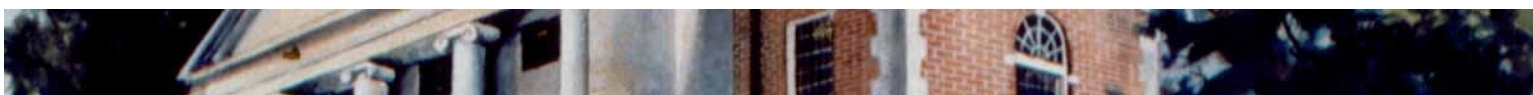


AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On the east coast of Virginia, there is a small town called, *Ordinary*. It is a town in Gloucester County along U.S. Route 17. The zip code for the post office in Ordinary, Virginia is 23131. I would imagine it becomes a great conversation starter once you graduate from high school and move away, as people ask you where you are from.

I can also imagine the First Baptist Church of *Ordinary*. Is it difficult to tell your story to others when you are immersed in what is “ordinary?” Perhaps this is always the case with our faith. We are currently in the season of the Church Year, which we refer to as “time after Pentecost,” but it is also called, “Ordinary Time.” Our faith is focused on ordinary time because that is where we live out our daily lives. It is also the focus of stewardship.

Stewardship encompasses all of our lives, as we respond to the grace of God, which has given us life, and life anew. Our faith shapes all of who we are, so our stewardship encompasses all of what we say and do. It is how we use our time, talent, and treasure, which includes the daily interactions we have with our family, the work we accomplish each week, the prayers we utter each day, and the concerns we have about the needs of this world. All of who we are is the topic of stewardship, which happens in what is rather ordinary.

On Sunday, October 8, we will celebrate Pledge Sunday, giving thanks for the stewardship of the congregation and renewing our commitment to our ministry together. Pledge Sunday is about living out our faith in the midst of the ordinary.

We will simply step back to say, “Thank You.” We will give thanks to God for the grace, which surrounds us, and we will give thanks for one another and our ministry together. We will remember that in the midst of the ordinary and our commitment to one another we might unearth something extraordinary. We will acknowledge the faithful presence of God and the kindness of the church, which have shaped our lives in ways that we will never forget.

-Tripp

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 8th
11:00 a.m., Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our church to prepare for the ministries and mission of our church in 2018. You will receive by email or post mail an Estimate of Giving Card. We hope each of you will prayerfully consider how your financial support can enable our congregation to serve our church family, community, and world in the name of Christ.

We are grateful for the commitment of the congregation as we minister together.

Children's Sabbath

“Whatever...Forever”

Sunday, October 15th, 11:00a.m., Worship
Our children will lead us in worship.

Churchwide Picnic after Worship at MLK Park
(190 Byrd St, Auburn, AL 36832)

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.

Our special offering for Children's Sabbath will focus on the needs of our neighbors both near and far. Children are invited to bring new packs of socks and underwear for the Community Market and the congregation is invited to make a contribution to CBF disaster relief because of the recent storms and hurricanes.

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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.

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.

In honor of CBF's 25th Anniversary, Alabama CBF has joined in the celebration by choosing "Compelled by Love" as our theme for the year, which is inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all." This year, we are celebrating the network of people, churches, and partners who are compelled by Christ's love to work together in missions and ministry to change lives and impact our communities.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 1st, 12:00 p.m., Library

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, October 1st, 12:30 p.m., Cock of the Walk

No Thursday Evening Activities

Thursday, October 5th

Sanctuary Choir will still rehearse.

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 8th

DayFriends

Tuesday, October 10th, 11:45 a.m., Acapulco's

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewarship Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 12th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Children's Sabbath & Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 15th

No Sunday Evening Activities

Sunday, October 15th

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, October 17th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

AFBC Brotherhood

As AFBC Brotherhood kicks off another year, we want you to know that we will be available throughout the year to assist you in small home repairs and projects. Please let us know how we might help you by emailing Lavaughn Johnson at vonnpeg@charter.net.

Sunday Evening Activities

Discipleship Training

"The Round Table"

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

Dr. Wayne Flynt

October 1, 8, 22, 29

"Harper Lee on C.S. Lewis, Law, and Justice:

A Spiritual Pilgrimage."

Wayne Flynt is the author of *Mockingbird Songs: My Friendship with Harper Lee*. He is also the Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at Auburn University.

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.



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

Passport Choices:
 July 8-13, 2018
 \$50 deposit due now



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.

Global Ministries Offering Update

Our Global Ministries Offering is our annual, special offering, which begins in March. It is an offering over and above our general budget. On GMO Sunday, we make gifts and pledges to this offering, which serves various needs locally, regionally, and globally. This offering continues until the following March when all of the funds are distributed to our partners in ministry.

Through this offering, we support field personnel, or missionaries, through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship around the world. We support the Baptist World Alliance, Rise Against Hunger, Watering Malawi, and Brazil Mission Team. We also support disaster relief, McAfee School of Theology, and Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. We also partner with the WE Help Coalition of Lee County (Habitat for Humanity), Community Market, Alabama Possible, AFBC Brotherhood, Christian Women’s Job Corp, and AFBC Jail Ministry.

For 2017-2018, our goal for the Global Ministries Offering is \$24,500. We are more than halfway through the year, and we have given \$19,360. We are grateful for the generosity and support of the congregation.



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Details about our special offering on the front page.

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:
 October 5th: Not Meeting
 October 12: Carolyn Grimes



Friday Night Missions Madness
 October 6 @ 6:30 pm, Activities Building
 Packing items for the Community Market

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.



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128 E Glenn Ave.
Auburn, AL 36830

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 - 1st

Children's Committee Mtg Library 12:00 p.m.
Ladies Lunch Bunch Cock of the Walk 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.

Wednesday - 4th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 5th

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 8th

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.
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Tuesday - 10th

DayFriends Acapulco's 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday - 11th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 12th

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.

Sunday - 15th

Children's Sabbath Sanctuary 11:00 p.m.
Churchwide Picnic MLK Park 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Nancy Roberts, Dean Myrick

Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown

Offering: College

Serving October 1, 2017

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, Denise Stoeckel, Brian Ledbetter, Mark Wilson, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter

Loaves & Fishes: Adult IV

Serving October 7, 2017

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Lesley Odom, Dean Myrick, Jason Summers, Anna Parish, Merle Bass, Stephen Lundy, Mark Wilson

Loaves & Fishes: Cathy Summers

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