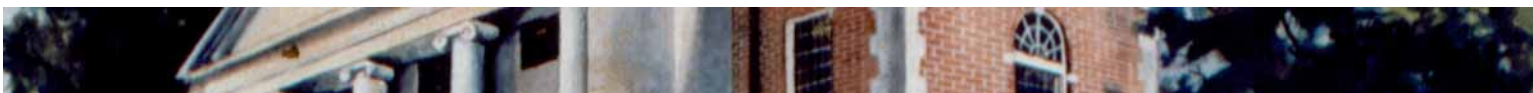


AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by *Tripp Martin*

On this Sunday, we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday, which is the last Sunday of the church year, and then on the following week, we will begin another church year with the season of Advent. The church always embraces new beginnings, as it is the nature of grace, where we renew what is at the heart of our faith. The season of Advent is about expectation, anticipation, and preparation. We are preparing for the coming of Christ!

One symbol, which hangs in the sky above Advent, is the star in which the Magi followed from the East, as they came to see Jesus after he was born. We also follow the star, as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. The church celebrates the birth of Jesus on December 25 and celebrates the arrival of the Magi after Jesus is born on January 6, which we call Epiphany. It is the day where the world, represented by the Magi, witnesses the love of God in Jesus the Christ.

The season of Advent is a journey. On this journey, we remember the past, and we look to the future. We remember the birth of Jesus in the past as well as the meaning of Jesus' words and actions, life and death. We remember what God has done through the birth of Jesus, but the journey of Advent is also about the future. We also anticipate what God continues to do through the love of Christ, and on this journey, we listen for how we might participate in what God is doing, now and always.

Each of the four Sundays in Advent, we will gather with the church as we always do, but perhaps with renewed commitment. We will mark time by the life of Jesus and light each candle on the Advent wreath. We will turn our eyes towards the light of the star in the sky, which guides our way to the heart of our faith. During this season of the Church Year, we will turn our attention to the practices of prayer, kindness, and service. We will renew our devotion to God and to one another.

We will look towards the night sky, where we find the star, as old as grace itself, which leads us towards hope, peace, joy, and love, allowing the star to capture our imaginations and to shape our souls. We will look for the Light of the World, illuminating all of the darkness. We will celebrate the coming of Christ!

-Tripp

**Annual Church-wide
Thanksgiving Meal**
November 17th, 5:15 p.m.
Come and join us for our
annual Thanksgiving meal.

Advent Workshop!
November 20th, 6:15 p.m.
Come enjoy dinner and then craft an advent item with your family that you can take home and enjoy during the Advent season.

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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.

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 4, 6:15pm –

Family Night at Christmas

with music from our

Preschool Choir, Children's Choirs,
Youth Choir, and First Bells

Followed by our renowned *Cookie Fellowship*
Bring your favorite cookies to share.

Sunday morning, December 11, 11:00am –

Comin' Is a Glorious Light!

a choral celebration of God's gift in Jesus
led by our Sanctuary Choir and instrumentalists

It Is Not Too Late To Donate! 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.)

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.

If you still have shoe boxes you are wrapping for the Jail Ministry project, please return those to the church office as soon as possible. We are preparing final counts for our Production Line in December.

Family Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 20th, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

RSVP by November 17th to the church office at
tristaslaughter@mindspring.com

If you can help by bringing a food item, click on the link below:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E45AFAD2DA6F49-advent1

Come enjoy walking nachos and then create a stained glass star with your family that you can take home and enjoy during the Advent season. See you there!

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.

The Art of Advent

On the Second Sunday in Advent, December 4, we will welcome Lisle Gwynn Garrity to help lead in worship through art. During the service, Lisle will create a painting based on the theme of the service as well as Advent. Lisle is a graduate of Davidson College, where she majored in English (and unofficially minored in visual art). After being offered a fellowship to attend seminary, Lisle completed Master's degrees in Divinity and Practical Theology (with a concentration in worship) at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. As an artist, Lisle loves to get her hands messy using just about any medium, including paint, clay, charcoal, pastel, fabric, and film. She is passionate about reclaiming worship as a sacred form of art and inviting all to participate in creative faith. Serving the church at-large, Lisle travels widely to share her gifts as an artist and pastor.

Christmas and New Year's Day

Every so many years, December 25 and January 1 fall on a Sunday, which is the case this year. As we do every year, we will look forward to gathering on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. for Carols, Candlelight, and Communion. After the busy weeks of December, we are able to gather in the stillness of these moments to reflect and to remember the birth of Jesus together. On Sundays, December 25 and January 1, we will not have Sunday School, but we will gather for worship at 11:00 a.m. For Christmas Day, it will be a time to celebrate the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas, coming to worship with the fullness of our Advent expectations finally complete. On January 1, we will be able to take our first steps into 2017 by gathering to give thanks to God with one another. We are thankful for the sacred rhythms and routines of the church, as they shape and form our lives. On Sunday, December 25, casual attire is welcome.



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

Faith in 3D
 January 13-16, 2017
 Orlando, FL
 Total Cost: \$430

Sunday Evening Adult Activities

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom
 Meeting November 20, 27 & December 4

Discipleship Training

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
 Meeting November 20, 27 & December 4

Parking Survey Summary

An ad-hoc committee of the deacons on parking at Auburn First Baptist Church received 89 responses to an online survey regarding parking at the church. The results of the survey revealed that a significant number of our members have difficulty finding a parking spot on Sunday, especially for the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. The majority of respondents also reported that they would be willing to walk from the city's parking deck, which we encourage for those who are able to walk the short distance from the deck to our buildings. Several respondents noted that the recent addition of parking signs at the entrances of our lots seems to be effectively discouraging persons who are not parking for church. The ad-hoc committee will continue to study the parking situation and looks forward to bringing recommendations to the deacons in the future.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, November 15th, 11:00 a.m., Good Ol' Boys

DayFriends

Tuesday, November 15th, 11:45 a.m., Veggies to Go

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, November 23rd, closes at noon

Thursday, November 24th

Friday, November 25th

DayFriends

Tuesday, November 29th, 11:00 a.m., Veggies to Go

Special Called Business Meeting

Thursday, December 1st, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The Following items will be on the agenda:

A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2017 budgets), & election of deacons.



Mark Your Calendar...

Preschool

Birthday Party for Jesus

December 11th, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

If you would like to participate, we will be donating unwrapped, new toys to Toys for Tots.

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:

November 17th: Thanksgiving Meal

November 24th: No Evening Activities





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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 - 15th

Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
DayFriends Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.
College TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 16th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 17th

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Church Wide Thanksgiving Meal . Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 20th

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.
Advent Workshop Fellowship Hall 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 22nd

Advent Decorating Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 23rd

Church Office Closes at Noon

Thursday - 24th

*Church Office Closed
No Evening Activities*

Friday - 25th

Church Office Closed

Sunday - 27th

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 - 29th

DayFriends Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 30th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.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 20, 2016

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennet, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Serving November 27, 2016

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

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