

REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

We are looking forward to the fourth celebration of our annual Claude H. Moore Lectures on Sunday, September 17. We will welcome Dr. Mike Williams back to Auburn First Baptist Church, as he talks about, "Witnesses to the Baptist Heritage: Reflections on the Reformation, Reformations, and Baptist Testimony in a Changing World." During this year, where we remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we look forward to this discussion.

Dr. Williams has a personal connection to Auburn First Baptist Church, having been a part of this congregation as a college student and serving as the Youth Director during that time. Since graduating from Auburn University, Dr. Williams has earned a M.Div. and Ph.D. with an emphasis in church history from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is Professor of History at Dallas Baptist University. He has also served as Editor of Texas Baptist History for ten years. He is the author of several books, including *I.T. Tichenor and the Creation of a Baptist New South*.

We are grateful to the Claude H. Moore family in making these opportunities possible, having gained from these lectures each year. We benefit from these opportunities for study and worship, as they enrich the life of our congregation. They are a gift to us, as we are able to widen our network of friendships and gain from insightful speakers.

We will gather on Sunday, September 17 at 9:15 a.m. for a church-wide brunch. Everyone is invited to bring a brunch item to the Fellowship Hall. Our youth, college, and adult Sunday School classes will remain in the Fellowship Hall for Dr. Williams' lecture, and then we will all gather for worship, where he will serve as our guest preacher.

We are thankful for the rhythms and routines of the church, which shape our lives, providing us refuge as well stirring our spirits. We are also grateful for these special opportunities that we find in the midst of those rhythms and routines. As always, we give thanks for the church, as the body of Christ, and what it means to each of us.

-Tripp

Claude H. Moore Lectures Dr. Mike Williams

Sunday, September 17th, Fellowship Hall

Brunch is at 9:15 a.m.

Lecture is at 9:40 a.m.

Loaves and Fishes

The Loaves and Fishes program ministers to people in our community by furnishing hot meals every Tuesday to recipients selected by the Salvation Army, our partner in this ministry. If you would be willing to take a week or two and prepare 16 meals for the Loaves and Fishes Ministry, please contact the church office. We currently need volunteers for: **October 24th and 31st.**

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 8th

Children's Sabbath

"Whatever...Forever"

Sunday, October 15th, 11:00a.m., Worship

Our children will lead us in worship.

Churchwide Picnic after Worship

Bring a side or dessert to share. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Don't forget your tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain join us in the Activities Building.

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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.

Committee on Committees and Deacon Nominations

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 by September 17th.

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

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 17th**. A copy of this form is available outside the church office.

Thank You! Memorial Committee

As we celebrate baptism this September, we offer our gratitude to the Memorial Committee. Through the gifts made in memory of our loved ones, the Memorial Committee was able to repair and update the lighting system of the baptistery window, which has been such a meaningful part of our worship. The Memorial Committee has also provided beautiful new rugs at various entrances of the church as well as accomplishing other projects. We are grateful for the Memorial Committee's work and those gifts, which honor so many that have been instrumental in the life of our congregation.



We are thankful to be a part of the wider mission of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, extending our reach as well as calling us to serve in our local community. Kim and Marc Wyatt serve as CBF field personnel, or missionaries, in the Research Triangle of North Carolina, a place similar to where we live.

They coordinate volunteers, serving at Welcome House, an apartment, which has been developed into long-term affordable housing for refugees. When a youth group from out-of-town came to help at Welcome House on their mission trip, they visited with the residents of the community. They played with the children and youth, who lived in the apartments, fostering friendships with these international neighbors. It was a joyous scene!

It was helpful to this community in North Raleigh, but it was also a formative experience for the youth group, learning the width and breadth of Jesus' definition of neighbor. We are grateful to join hands with these efforts through CBF, but also to hear the calling to serve our neighbors where we live.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sr. Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, September 19th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers class

Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 24th, 4:00 p.m., Library

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, September 27th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

AFBC Flu Shot Clinic

Thursday, September 28th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

Christmas Ministry Project 2017

Starting now on the annual project to offer kindness at Christmas to the inmates of Lee County Jail will make sure we have the Christmas boxes ready for their Christmas program.

For the past few years, members of our congregation have shown a preference for donating \$15 and letting the Jail Ministry Committee shop for the contents of the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project). Early checks will be appreciated.

The \$15 covers the cost of "The Joy of Christmas" a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards to send, a game book, a deck of playing cards and candy. Kellie Wilson will be contacting Sunday School classes about helping to provide the postage stamps for the boxes.

Several churches share the work of preparing 400 boxes. Auburn First Baptist and Opelika United Methodist each prepare 150 boxes, several small churches in Auburn and Opelika are assisting our church with our boxes.

Production line

9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 12th, Fellowship Hall
Volunteers are welcome.

Christmas Program at the Jail

Wednesday, December 20th

The program is repeated all day for groups of prisoners. Usually, our church is the focus of the one o'clock program. For a real Christmas blessing, please plan to attend. Co-chairs for the shoe box programs are Mary Joe Howard and Teresa Vest. Other Jail Ministry team members are Helen Brown, Ann Crance, Mary Virginia Moore and Julia Morgan.



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

Youth Sunday Nights
 Sundays, 6:00 p.m.,
 Youth Room

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

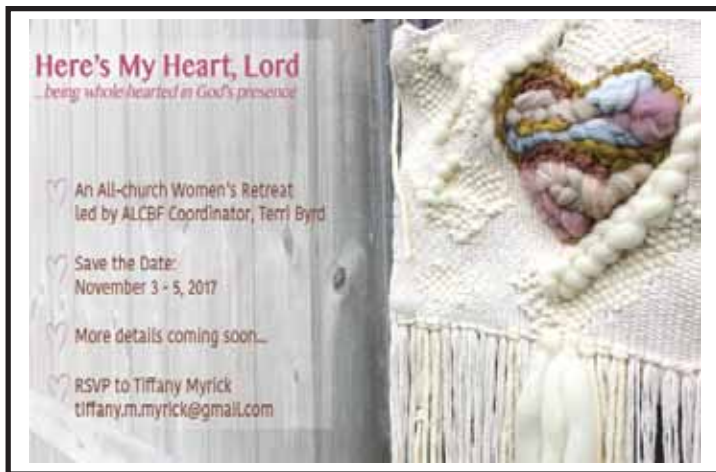
Thursday Evening Activities

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.

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.



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"
 Sunday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 24, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Mike McClanahan will discuss the book by Rob Bell, "What is the Bible?"

Sunday, October 1, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wayne Flynt will start a month long series, "Harper Lee on C.S. Lewis, Law, and Justice: A Spiritual Pilgrimage."

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom

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.

Alabama CBF Fall Gathering

Sunday, October 22

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church
 Birmingham, Alabama

More details at www.alabamacbf.org

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome/Breakout Sessions
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner (\$10/person)
- 6:45 p.m. Worship
- Childcare available during worship.



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 21st: Julie McClanahan

September 28th: Dawn Driggers





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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 - 17th

Brunch Education Building 9:15 a.m.
Claude H. Moore Lecture Fellowship Hall 9:40 a.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.
YSN Activities Building 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 19th

Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 20th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 21st

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.

Sunday - 24th

Missions Committee Meeting ... Library 4:00 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.
YSN Activities Building 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 26th

DayFriends Chappy's 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 27th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Dinner Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 28th

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Flu Shot Clinic Fellowship Hall 4:00 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 17, 2017

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Jay Spiers, Leah Duzy, Teresa Vest, Steven Eden, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

Serving September 24, 2017

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Amelia White, Kelly Meeks, Amanda Oliver, Benjamin Wilson, Cynthia Smithart, Sue Walker

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM***