

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate All Saints' Day in the life of the church, as it falls close to November 1, or All Saints' Day on the Church's Calendar. It is a day, which has its roots in the third century of the early church, where churches would honor the martyrs of our faith. It has become a day to remember all of the saints, including every member of the church and not simply those who have been formally recognized or canonized. It is a day where we will read aloud the names of members of our church, who have passed away in the last twelve months.

In remembering the lives of those who have gone before us, we are able to find strength collectively for our grief as well as finding guidance in the lives of those who are no longer with us. On All Saints' Day, we remember that the love of God we find in Jesus is stronger than death, giving rise to our hope, which can shape our lives even now. Even though the saints have gone before us into the nearer presence of God, they are still a part of us and never far from us, as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."

We do not place the mantle of perfection on anyone's life, but we acknowledge the light within them, which can burn with the light of Christ, as Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." On All Saints' Day, we light a candle to remember the light that burned in the lives of the saints.

In talking about the lives of those we have loved and lost, it might feel like a fragile conversation, but the church has been the place for discussing ultimate concerns. As we remember and give thanks, we discover that these seemingly fragile conversations bring wholeness and strength. They fashion within us insight and wisdom, so we might discover our own light, which can reflect the light of Christ. The saints are our travel companions, teaching us insight and wisdom for the living of our days.

As we call out the names of the saints that have gone before us in the last twelve months, we might remember all of the saints of our lives. We might recall the conversations and relationships, which have left an imprint on us. We can continue to learn from those moments, and we can also pass them on to the people around us. We can find strength in them as well as the light for the world.

-Tripp

Pledge Sunday is Over

But it's never too late to Pledge!

Estimate of Giving Cards can be found in the pew racks, in the church office or you can pledge online at: <https://form.jotform.us/72675974244165>

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 5th

Dont forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

November 16th, 5:15 p.m.

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to respond to the church-wide email (or call the church office) no later than **Thursday, November 9th**, to make your reservation.

(No charge for this meal.)

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 26th, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can!

Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 26th, 6:15 p.m.,

Fellowship Hall

We are collecting tin cans (soup, etc.) along with pine cones. They can be left at the church office for Suzanne Parish.

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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.

Deacon Biographies

Deacon Elections will be held at the Special Called Business Meeting, December 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Roy Broughton - Royall Melvin Broughton, Jr. (Roy) was born in 1942 and grew up attending Rolesville (NC) Baptist Church, where he was baptized. Rolesville is a small farming community near Wake Forest. Roy attended NC State University, worked six years at Goodyear/Akron, and then moved with his family to Auburn in 1976 in order to teach at Auburn University. Within a couple of years, he became a single custodial parent and began attending the AFBC Singles Sunday School class. In 1986, he married Deborah Button Hurwitz of Boston, MA, and they continued raising their three daughters Katie, Adria and Erica. Roy subsequently moved his church membership from NC to AFBC. Roy became Professor Emeritus in the Department of Fiber and Polymer Science at Auburn in 2008 and still conducts research and directs graduate students. He has been a Greeter, Usher, and has served on the Ordinance Committee. Roy feels unworthy of the nomination to be a Deacon, but cannot find another reason to refuse the request of the nominating committee.

Shane Dunn - Shane Dunn and his spouse, Brian Ledbetter, are the parents of Liam Ledbetter-Dunn(4) and have been members of AFBC since 2007. Shane attended Samford University where he studied Vocal Performance and Fine Art and is a graduate of Auburn University in Choral Music Education. He taught choral music in the Georgia public school system and is now a Realtor® at Prestige Properties in Auburn. Shane attends the Sojourners Sunday School Class, is a member of the AFBC Sanctuary Choir (Choir President), and serves on the Preschool Committee. Previously, he was a member of the AFBC First Men quartet, CDC Committee (Vice Chair), Music Committee, Flower Committee, Aesthetics and Functionality Committee (Chair), Associate Pastor for Music Search Committee (Co-Chair), and the AFBC Youth Choir interim director.

Gwynne Lovelady - Gwynne Sowell Lovelady grew up in AFBC, and returned in 1999. She worked with troubled children and families as a counselor and social worker before retirement and now works as a geriatric case manager. Gwynne has served as deacon, Sunday night discussion leader and in several committees including Personnel, Social, Children and Preschool. Gwynne has two grown children and six amazing grandchildren.

James Nichols - James joined AFBC with his wife Sarah in 1960. They raised three children together, Greg, Pam and Penny. The past few years James dedicated himself to caring for his wife, Sarah, until her passing in July of 2017. James retired from Auburn University in 1993 and has also served as a faculty member at CalTech. He received his PhD from the University of Alabama. He has served as a Deacon several times previously.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the December 24th morning worship service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Carolyn Grimes - A member of AFBC since 1996. Presently active in Sanctuary Choir, First Bells, Pilgrims Class, and committee service. Retired from Auburn University in 2007. She has three children and nine grandchildren.

Libby Potts - Libby Potts is married to Dale Peterson. Libby has been a member of Auburn First Baptist Church since 1997. Her ties with the Auburn First Baptist go back to her mother's service as Auburn BSU director in the 1940s and her parents' wedding at AFBC in 1946. She is a 1979 graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary. She also has a Masters in Counseling and Human Development. From 1979 to 1993 she served in local church positions, Baptist state convention positions and as a foreign missionary to Spain. Libby has worked as a counselor with the Pre-Trial Diversion Program of the District Attorney's office in Montgomery County for 21 years. She has also served on the Missions Committee, Flower Committee, Crisis Committee, and helped establish and taught the Sojourners class at AFBC.

Jay Spiers - Jay Spiers is originally from Wiggins, MS and came to Auburn in 2008 to take a faculty position in the Horticulture Department at Auburn University after completing degrees at Mississippi State and Texas A&M. He is currently an associate professor (75% research) and teaches all of the classes pertaining to fruit production. He has been a member of Auburn First Baptist since 2013. Jay is the husband of Ruthie and father of Annie (8), Millie (4), and Francie (2). He has served as Lay Worship Leader and is currently in his 3rd year of co-teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

David Sutton - David and Charlotte Sutton joined AFBC in 1987. They are the proud parents of Scott and Alison, and the extremely proud grandparents of Thomas (5), Andrew (2), and Charlie Beth (2). David is an associate professor of communication at Auburn University, where he has taught since 1993. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and a graduate of Baylor University, Auburn University, and The University of Georgia. He has previously served as a deacon, and serves on various other committees at AFBC.

Jan Thornton - Jan Thornton and her husband Mark joined AFBC in 1995, and they are the parents of John (21) and Matthew, (15). Originally from Huntsville, she is an attorney employed by Auburn University as the director of its Office of Innovation Advancement and Commercialization. Jan sings in the Sanctuary Choir, assists with the Preschool Choir, serves as a trustee and is a member of the Serendipity Sunday School Class. She has previously served as deacon and on various committees including the Children's, Youth and Stewardship Committees.

Discipleship Training **"The Round Table"**

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 5th

Mike McClanahan will review Rob Bell's book,
"What is the Bible?"

Sundays, November 12th and 26th

Geoff Evans, Rector at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
"Recovering the Cross: A Look at Fleming Rutledge's Crucifixion."
On Sunday, November 19th, we will have a group discussion about this topic.



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

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.,
Choir Room

PASSPORTchoices

July 8-13, 2018

\$50 deposit due now

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, November 5th, 12:30 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

DayFriends

Tuesday, November 7th, 11:45, Veggies to Go

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th, 5:30, Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 9th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Preschool Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, November 12th, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 12th, 12:00 p.m., Library

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers

AFBC Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 16th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2017

The \$15 covers the cost of "The Joy of Christmas", a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, 1 pad of paper, 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. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)



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.

Personnel Committee Update

In the recent weeks, Bryan King came to the Personnel Committee with a request. Bryan has been the organist and accompanist for the Sanctuary Choir and Youth Choir, but he has requested to focus his work solely as the organist, which is part of broader changes in his life. Along with his work at Auburn First Baptist Church, Bryan has taught at Auburn University. He retired from teaching this fall, which has been a welcomed change in his life. He is scaling back in many ways, so he sought the input of the Personnel Committee.

In discussion with the Music Committee, the Personnel Committee wants to support Bryan's request because we are grateful for all he has done for our congregation. After making various contacts throughout the community and considering possible candidates for an accompanist, the Personnel Committee consulted with the Music Committee and decided to start a conversation with Dawn Driggers, who has agreed to serve in this position. The recommendation was presented to the Deacons, which affirmed this decision.

Dawn is a collaborative pianist at Auburn University, and she has also served as a Staff Accompanist at Newberry College and Presbyterian College before moving to Auburn. We are grateful Dawn has agreed to accept this position as well as for Bryan's continued work as our organist.

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.



Passport Kids Camp

July 7-10, 2018

Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Students 3rd-5th grade, Deposit:\$75

Total: \$275 (includes deposit)

Email church office to sign up!

kristinahickman@mindspring.com

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

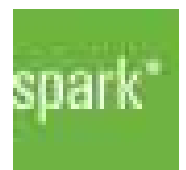
Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.

Helpers:

November 2nd: Mary Virginia Mooe &

Mary Joe Howard

November 9th: Leigh Anne Armstrong





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<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Meal Time	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 1st			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Thursday - 2nd			
Handbell Rehearsal	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.	
Youth Hangout Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Sunday - 5th			
Ladies Lunch Bunch	Good Ol' Boys	12:30 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 - 7th			
DayFriends	Veggies to Go	11:45 a.m.	
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday - 8th			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 p.m.	
Thursday - 9th			
Handbell Rehearsal	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.	
Stewarship Committee Meeting	Library	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Hangout Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Sunday - 12th			
Children's Committee Meeting	Library	12:00 p.m.	
Youth Committee Meeting	Activities Building	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.	
YSN	Activities Building	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday - 14th			
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Room	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday - 15th			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Thursday - 16th			
Annual Thanksgiving Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.	

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Brenda & Aaron Greene

Visitors: Chad Eastman

Offering: Seekers, Sojourners, & Young Adult

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving November 5, 2017

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell, Jay Spiers, Ameila White, Suzanne Parish, Lynn Eden, Cynthia Smithart, Sue Walker

Serving November 12, 2017

Counters: Flarice Hopkins, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Kelly Meeks, Charlotte Sutton, Cathy Summers, Teresa Vest, Terri Wood, Merle Bass, Stephen Lundy

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