

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On Sunday, May 21, the Children's Committee and Preschool Committee are hosting a churchwide BBQ after worship. We will gather at Hickory Dickory Park for a time of fellowship and community, as we celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. We look forward to the opportunity to form valuable friendships, strengthening the community of the church.

The bonds of grace and commitment form our community of faith, which is visible whenever we gather for worship. Our prayer concerns, songs of faith, and devotion to God draw us together, but there are additional opportunities for developing community whenever we gather for a churchwide meal. It is a time that reflects the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup, which happens during worship.

When we eat together, we remember how everyone has a seat at the table. We engage in conversation with each other, which teaches us more about one another. We are able to laugh and play. We are able to form memories by being together. We are able to learn new names and to catch up with old friends. We are able to form intergenerational relationships, which enrich our lives.

We are able to return to the heart of the church. As Frederick Beuchner reminds us, "The church buildings and budgets came later." At first, there were no forms of church polity. There were no priests or pastors. There were no denominations or traditions. There was no Sunday School or choirs. All of these things came later, which is not to say they are unimportant. They are, in fact, sacred and meaningful. They help us live in community and worship God with one another.

As we gather for a churchwide meal, though, we are drawn back to the heart of the church, which existed before everything else. Before everything else, Beucher reminds us, we are left only with each other and with Christ. This is the heart of the church. Whenever we gather around the table for a meal, whether it takes place in the sanctuary or in a park, we are left with each other and with Christ, reconnecting to the heart of the community of faith.

We are grateful for the Children's and Preschool Committees, as they are making important preparations. We look forward to getting together after worship, celebrating the end of school and the beginning of summer; but also enjoying one another, as we are bound together by Christ.

- Tripp

VBS Decorating Day

Saturday, May 20th, 10:00 a.m.,

Education Building

We will be making bulletin boards, putting up posters, and more!

Churchwide BBQ

Sunday, May 21st, 12:00 p.m.,

Hickory Dickory Park

The Children's Committee and Preschool Committee are hosting a churchwide BBQ and fellowship. Please RSVP to kristinahickman@mindspring.com.

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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.

Potluck Dinner **with Cross Road Baptist Church**

Wednesday, June 14th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
We are joining with Cross Road Baptist Church again this year for Vacation Bible School. In order to celebrate, we will gather on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Dinner. We will welcome everyone from Cross Road along with Dr. Johnny Green, our friend and their pastor. Since we will gather on Wednesday, we will not have our regular scheduled activities on Thursday, June 15.

Sparkman Ministry **Summer Food Service Program**

We have been invited to participate again this summer in a feeding program through a regional food bank in the Sparkman neighborhood. We will serve a free meal provided by the food bank and spend some time playing with the children. On each Tuesday during June, we need a few volunteers to serve lunch at 12:00 p.m. and play games with the children after lunch. If you are interested in helping, please email the church office at kristinahickman@mindspring.com. Location of Sparkman Neighborhood: Sparkman Drive, off Commerce Drive in Auburn.

Inquirers' Class

for the third through fifth grade Sunday School
Each Sunday in May

During May, these students will gather during Sunday School with Tripp to focus on various aspects of their faith, providing the children an opportunity to ask questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, May 16th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, May 16th, 11:45, Veggies to Go - S. College

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Decorating Day for VBS

Saturday, May 20th, 10:00 a.m., Education Building

Church Wide BBQ

Sunday, May 21st, 12:00 p.m., Hickory Dickory Park

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, May 24th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

Church Office Closed

Monday, May 29th

AFBC Parking

A few months ago, the ad-hoc parking committee of the deacons reported to the church the results of a parking survey among members. The survey revealed that parking is most challenging for our members on Sunday morning, which is not a huge surprise, but a reminder that we exist in a thriving and increasingly populated location.

From that survey and subsequent discussions, the committee recommended to the trustees, deacons, and the church that the trustees enter into an agreement with a local towing company to provide assistance with towing cars from the church lots between 2:00-5:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Per local and state guidelines, signs similar to others around town will be posted at each entrance stating that parking is monitored. The agreement will not affect anyone attending or visiting our church, since it will only affect those persons who leave their cars overnight on Saturday night. We will, of course, communicate with the towing company NOT to tow on weekends where there are youth retreats or other events where church-related vehicles will be in the lot overnight on Saturday night. The church approved this recommendation at its Business Meeting on April 27th. Please feel free to contact the church office if you have any questions.

And a reminder: If you are able to walk from the City's parking deck on Sunday, consider parking there and spare your car the heat of the summer sun!

Mark Wilson, co-chair, Ad-Hoc Parking Committee

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 \$2,200.

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

Help our Brasil Mission Team!

Below is a *list of items* they will need for the children of Brasil. Please place donations for this project in the bucket provided in the hallway outside the church office.

Items needed include: coloring books and crayons, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, ball point pens, six inch rulers, individually wrapped chewing gum, bubble gum and hard candy (no chocolate), baseball type caps, stickers (smiley faces, etc), quart size zipper storage bags.



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



July 2-7, 2017
Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC
Total Cost \$425.00
Final Balance Due May 21st

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m. - Brown Bag Meal Time
 6:00 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study

“A Spiritual Life”

A four-week study
 Led by Tripp Martin
Will not be meeting June 8

When we think about our spiritual lives, we might think about prayer, scripture, service, or worship. We might envision the practices of our faith, which are vital; but we might also talk about the attributes of a spiritual life. For four weeks, we will discuss some of those attributes, including willingness, curiosity, empathy, and generosity. We will talk about how these attributes shape our lives and enrich our souls, informing a life of faith.

Notice about Construction

In the coming weeks during the month of May, we have been notified of a construction project that will begin on the corner of Glenn Avenue and Gay Street across from the church. This project will include an initial phase, focusing on infrastructure work. The intersection at this corner will be closed for several days. We will be able to access our parking lot, but traffic will be affected. During the summer, the city will also have several other projects in the downtown area, making improvements to infrastructure, which might disrupt traffic periodically.



Bible Study & Breakfast
Sundays, 9:45 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

VBS Volunteers!

Join us June 5-8 (Monday - Thursday). Whether you want to be hands-on with the children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you. Contact Tiffany Myrick if you would like to help! tiffany.m.myrick@gmail.com
 • **Decorating Days** on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, June 4

VBS Registration 2017!

Light of the World
June 5-8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available around the church, or you can register online at: http://auburnfbc.org/wordpress_20150529/2017/04/23/vbs-registration-2017/. Preschool space is limited, and dinner will not be provided this year. We look forward to an exciting week of Vacation Bible School.

Welcome Back!

On Sunday, June 4, we will welcome Meagan Smith as our guest preacher in worship. Meagan grew up at Auburn First Baptist Church and worked as our interim youth minister before entering seminary at the McAfee School of Theology. Upon her graduation from McAfee this May, we welcome her back, recognizing this moment in her life and celebrating her ministry, as she becomes the Associate Minister of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, North Carolina.



PASSPORTkids!
July 9th-12th, Converse College
Total Cost \$275

Spark Adventure
 Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.
 Helpers:
 May 18th: Oyette Chambliss
 May 25th: 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.

Tuesday - 16th

Senior Adult LunchFellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
DayFriends Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.
Deacons' MeetingSeekers' Room 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 17th

Conversational EnglishEducation Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 18th

HandbellsChoir Room 12:30 p.m.
Youth Hangout Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
SparkEducation Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 20th

VBS Decorating DayEducation Building 10:00 a.m.

Sunday - 21st

Churchwide BBQHickory Dickory 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Wednesday - 24th

Senior Adult Dinner Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 25th

Youth Hangout Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
SparkEducation Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 28th

No Evening Activities

Monday - 29th

Church Office Closed

Serving the Month of May

Greeters: Brenda & Aaron Greene

Visitors: Franklin & Anne Randle

Offering: Sojourners & Young Adult

Serving May 21st, 2017

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Kathleen Sabo, Dean Myrick, Jason Summers, Anna Parish, Julie McClanahan, Alan Walker

Loaves & Fishes: Fishers' Class

Serving May 28th, 2017

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell, Brad Smithart, Patrick White, Katharine Martin, Addison Meeks, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

Loaves & Fishes: Cathy Summers

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