

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



September 1, 2017

Vol. 6 Issue 89

## **REFLECTIONS** by Tripp Martin

Over the course of the next couple weeks, the Committee on Committees and the Deacon Nominating Committee are asking the congregation for input. In order for these committees to do their work well, they need assistance. Both of these committees are receiving names and forms, which can be placed in the boxes outside the church office.

The Committee on Committees surveys all of the committees of the church and fills all of the vacancies on each committee. Church members serve on committees for a three-year rotation, so each year there are vacancies to fill. The form, which can be found in this newsletter or around the church, asks church members if they are interested in serving on a particular committee.

The Deacon Nominating Committee is asking the congregation to make recommendations of church members to serve as deacons within the congregation. Deacons serve the church for three years, providing good leadership and serving the needs of the congregation. Each year, the congregation recommends church members to serve in this way. Forms are available on the table outside of the church office to fill out for the committee.

We consider these recommendations prayerfully and thoughtfully, as we are grateful for the work and leadership of the deacons and all of the committees of the church. They are the heartbeat of the congregation's leadership.

The work of our committees, lay leaders, and deacons are ways we join our hands together. As a congregation, we join our hands with one another, serving alongside each other, for the sake of the kingdom of God. We lean into what it means to be the body of Christ, which has many parts, but one body. We value each of those parts, as they work together and as they are stronger together. Thank you for joining your hands with these two committees, as they begin their work in the next couple weeks.

-Tripp

### **Claude H. Moore Lecture Series**

*Sunday, September 17, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

with Dr. Mike Williams

“Witnesses to the Baptist Heritage: Reflections on the Reformation, Reformations, and Baptist Testimony in a Changing World”

During the Sunday school hour, all youth, college and adult classes will be invited to join together to hear *Dr. Mike Williams* teach in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Williams will also join us during the worship service as the guest preacher.

We welcome Dr. Mike Williams back to Auburn First Baptist Church. Dr. Williams is Professor of History at Dallas Baptist University as well as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He earned his M.A.C.T. in history from Auburn University, B.S. in Secondary Education from Troy State University, and his M.Div. and Ph.D. in church history from Southwestern Theological Seminary. Dr. Williams has authored three books, including *I.T. Tichenor and the Creation of a Baptist New South*.

*Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share as we gather.*

Brunch is at 9:15 a.m.

**Auburn First Baptist Church • 128 E Glenn Avenue • Auburn, AL • [auburnfbc.org](http://auburnfbc.org)  
334.887.8506 • [auburnfbc@mindspring.com](mailto:auburnfbc@mindspring.com)**

**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.

## Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2018 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

*If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at [auburnfbc@mindspring.com](mailto:auburnfbc@mindspring.com) by September 17<sup>th</sup>.*

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box by **September 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. *A copy of this form is available outside the church office.*

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

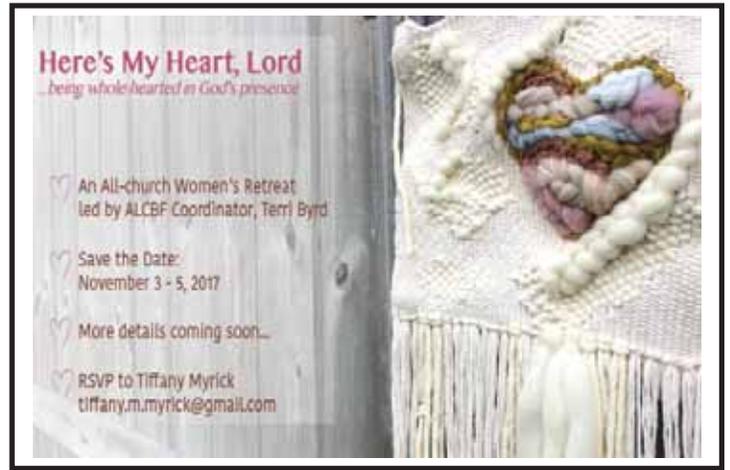
- |                                      |                                       |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics  | <input type="checkbox"/> CDC          | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maint. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children    | <input type="checkbox"/> Counters     | <input type="checkbox"/> College         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis      | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters    | <input type="checkbox"/> Health       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library     | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorials    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lights & Sound  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missions    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance    | <input type="checkbox"/> Music           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Adults      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Van         | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth        | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation      |

I will serve wherever you need me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## Guest Speaker, Drexel Rayford

Thursday, September 7

We will welcome Drexel Rayford, Support Team Network Manager at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, on Thursday, September 7. Prior to working at UAB, Drexel served as pastor at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, a CBF congregation. Support Teams are volunteers throughout Alabama, who agree to provide support and encouragement to patients when they return home from UAB. If a patient does not have a support system in place, volunteers provide added assistance. A team might provide transportation to a doctor's office, take a meal, or make visits. Each team simply does what it can do to help. Drexel will talk more about this program and answer any questions for anyone who is interested.

## Auburn First Baptist Church The Sanctuary Choir

On Saturday, September 9, the Sanctuary Choir will sing at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at 10:00 a.m. for *Gospel Saturday*, an event in conjunction with a symposium on Friday. Our choir and other choirs will participate in this concert, which is connected to *Immanuel: A Symposium*. On Friday, September 8, there will be a symposium in honor of the exhibit entitled, *Requiem for Mother Emanuel*, by Leo Twiggs, which is in response to the massacre at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston in 2015. Registration for the lectures is located at [jcs.m.auburn.edu](http://jcs.m.auburn.edu).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, September 3rd, 12:30 p.m., Kitchen 3810

### Church Office Closed

Monday, September 4th

### Children's Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 5th, 6:00 p.m., Library

### CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 6th, 5:30 p.m., Library

### DayFriends

Tuesday, September 12th, Chappy's, 11:45 p.m.

### Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 14th, 5:00 p.m., Library



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

**Youth Sunday Nights**      **Youth Choir**  
 Sundays, 6:00 p.m.,      Sudays, 5:00 p.m.,  
 Youth Room      Choir Room  
 Will not meet Sunday, September 3

**September 1st - Deadline to  
 sign up for Winter Youth  
 Summit**

**Thursday Evening Activities**

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

*“Public Theology: Reading Bumper Stickers in Traffic”*

Public theology is how our faith engages the world around us. It is how we live or talk about our faith, interacting with others. It calls for dialogue and discernment, conviction and humility. In the public square, we can share our convictions, as we learn from others.

One place we encounter theology in the public square is when we are sitting in traffic, reading the bumper stickers around us. They are usually short quips or brief responses to people’s questions about God. They usually do not adequately examine the convictions of our faith in the face of life’s real challenges, but perhaps we can consider the questions behind them. We can consider these questions, as we think about how we talk about our faith in the public square.

**AFBC Parking Lot**

All of the towing signs are in place, and we have started to implement the church’s towing policy, towing between 2:00 - 5:00 a.m. on Sunday.



**College Lake Day**  
 Saturday, September 9

*Meet in Gay Street Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.*

**Bible Study & Breakfast**  
 Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

*College Room (Activities Building)*

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Activities Building  
**Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.**

**Sunday Evening Activities**

**Discipleship Training**  
**“The Round Table”**

**Fall Bible Study**

*“The Letter to the Romans: A Vision for Peace”*  
 Five-week study

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*  
 Will not meet Sunday, September 3

A quick review of history reveals that we have always lived in a world full of division and debate. The church has always pursued the peace of God in such a world. As we navigate the world in which we live, we can take notes from Paul on how he addressed the divisions in Romans.

Paul faced the steepest division the church has ever faced, the tension between Jews and Gentiles, by relying on scripture, tradition, and experience. The vision Paul had for the church, and the world, was the peace of God, which remains our hope today. Through these words in Romans, we can discover the seeds of peace, as we navigate turbulent waters around us.

**Connecting Faith and Family**

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers’ Classroom*  
 Will not meet Sunday, September 3

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will use *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* by Wendy Mogel to facilitate discussion topics.

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Our College Tuesday night Bible study has started! Please support our college ministry by providing a meal for our students. Help us welcome students to our church and invest in their lives by signing up to bring supper this semester. Thank you!

*If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at [lauraedgar@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraedgar@mindspring.com) or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.*



**Children’s Choirs (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:**

September 7th: Leigh Anne Armstrong

September 14th: Kelly Meeks





**AUBURN  
FIRST  
BAPTIST**  
128 E. Glenn  
Auburn, AL  
36830-4702

**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 - 3rd**

Ladies Lunch Bunch ..... Kitchen 3810 12:30 p.m.

*No Evening Activities*

**Monday - 4th**

*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday - 5th**

Children's Committee Mtg ..... Library 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday - 6th**

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

CDC Committee Meeting ..... Library 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday - 7th**

Handbell Rehearsal ..... 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.

**Saturday - 9th**

College Lake Day ..... Gay Street Lot 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday - 10th**

Youth Committee Mtg ..... Youth Room 12:00 p.m.

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.

**Tuesday - 12th**

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

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

**Wednesday - 13th**

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

**Thursday - 14th**

Handbell Rehearsal ..... 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.

**Serving the Month of September**

**Greeters:** Brenda Greene, Aaron Greene

**Visitors:** Lavaughn Johnson, Peggy Johnson

**Offering:** Youth

**Loaves & Fishes:** Adult IV

**Serving September 4, 2017**

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

**Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini

**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Lynda Weidenbach, Kellie Wilson, Suzanne Parish, Lynn Eden, Chad Parish, Katharine Martin

**Serving September 11, 2017**

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

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Amber Berry-Moore, Carolyn Thompson, Ruthie Spiers, Cathy Summers, Lindsay Crosby, Julie McClanahan, Alan Walker

**Ministerial Staff**

Dr. Tripp Martin  
Pastor  
trippmartin@mindspring.com

Laura Edgar  
Associate Pastor for Youth,  
College and Young Adults  
lauraedgar@mindspring.com

Morris Driggers  
Associate Pastor for Music  
morrisdriggers@mindspring.com

Dale Peterson  
Minister of Music Emeritus/  
Composer in Residence  
dalepeterson@mindspring.com

**Support Staff**

Bryan King  
Organist  
kingbry@auburn.edu

Milissa Clowers  
CDC Director  
milissaclowers@mindspring.com

Kristina Hickman  
Office Manager  
kristinahickman@mindspring.com

Grace Friedenreich  
Shelby Churchwell  
Administrative  
Assistants  
auburnfbc@mindspring.com

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