
YSN Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 13th

TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 14th

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

Thursday - 15th

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Driggers' Tailgate Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Serving the Month of September

Greeters: Brenda & Aaron Green, Dick Graves

Offering: Youth

Visitors: Ronda & Randy West

Loaves & Fishes: Adult IV

Serving September 4, 2016

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Alan Walker, Ruthie Spiers,
Lynn Eden, Lynli Cantrell-Wright

Serving September 11, 2016

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Brad Smithart, Lee Alice
Johnson, Anna Coxwell, Anna Parish

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