

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## **REFLECTIONS** by Tripp Martin

Years ago, the *Rule of St. Benedict* was written as a manual for monks living together in a community of faith. It is full of practical advice related to working in the kitchen, serving at mealtime; speaking honestly, honoring the silence when necessary; and caring for those who are sick, sharing empathy for them. One other aspect of living together in a community of faith is welcoming a guest. It says, "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

The life of a monastery bends towards the practice of hospitality, showing the "courtesy of love." Upon arrival or in the wake of a departure, guests are treated with great care and concern because it reflects welcoming Christ. The life of the church shares this in common with the life of a monastery, as we welcome each other and the stranger into our midst. This happens each week when we gather for worship, but it also happens on special occasions.

On Thursday, February 23, we will welcome a longtime friend to Auburn First Baptist, as the Reverend Terri Byrd comes to speak. Terri Byrd is the Coordinator of Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and she will share with us about the work of CBF. We are grateful she is coming, and we look forward to her being with us.

We will also welcome our friends from the First Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Wednesday, March 1. Last fall, we joined together for a Stop Hunger Now meal-packaging event, where we packaged 17,000 meals to send to places of critical need, fighting hunger. We are gathering on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. for a joint Ash Wednesday service at Auburn First Baptist.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which is the forty-day journey of preparation to Holy Week, including the crucifixion on Good Friday and the resurrection on Easter morning. This is a season of the Church Year, marked by prayer and preparation, which focuses our attention on the heart of our faith. It captures the attention of the Church around the world, so we will join with our friends from these churches, welcoming them to AFBC, as we cast our attention towards the journey of Lent.

As we do each week, we will welcome guests like we are welcoming Christ, offering the "courtesy of love." We are thankful for the friends and strangers we meet along the way. Through the practice of hospitality, we can experience and offer the love of God.

-Tripp

### **Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal**

*Sponsored by The College Ministry*

*February 28th, 6:00 p.m.*

*Fellowship Hall*

Celebrating Fat Tuesday is an old tradition of penitence and celebration as we prepare for the season of Lent. Our church family will celebrate with a Pancake Supper, and everyone is invited to join in this night of fellowship.

### **Ash Wednesday Service at AFBC**

*March 1st, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary*

*A joint service with First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.*

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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.



## Telling Our Story

One of our partners in ministry is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Auburn First Baptist supports the ministry of CBF, so its stories about mission belong to us as well. Through CBF Global Missions, we are connected to field personnel around the world, carrying the gospel to people in tangible ways. They share the good news of God's grace, while empowering others to minister in significant ways.

David and Lauren Bass serve as CBF field personnel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, helping the Cambodia Baptist Union plant churches. David describes some of his initial impressions of the church, where he serves. He writes, "At church in Cambodia, the music leader often gets a phone call right in the middle of a song, steps outside to answer, and everybody else just keeps singing. A minute later, he will step back in and keep singing like nothing happened. As it turns out, the doors on the ground floor of the church have to be locked for security reasons. The music leader is the person you call to get in if you arrive after the doors have been locked. At first, I thought the action was a bit rude. However, it is an act of welcoming. Every call means that one more person has made the journey and the sacrifice to participate as part of the body of Christ that week." We are thankful for the hospitality of the love of God, wherever it is found. We remember the story of Davis and Lauren Bass in their ministry in Cambodia.

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## Connecting Faith and Family

**Resumes February 26th**

**5:00 p.m., Fishers' Classroom**

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth.

## Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2017 Brasil Volunteer Mission Trip. This will be the 30th annual trip to Brasil for members of Auburn First Baptist, people from surrounding churches, and other states. We hope you are interested in being a member of this team.

**The dates for the trip are July 8-22. Total cost has not yet been determined, but the best estimate is about \$2200.**

If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin, Bob Stevenson or Mike Bumgardner.

## Sunday Evening Activities

**J-Term Class by Tripp Martin**

*Sabbath: More Than A Day*

**February 19th - 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**



**Discipleship Training**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Loyd Allen**

**February 26th - 5:00 p.m.,**

**Fellowship Hall**

**The Protestant Reformation**

**Then and Now**

On October 17, 1517, the German monk, Martin Luther, nailed Ninety-five

Theses to the church door in Wittenberg. He meant them to spark a discussion in his university about God's ways with humanity. Instead they sparked a firestorm of protest which eventually changed the face of European and American history and of the Christian faith forever. During this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of this watershed event, Dr. Loyd Allen, Professor of Church History at Mercer University, will give three presentations on the Protestant Reformation: why it happened, what happened, and why it matters today. Dr. Allen will teach on the Sunday evenings of February 26, March 5, and March 19.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Senior Adult Luncheon

*Tuesday, February 21st, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Fish Fry hosted by Charles Segrest & Dwayne Beckett  
Dessert by Hazel Lee*

### DayFriends

*Tuesday, February 21st, 11:45 a.m., Chappy's  
Please call the church office  
before noon Monday if child care is needed.*

### Deacons' Meeting

*Tuesday, February 21st, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom*

### No Thursday Evening Activities

*Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sanctuary Choir Will Meet for Rehearsal at 6:45 p.m.*



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

**Sunday Nights**

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



**July 2-7, 2017**

**Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC**  
**Total Cost \$425.00**

**Thursday Evening Activities**

5:15 p.m. - Brown Bag Meal Time

**February 16th, 6:00 p.m.**

Prayer and Bible Study

*“What They Saw”* - Led by Tripp Martin

**February 23rd, 6:00 p.m.**

Guest Speaker: Terri Byrd

The Reverend Terri Byrd is the Coordinator of the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and she will come and share about the work and mission of Alabama CBF, as our partner in ministry. We look forward to hearing from Terri because she is a longtime friend of AFBC.



**Bible Study & Breakfast**

*Sundays, 9:45 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

**Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.**

**Lunch On Campus**

*Mondays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

**2016 - 2017 Global Ministries Offering**

**Deadline: Sunday, February 26th**

One of the the more unique opportunities we have in our church is giving to our Global Ministries Offering, which supports local, state, national, and international ministries. This offering allows us to pool our contributions alongside committed individuals and groups, both down the street and around the globe. We minister to those in jail through the AFBC jail ministry; to those who need job skills and training through the Christian Women’s Job Corp; to those who need a little extra food through the Community Market; to churches and communities in Brazil through our own mission team efforts.

Over fifteen organizations depend on our offering, and countless people are served. We have given \$16,500 to date, and our goal is \$24,000. Please remember this opportunity in the days ahead and let’s do our best to meet our goal as we work with other people of faith to accomplish God’s mission on earth.

We also look forward to Sunday, March 19th, which will be Global Ministries Offering Sunday for 2017 - 2018, as we celebrate these ministries and look forward to beginning next year’s Global Ministries Offering and the opportunities which come with it.

- Drew Smith, *Chair of Deacons*



*Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace*

**PASSPORTkids!**

July 9th-12th, Converse College

Total Cost \$275

**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.

February 16th: Mary Virginia Moore &

Mary Joe Howard

February 23rd: Leigh Anne Armstrong





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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.

**Wednesday - 15th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday - 16th**

Handbells ..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Youth Hangout Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.

Spark ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Sunday - 19th**

Children's Choir ..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir ..... Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

J-Term ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.

YSN ..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday - 21st**

Senior Adult Luncheon ..... Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.

DayFriends ..... Chappy's 11:45 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting ..... Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.

TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

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Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday - 23rd**

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Youth Hangout Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.

Spark ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.

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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 & Family ..... Fishers' Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.

YSN ..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday - 28th**

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper ... Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

**Serving the Month of February**

**Greeters:** Ted Little, Todd Miller, and Nancy Roberts

**Visitors:** Alan and Sue Walker

**Loaves & Fishes:** Adult IV

**Offering:** Pilgrims

**Serving February 19, 2017**

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

**Sound & Light:** Andy Yohn

**Extended Session:** Marcie Smith, Brad Smithart, Brian Ledbetter, Mark Wilson, Steven Eden, Chad Parish, Katharine Martin

**Serving February 26, 2017**

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

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Charlotte Sutton, Dean Myrick, Ruthie Spiers, Lynn Eden, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Julie McClanahan, Alan Walker

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