

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On October 31, there will be children wandering the neighborhoods of Auburn, knocking on doors, and collecting candy for Halloween. This is also known as All Hallow's Eve in the life of Church, which is the evening before All Saint's Day, or November 1. People in the church kept prayer vigils on All Hallow's Eve, remembering the significant lives of the saints that have gone before us. We cannot draw a direct line from this celebration to Halloween; but since All Hallow's Eve was a significant day on the Church's Calendar, Martin Luther is said to have nailed his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Door on this day, which started the Protestant Reformation.

We will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this October 31, 2017. Along with Martin Luther, we might recognize names like Erasmus, Huldrych Zwingli, John Wycliffe, Philipp Melancthon, Thomas Cranmer, John Calvin, Johannes Hus, Thomas Muntzer, Balthasar Hubmaier, and others. They were instrumental in the Protestant Reformation five hundred years ago, which has shaped our understanding of our faith.

The Reformation called the Church again to focus on the unyielding strength of God's grace, the reading and study of scripture, and placing a primary emphasis on faith. It was a hinge in the history of the Church, where we paused to work through "who we are" and what it means to be the body of Christ. It provided a renewed trajectory for the Church and its calling.

The Reformation also gave us that phrase, "Reformed and always reforming." We might consider the Reformation, as a "Re-Formation" of the Church, which is always taking place. We recognize the journey of faith is never over, so we return to the life of Jesus each week, reflecting on the meaning of his words and actions for our lives. We are constantly "Re-Formed," shaped and formed by the ways of Jesus.

In thinking about the meaning of the Protestant Reformation, we can think about the journey of faith and our opportunities to learn and grow as people of faith. The horizon of tomorrow is always in front of us, as we consider caring for others as Jesus cared for them, while seeing this world as God sees it. We continue to lean into what it means to be the body of Christ.

-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>

Children's Sabbath

"Whatever...Forever"

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

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 28th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Auburn First Baptist Church

Courtyard

Put on your costume and bring your family and friends for

Food • Fun • Games

For more info visit: Facebook.com/
AuburnFirstBaptist

To host an activity or volunteer please email:
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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.



On Friday, October 6 our college ministry gathered to help our neighbors in the Auburn/Opelika area. Students spent their Friday evening preparing items to take to the Community Market. AFBC partners with and supports the Community Market throughout the year. Our Missions Committee has been collecting

items over the past several months that are helpful to shoppers at the market. Toiletry and other non-food items are popular at the market because they are not covered by food stamps. These items can be expensive, and having them available at the Community Market makes it possible for shoppers to get what they need.

The college ministry wanted to join in with the good work of our church and Missions Committee. Students put together personal hygiene bags that included things like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, combs, razors, hand wipes, lotion, and shampoo. They broke down large packages of toilet paper and organized them into bags of four rolls each. They filled bottles with dish soap and Ziploc bags with laundry powder. All of these items are important for daily living, and our students were excited about the opportunity to put them together for our neighbors in need.

We are thankful for a church that values giving and serving and teaches us to love our neighbors in both big and small ways.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m., Golden Corral

Deacons' Meeting

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

DayFriends

Tuesday, October 24th, 11:45 a.m., Acapulco's

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, October 25th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

Business Meeting

Thursday, October 26th, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Children and Cookie Walk

Sunday, October 29th, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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 25th morning worship service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

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.

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.

All Saint's Day

On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate All Saint's Day along with churches around the world. We celebrate All Saint's Day on the Sunday closest to November 1, which is when it takes place on the Church's Calendar. It is a day to remember and give thanks for the saints that have gone before us. As part of our worship on Sunday, November 5, we will call out the names of the church members that have passed away in the last twelve months, giving thanks for what they have meant to the life of this congregation.



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

Passport Choices:

July 8-13, 2018

\$50 deposit due now

Sunday Evening Activities

Discipleship Training

“The Round Table”

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

Dr. Wayne Flynt

October 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.

Children and the Cookie Walk

The Missions Committee invites children in Kindergarten through 5th grade to make cookies for the We-Help Coalition's Annual Cookie Walk on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. Children will prepare cookies from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and then return to bag cookies from 6:00-6:30 p.m. The Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 2.



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.

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.

Here's My Heart, Lord

...being whole-hearted in God's presence

An All-church Women's Retreat

led by ALCBF Coordinator, Terri Byrd

November 3 - 5, 2017, Callaway Gardens (Mountain Villas)

RSVP to Tiffany Myrick at tiffany.m.myrick@gmail.com

Cost: \$170 per night PER room

Saturday only attendees: \$25

The rooms are double occupancy with two Double beds, so if you would like more roomies the cost would decrease. We will be providing a light breakfast each morning as well as lunch and dinner on Saturday. Please feel free to bring your favorite snack to share with the group.

AFBC Brotherhood

The AFBC Brotherhood wants you to know that they are 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.



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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 19th: Stephanie Renuart

October 26th: Cathy Summers





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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 - 15th

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

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 17th

Senior Adult Luncheon Golden Corral 11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 18th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 19th

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 - 22nd

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 - 24th

DayFriends Acapulco's 11:45 a.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 25th

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

Thursday - 26th

Handbell Rehearsal Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Youth Hangout Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Sunday - 29th

Children's Cookie Bake Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training Pilgrims' Room 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.

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Nancy Roberts, Dean Myrick

Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown

Offering: College

Serving October 15, 2017

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Addison Meeks, Alison Crosby, Charlotte Sutton, Lindsay Crosby, Chad Parish, Katharine Martin

Loaves & Fishes: Intergenerational Women

Serving October 22, 2017

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Shane Dunn, Lynda Weidenbach, Kellie Wilson, Tiffany Myrick, Victoria Eden, Julie McClanahan

Loaves & Fishes: Cindy Cleveland

Serving October 29, 2017

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Peggy Johnson, Carolyn Thompson, Ruthie Spiers, Joan Layne, Ella Boone, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

Loaves & Fishes: Mary Virginia Moore & Doris Beckett

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