

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## *REFLECTIONS* by Tripp Martin

One of the sacred days on the calendar of the church is Children's Sabbath, where we gather around the children of the church, as they lead us in worship. We celebrate them, teach them, love them, and serve alongside them. Over the course of the next week, our children will be writing prayers, rehearsing songs, and preparing to lead in worship. On Sunday, October 23, they will give new voice to the grace of God around us.

When they read scripture or offer a prayer, we are reminded of the sacred work of worship, which we do together each week. It reminds us of each of our voices and how they are important to all of us. We remember that every person's voice is valued as we worship with one another.

We give thanks for our children as they lead us, and we learn with and from them. It is why we hear about children throughout scripture, where in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, it says, "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." We hear it in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." We hear it in Luke 18:17, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." We hear it in John 12:36, "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light." We hear it in Romans 8:14, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." We hear it in 1 John 3:18, "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

### **Pledge Sunday is Over**

### **But it's never too late to Pledge!**

Estimate of Giving Cards can be found in the pew racks, in the church office or you can pledge online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/62704635069156>

We learn with and from our children, as they lead us in worship on Children's Sabbath, and as we remember how we are all God's children. Each voice is important to all of us when we worship. We will hear again from the voices of our children, calling us to hear again the voice of the love of God.

*-Tripp*

## **Children's Sabbath** October 23rd

**Children Lead Worship**  
11:00 a.m.

**Church-wide Picnic**  
following worship  
at Town Creek Park

*In case of rain, join us in the Activities 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, October 18th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### DayFriends

Tuesday, October 18th, 11:45 a.m., Little Italy's

### Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

### Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, October 26th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

### Business Meeting

Thursday, October 27th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, October 30th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 30th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

## 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.

## Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers 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 morning worship service.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## WMU CHRISTMAS 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.

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.

If you would like to purchase a box or multiple boxes for inmates, checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.) Early checks would be appreciated!

### 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.

## A Note From Morris

Dear AFBC family,

What a wonderful "official" welcome we experienced at the Thursday night tailgate. It was such a festive atmosphere with so many of our folks gathered to enjoy sitting down to a delicious meal. Our thanks to all who worked to make it happen. Dawn, Benjamin, and I are absolutely overwhelmed at the tremendous outpouring of generosity in the gift cards and other expressions of caring and support we received. We have not yet begun to write personal notes of thanks (and, yes, we DO have to do that ... it's how we were brought up). Until we do, please know that we are enjoying the thoughtfulness of our church family and give thanks to God for you each time we use one. God's love is known and shown at Auburn First Baptist, and we are so blessed to be here.

Grace and peace,

Morris



### 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



Friday, October 21  
10:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Activities Building

## 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.  
Not Meeting October 23rd

### Discipleship Training

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

Led by Mike McClanahan

Not Meeting October 16th & 23rd

### Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

October 20th: Stories about Missions

October 27th: Business Meeting

### 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.

# Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 23rd

Children Lead Worship

11:00 a.m.

Children's Sabbath Mission: James Blay, a Liberian and graduate of Mercer's McAfee School of Theology, spoke at our church this fall about his return to Liberia and the work of the Rick's Institute, a school providing quality education in a Christian environment. The history of unrest in Liberia has created an uphill battle for securing funds for supplies and even salaries. The cost of shipping supplies would be so great that sending monetary donations is the wisest use of funds. We invite you to contribute to this special offering. Additionally, adults are invited to write a note of encouragement to the teachers at Rick's. The children will hand out stationary at the close of the service on October 16. We ask that you bring it back on October 23 and place it in our special offering. In Sunday school, the children will be writing notes to the students at Rick's as well.

### Church-wide Picnic following worship at Town Creek Park

Bring a side or dessert to share; fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Don't forget your tailgate chair or blanket to sit on!

*In case of rain, join us in the Activities Building*



### Preschool Dance Party

October 15th, 1:30 p.m. Activities Building

Bring your tots for some dancing fun!

We'll bring the jams, glow sticks, and pizza.

### 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

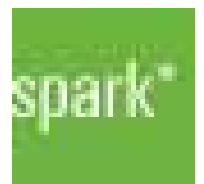
### Spark Adventure

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.

**Sunday - 16th**

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.
Bible Encounter .....	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
YSN .....	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday - 18th**

Senior Adult Lucheon .....	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
DayFriends .....	Little Italy's	11:45 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting .....	Seekers' Classroom	6:30 p.m.
TNBS .....	College Room	7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday - 19th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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**Thursday - 20th**

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.

**Friday - 21st**

5th Quarter .....	Youth Room	10:00 p.m.
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**Sunday - 23rd**

Church Picnic .....	Town Creek Park	12:30 p.m.
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*No Evening Activities*

**Tuesday - 25th**

TNBS .....	College Room	7:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday - 26th**

Conversational English .....	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Dinner Out .....	Good Ol' Boys	5:00 p.m.

**Thursday - 27th**

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.
Business Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

**Sunday - 30th**

Brotherhood Breakfast .....	Fellowship Hall	8:00 p.m.
Children's Committee Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall	12:00 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.

**Serving the Month of October**

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

**Offering:** College

**Visitors:** Wayne & Jean Shell

**Serving October 16th, 2016**

**Counters:** Flarice Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Beth Smith, Alan Walker, Ruthie Spiers, Tiffany Myrick, Anna Parish

**Loaves & Fishes:** Gwynne Lovelady

**Serving October 23rd, 2016**

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Marcie Smith, Carolyn Thompson, Kelly Meeks, Lynn Eden, Benjamin Wilson

**Loaves & Fishes:** Penny Popwell

**Serving October 30th, 2016**

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

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Cindy Cleveland, Brad Smithart, Sue Walker, Anna Coxwell, Victoria Eden

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