

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

In the coming weeks, we will prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving as a congregation, gathering on Thursday, November 17 for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Around the table with one another, we will share a meal as well as the grace of God, which binds us together. We will celebrate our community of faith by gathering to eat, share, laugh, and give thanks.

If we were to choose one symbol of the church, particularly as we give thanks, we could not select a better symbol than a table. A table is the place where we share our lives with one another. At the table, we say grace, offering our thanksgiving to God. Around the table, we remember how we rely on God, as we remember how our food comes from the ground beneath our feet. Sitting at the table, we learn with and from one another as a church family.

When we gather for our Thanksgiving meal, we will remember the connection between the table of communion and the other tables in our lives. We will pass the bread and the cup around the tables in the Fellowship Hall, remembering that we share the grace of God with one another at all of our tables.

At the Lord's Table, we find communion with God and community with others. We discover the intersection of the love of God and the love of neighbor, which is found at all of our tables. Eucharist, which is an early name for communion, means "thanksgiving". As one writer says, "*Communion*—with God as well as with all other humans—was the great gift, and it gave life to everyone who shared it." We will share this gift with each other.

We will also give thanks for the community of faith at Auburn First Baptist Church. We will give thanks for our worship, our efforts to serve others, and our desire to care for each other. We will share this joy with one another around the table, as we fellowship and as we celebrate the bread and the cup.

-Tripp

AFBC Missions Fair

Sunday, November 6th

9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

(lasting through the Sunday School hour)

Everyone is invited to the Missions Fair provided by the Mission Committee.

Annual Church-wide

Thanksgiving Meal

November 17th, 5:15 p.m.

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to respond to the church-wide email (or call the church office) no later than Thursday, November 10th, to make your reservation. *(No charge for this meal.)*

It's never too late to pledge!

Pledges are a vital part of establishing the 2017 Budget. You can still find Estimate of Giving Cards in the pew racks, in the church office or you can pledge online at <https://form.jotform.com/62704635069156>.

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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.

Deacon Biographies

Deacon Elections will be held at the Special Called Business Meeting, December 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Lynn Eden joined AFBC in 1994 after marrying Steve Eden. Lynn and Steve are the parents of Ashley Lovato; 29, Victoria Eden, 20; Chandler Eden, 19; and Steven Eden, 15. She is the Clinical Nutrition Manager at East Alabama Medical Center. She has previously served as a deacon and is a member of the Open Hands/Serendipity Sunday School class, where she is the Director of Adult IV Sunday School. She is also the chair of the Youth Committee and the Health Committee.

Ray Brown and his wife, Shirley, have been members of First Baptist Church for approximately 30 years. They are the proud parents of 3 kids and grandparents of 8 grandkids. Ray is retired from Auburn University, where he holds honorary titles of Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering and Director Emeritus of the National Center for Asphalt Technology. Ray and Shirley attend the Pilgrims' Sunday School Class.

Stephanie Renuart joined AFBC in 2006 shortly after relocating from Maryland to a home on Lake Martin. She is a divorcee with two adult children, Emily (San Jose, CA) and Bradley (Tampa, FL). She is retired after a career in the IT field with most of her work as a government contractor. At AFBC, she is a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class and sings in the Sanctuary Choir.

Belinda Wright joined AFBC in 2005. She is the life partner of Pooie Cantrell, and they are the parents of Lynli, 16, and Tucker, 12. She is a retired music educator having spent 31 years in the Georgia and Alabama public school systems and currently works at Drake Middle School here in Auburn. She is a graduate of Troy State University and is a member of the Serendipity Sunday School Class. Belinda has recently served on the search committee for our Associate Pastor for Music and serves, or has served, on various other committees, including the Committee on Committees, Ordinance Committee and Music Committee. She is also helping with the Older Children's Choir this year.

Fred Weaver and his wife, Sherry, joined Auburn First Baptist in 2003. They are members of Wayne Flynt's class and have served on the Visitation and Ordinance Committees for several years. They grew up in Knoxville, TN, where Fred graduated from Carson Newman College and was ordained as a deacon in 1967 at Fifth Avenue Baptist. Fred completed U.S. Army Officer Candidate training at Ft. Benning and served two and a half years. After careers with The Travelers and The Coca-Cola Company, they retired and moved to Lake Martin. While in Atlanta, they served as a deacon, pastor's secretary and taught Youth Sunday School at Smokerise Baptist. Their daughter, Lisa, her husband, Mike, and their children, Nicholas (20), Madison (16), are members of First Baptist, Oxford, AL. Their son, Bryan, his wife, Juliet, and their children, Jordan (19), Callen (16), are members of John's Creek Baptist, Atlanta.

Tom Brown, a teenager in 1963, and his family moved to Auburn and started attending AFBC. In 1974 he joined AFBC. He has served several times as an active Deacon and once as Chair of Deacons. Tom has been a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Pilgrims Sunday School Class, a member of the Usher Committee as well as other numerous committees. He retired after 35 years from Ware Jewelers and now works part time for Tiger Transit. Tom has been married to Judie C. Brown for over 43 years. They have two grown daughters, Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel and Amanda B. Oliver and two grandchildren, Mattie Anne and Russell Conner Oliver. His hobbies include Auburn University football games, camping, gardening, antiquing, and being with his grandchildren.

Brad Smithart and his wife of 30 years, Cynthia, moved to Auburn from Union Springs, AL, where they both grew up. They, along with their now 19 year old daughter, Holly, joined AFBC in 2010. Brad is a member of the Pilgrims' Sunday School Class, a volunteer in extended session, and a former Youth Sunday School Teacher.

Mary Joe Howard joined AFBC in 2006. She is Associate Professor Emerita of The Department of Music at Auburn University where for 32 years she was a performer, teacher of singing, opera director and teacher of related classes. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a long-time member of the Jail Ministry Team. She serves on the College Committee, has served on the Board of Deacons, Music Committee and Stewardship Committee. She is a member of the Pilgrim's Sunday School Class. She cherishes this church, her friends, family and cat, Frassie.

Ted Thompson and his wife, Carolyn, joined AFBC in 1995 and are members of the Pilgrims' Sunday Class. They are raising their granddaughter, Georgia, who is 10 years old and is a 4th grader at Wrights Mill Elementary. Carolyn and Ted met at Middle Tennessee State University. Carolyn had an interesting career as a CPA and worked with Ron Clark, Judy Clark's husband, in Nashville at Price Waterhouse. In retirement, she enjoys contact with the public at Auburn Public Library, and she still volunteers there. Ted has done many interesting jobs in his career from experimental work on rocket engines, aircraft engineer, and employee benefits.

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2016

A \$15 donation covers the cost of one box for an inmate. That box includes: "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. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)



Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag
5:45 p.m. Hang Out Time

Youth Sunday Nights

Youth Choir

5:00 p.m., Choir Room

Bible Study

6:00 p.m., Youth Room

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



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.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias may be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the December 25th worship service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Sunday, November 6th, 12:00 p.m., Ma Fia's Opelika

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 10th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Advent Decorating

Tuesday, November 22nd, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

(The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can.)

AFBC Missions Fair

On Sunday, November 6, starting at 9:15 a.m. and lasting through the Sunday School hour, everyone is invited to come to the Mary Jim Coleman Fellowship Hall for a Missions Fair. The Mission Committee is setting up displays representing the various local mission partners of the church. Representatives for each ministry will be available to answer questions and can provide information about each ministry, including ways to get involved. Sunday School classes can visit the Mission Fair before the beginning of their class or choose to come together. We celebrate the ministry of the church through these local partnerships, as we also cultivate additional opportunities for hands-on ministry through them. Refreshments will be provided.



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 20th: Julie McClanahan

October 27th: Oyette Chambliss





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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.

Tuesday - 1st

DayFriends Veggies to Go 11:00 a.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 2nd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 3rd

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 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.

Sunday - 6th

Missions Fair Fellowship Hall 9:15 a.m.
Ladies Lunch Bunch Ma Fia's Opelika 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family Fishers' Classroom 5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.
YSN Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 8th

Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 9th

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

Thursday - 10th

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.

Sunday - 13th

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 - 15th

Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Brenda & Aaron Greene, Dick Graves

Offering: Seekers, Sojourners, Young Adults

Visitors: Glenn & Martha Evans

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving November 6, 2016

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graces, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Jay Spiers, Dean Myrick,
Katharine Martin, Stephen Eden

Serving November 13th, 2016

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Andy Yohn, Kathleen Sabo,
Lesley Odom, Addison Meeks

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM***