

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Throughout the summer, we might travel more than usual, which will be the case for several groups in the church this month. Our children and chaperones will travel to Spartanburg, South Carolina for PassportKids Camp. Our youth and their leaders will drive to Greensboro, North Carolina for Passport Youth Camp. Each of them will reflect on the theme of “Do, Love, Walk,” reflecting on Micah 6:8, “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Along with our children and youth, members from our church will join with others on our annual mission trip to Brasil, which has been a long-standing partnership for thirty years. They will fly to Brasil in order to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. It will be a chance to form friendships, serve others, and foster understanding, as they care for others and learn from them as well.

Taking a journey reminds us that God’s world is much bigger than our world. We are able to open ourselves up to the Spirit of God, which is found everywhere. It is reminiscent of the Mennonite prayer,

Jesus, you open us
To new life, new hope, new possibilities.
You conquer the way we close up, close down, and close in.
Jesus, lover of us all,
Open our hearts to feel Your compassion
For people we would rather walk by;
Open our ears to hear the cries of the suffering
Deep inside where we cannot fail to be moved;
Open our understanding to new ways of living
That do not diminish anyone;
Open our eyes to see a vision of this world
As You would have it.

As we journey to other places, or just throughout our daily lives, we can be mindful of the Spirit of God, which opens us to new ways of living. We can discover small ways to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

As these groups from the church make their journeys, we will remember them in our prayers. Our hope is that they will see more of God’s world, which always widens our world. We pray for the community they will build, the love they will share, and the grace they will experience.

- 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.

Arrivals and Departures

PASSPORT

Leaving July 2nd
Returning July 7th

BRASIL

Leaving July 7th
Returning July 21st

PASSPORTkids!

Leaving July 9th
Returning July 12th



We are grateful for our partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, which connects us with other churches, as we join together to do more than we could do by ourselves. The image, which captures the work of the CBF, is the ampersand, or “&” sign. It points beyond

itself to the bond of grace and the calling of ministry, which ties churches together.

As we are bound together, we participate in the ministries of the CBF. We participate in the partnership between the CBF and the Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas (FIBAC), a group of Baptist churches throughout Cuba. These churches have endured a great deal and have flourished in important ways, and they have enjoyed a supportive partnership with the CBF.

Bound together, we also support events like SelahVie, which is a gathering of young Baptists through the CBF, as young people are discerning their talents and vocation. We support Baptist Women in Ministry, fostering leadership in churches and as military chaplains, serving in various circumstances. We even support inventive ministries, like the agricultural partnership in Macedonia using “cow banking,” where the focus is on sustainability and economic empowerment.

The ministries are expansive and connect us with other churches in meaningful ways. Recently, Auburn First Baptist Church was listed as one of the top 200 giving churches to the CBF Global Missions. We are grateful for the commitment and generosity of our congregation, as we join together with others.

Thursday Evening Activities

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

July 6 and 13 - Tripp Martin

July 20 - Laura Edgar

July 27 - Quarterly Business Meeting

Sanctuary Choir will not meet for rehearsal during July.

Practice will resume on August 3rd.

A Note from the Library

Did you know we have a church library? We have a large range of books for children to adults and everyone in between. The library is located next to the church office off of the walkway next to the courtyard. Please remember to check out your book before leaving the library. The Library Committee will be in the library to help you on Sundays between Sunday School and Worship from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Books checked out should be returned in two weeks.

-Library Committee

Brasil Mission Trip

This will be the 30th annual trip to Brasil for members of Auburn First Baptist, people from surrounding churches, and other states.

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.

Loaves and Fishes

We still have a few remaining spots to be covered on our July calendar for “Loaves & Fishes”. A meat dish and a starch dish are still needed for July 18. Please call the office to sign up if you can help out. Many thanks for supporting this ministry!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Passport Youth Depart

Sunday, July 2nd, 6:00 a.m., Gay Street Parking Lot

Brasil Team Departs

Friday, July 7th, 10:30 a.m., Gay Street Parking Lot

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 4th

Passportkids Depart

Sunday, July 9th, 6:00 a.m., Gay Street Parking Lot

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 12th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library



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



July 2-7, 2017
Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC

YOUTH SUNS

6:00 p.m.
 July 9 - Cantrell - Wright's
 July 16 - Meeks

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. 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. 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.



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

Youth Bibles

Our youth Bibles are an important part of our youth ministry at AFBC. Youth receive a new Bible when they enter 6th grade. They use these Bibles throughout their time in the youth ministry of Auburn First Baptist, studying them during Sunday School and Youth Sunday Nights, taking them along to camps and retreats, making notes in them as they learn and grow in their faith. When students graduate from high school, they are presented with their youth Bibles to take with them as they continue their journey of life and faith. We hope these Bibles will represent a sense of rootedness in faith for our young people.

As we approach a new school year, we invite our church family to purchase Bibles for the new group of students joining our youth ministry. Students will receive a letter letting them know who sponsored their Bible. They will know that you and your family have chosen to support their faith journey by providing a Bible for them. In this way, the Bibles will serve as an intergenerational connection point among members of our church. The Bibles will be NRSV, bonded leather, and will have the student's name on the front cover. Total cost is \$30.00 per Bible. Please prayerfully consider providing a Bible for one (or more) of our youth. Thank you!

Names for the Bibles:

Madison Tausch

Olivia Parish



Preschool Pool Party

Saturday, July 29th
10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
 Solamere Subdivision Pool
 (Located off Hwy 14)

PASSPORTkids CAMP

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

If you have questions, please contact the church office or Genesse Cook.

Spark Adventure

Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.
Helpers:
 July 6th: Leigh Ann Armstrong
 July 13th: 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.

Sunday - 2nd

Passport Youth Depart Gay Street Lot 6:00 a.m.
Ladies Lunch Bunch Tuco's Restaurant 12:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 4th

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 6th

Spark Education Building 5:50 p.m.

No Sanctuary Choir

Friday - 7th

Brasil Team Departs Gay Street Lot 10:30 a.m.

Sunday - 9th

Passportkids Depart Gay Street Lot 6:00 a.m.
Youth S.O.S. Activities Building 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Wednesday - 12th

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 13th

Stewardship Committee Library 5:00 p.m.
Youth Hangout Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Education Building 5:50 p.m.

No Sanctuary Choir

Serving the Month of July

Greeters: Pat Randle and Martha Evans

Visitors: Vicki and Todd Miller

Offering: Pilgrims

Serving July 2, 2017

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Leah Duzy, Amelia White, Teresa Vest, Benjamin Wilson, Cynthia Smithart, Sue Walker

Serving July 9, 2017

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Alison Crosby, Denise Stoeckel, Brad Smithart, Mark Wilson, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter

Loaves & Fishes: Linda Sayers, Jeannie Bumgardner, Teresa Vest

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