

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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## **REFLECTIONS** by *Tripp Martin*

Entering the month of May can feel like we are holding our breath. We take one last breath and sprint towards the finish line, where we find a break during the summer months. Whether it is school coming to a close or the busy days of spring catching up with us, we focus on that last dash to the end of the race; but perhaps we can also take a breath and exhale. With the celebration of our high school seniors on Sunday, May 7, we are reminded to slow down, take a breath, and exhale, reflecting on the next season of life. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, calls us to exhale as well, sitting in the glow of the Light of the World.

When we look down at the calendar during this time of year, it feels like a sprint. We look at the coming weeks and all that needs to get done. There are plenty of full days in the month of May, but as we recognize our seniors stepping into the next season of their lives, we can do the same. We can immerse ourselves in the good news of the season of Easter, where we are reminded to exhale.

For our seniors, they are exhaling as they reflect on the previous years. They are starting to pivot into the next season of their lives, remembering everything that has been good leading up to this moment. We also pivot from the season of Lent into the season of Easter. We can strive to stay in the moment, not allowing it to pass us by.

This is a spiritual practice because it helps us recognize all that is good. It enables us to see the traces of grace throughout our lives. We can rediscover the value of each moment. We can recognize the love we have for those closest to us. We can recall the memories we have collected over the years in this place. It allows us to stay in the moment and offer our thanksgiving.

Since Easter calls us to offer our gratitude, we can stop and exhale. As we pause, we might even notice the gifts of the church. We might notice the people of the church and offer our thanksgiving. We might offer our gratitude for our seniors, who have been such an important part of this place.

We might even exhale in order to remember all of the ways in which the people of the church have supported us. We might recognize the sacred community we find here. We might even discover again why we are important to this place. We can exhale and give our thanks to God.

*-Tripp*

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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.

**Youth Senior Banquet**  
*Sunday, May 7th, 12:00 p.m.*  
We will recognize our graduating seniors during worship and host a banquet for them and their parents in the Fellowship Hall.



In the recent months, the Brotherhood Ministry of AFBC has been busy building another wheelchair ramp. A person living in the Auburn community fell off his ladder as he was cleaning the gutters of his house. It was supposed to be a routine job, but it was plagued

by a tragic accident. Due to this accident, he broke several different vertebrae in his back. Subsequently, he was airlifted to a hospital in Birmingham and underwent extensive surgery. Through a connection to our church, the Brotherhood Ministry heard about this need, and they responded.

A crew of about six people worked for eight hours building a wheelchair ramp for this person's house. They responded quickly because it needed to be built right away before he was discharged from the hospital, so he could have access to his home. The ramp enabled him to come home, as he has continued his physical therapy. The Brotherhood Ministry has built numerous wheelchair ramps over the years, responding to anyone who has a need. Imagining the scenario of not having access to your home is hard to envision. Home is a refuge unless it is inaccessible, so the gift of a wheelchair ramp is marked by welcome, hope, and grace.

## Thursday Evening Activities

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

6:00 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study

### “A Spiritual Life”

*Beginning Thursday, May 11*

A four-week study

Led by Tripp Martin

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.

## Welcome!

After advertising the position and receiving numerous resumes over the past several weeks, the Personnel Committee is glad to welcome Kristina Hickman as our Office Manager. Kristina Hickman has worked as the Office Assistant in the Child Development Center of Auburn First Baptist Church for four years. She has a wonderful reputation as dependable, kind, organized, and dedicated. Due to her experience in the CDC, she also has a working knowledge of our congregation. Kristina is looking forward to getting to know the congregation better and offering her skills to the church. Kristina's first day in the office will be Tuesday, May 9. We welcome her as she begins this new position!

## 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.

## VBS Volunteers!

Join us June 5-8 (Monday - Thursday) as we discover God's fingerprints all over our world! Whatever your gifts and talents are, they can be put to use! 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](mailto:tiffany.m.myrick@gmail.com)

•**Decorating Days** on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, June 4



### 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

### Passport Meeting

Thursday, May 11th, 6:30 p.m.,  
Youth Room

### 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/](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.



### 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)

Resumes in August

**Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.**

### Lunch On Campus

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

Resumes in August

### 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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### DayFriends

Tuesday, May 2nd, 11:45 a.m., Veggies to Go

#### Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 7th, 5:00 p.m., Library

#### CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th, 5:30 p.m., Library

#### Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 11th, 5:00 p.m., Library



### PASSPORTkids!

July 9th-12th, Converse College

Total Cost \$275

### Spark Adventure

Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.

May 4th: Julie McClanahan

May 11th: Kelly Meeks





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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 - 2nd**

DayFriends ..... Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday - 3rd**

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

**Thursday - 4th**

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 -7th**

Youth Senior Banquet ..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Children's Committee Mtg ..... Library 5:00 p.m.

*No Evening Activities*

**Wednesday - 10th**

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

**Thursday - 11th**

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

Stewardship Committee Mtg ... Library 5:00 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 - 14th**

*No Evening Activities*

**Serving the Month of May**

**Greeters:** Brenda & Aaron Greene

**Visitors:** Franklin & Anne Randle

**Offering:** Sojourner & Young Adult

**Serving May 7, 2017**

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

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Merle Bass, Stephen Lundy, Mark Wilson, Leah Duzy, Lee Alice Johnson, Denise Stoeckel, Teresa Vest, Benjamin Wilson

**Loaves & Fishes:** Open Hands & Serendipity

**Serving May 14, 2017**

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

**Sound & Light:** Andrew Yohn

**Extended Session:** Chad Parish, Katharine Martin, Beth Smith, Brian Ledbetter, Lesley Odom, Mark Wilson, Lynli Cantrell

**Loaves & Fishes:** Cindy Cleveland

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