

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS...

Preparing a Place

by Tripp Martin

On the one hand, we should never equate the “church” with the building at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue. We might even go to great lengths to separate the two. The “church” is a group of people, rather than, bricks and mortar. We might borrow the words of the apostle Paul, referring to the church as the body of Christ, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). We might even be so careful as to not say, “we are *going* to church” because “we *are* the church.” We do not equate the “church” with a building because we can lose sight of our identity as the “body of Christ.”

On the other hand, the building at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue is an important aspect of who we are as the “body of Christ.” It is the place where we worship and study, opening our lives up to the presence of God. It is the place where we celebrate the Lord’s Table, remembering the grace of God yet again and offering the welcome of God to others. It is our place of hope when we feel despair, forgiveness as we confess our sins, and quiet in the midst of a noisy world. It is a place, which sends us out, to serve the needs of others. The building of the church is a sacred place of reverence and God’s hospitality.

Every time we gather at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue, the rooms are ready, the table is set, and the place is prepared. For those things, we are grateful largely to Jada Butler, who tends to our facilities each week. She prepares the place that means so much to who we are.

On January 21, 2018, Jada will celebrate her 15th Anniversary at Auburn First Baptist Church. She has done so much for us throughout the years, which is integral to the place where we gather, worship, study, and serve. It is impossible to measure her impact on our community of faith. We offer our thanksgiving for the many ways in which she has set the stage for ministry and worship. When we see Jada at the church in the upcoming weeks, let us verbalize our gratitude. If anyone would like to write Jada a card, those cards can be brought to the church office.

Activities Resuming January 21st

Children’s and Youth Choirs
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith and Family
Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fishers’ Class

J-Term Class
“Words Shape Worlds: The Life of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Passport Choices

July 8-13, 2018
\$50 Deposit Due

Passport Kids Camp

July 7-10, 2018
\$75 Deposit Due
Email church office to sign up!

Quarterly Business Meeting

*Thursday, January 25th,
6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Agenda Items: 2017 Financials, 2018
Nominating Committee Members*

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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.

Thursday Evening Activities

“Rediscovering the Apostle Paul”

January 18 and February 1

Led by Tripp Martin

Many of the earliest writings about the life of Jesus are the letters of the Apostle Paul. Paul was writing to churches as they strived to follow the ways of Jesus together. We will look at Paul’s life, letters, and theology, which will help us rediscover what the early church experienced.

On **Thursday, January 25**, we will have our first quarterly Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Join us June 4-7 (Monday - Thursday evenings) as we explore “Under Construction”, learning Bible stories and how we can serve today. Whatever your gifts and talents are, they can be put to use! Whether you want to be hands-on with the children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you. Contact Suzanne Parish (suzannedparish@gmail.com) or Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Church Office Closed

Monday, January 15th

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, January 16th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Special Guest Speaker

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 18th, 5:00 p.m., Library

College Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 21st, 12:00 p.m., Library

Regular Sunday Evening Activities Resume

Sunday, January 21st, 5:00 p.m.

Deacons’ Meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd, 6:30 p.m., Seekers’ Classroom

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, January 25th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Children’s Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 28th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 28th, 4:00 p.m., Library

VBS

Monday, June 4th - Thursday, June 7th

J-Term Class

“Words Shape Worlds: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

January 21, 28, and February 4

Led by Tripp Martin

This year we remember the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by revisiting his life and words. We will look at the events of his life and the words of his sermons and speeches, which were born out of the civil rights movement. We will reflect on the power of words to shape our world, and the power of faith to shape our lives.

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. All are welcome.

Global Ministries Offering

Each year, we are intentional and generous in supporting ministries beyond the boundaries of our congregation. Annually we encourage members to pledge an additional offering that is dispersed throughout the world, supporting global missions, providing shelter, addressing local and world hunger, cultivating theological education, and assisting with disaster relief. The church council will be working on the proposed GMO budget in the upcoming weeks, so they are asking for requests and/or suggestions for the GMO budget from the church family. If you have something you would like to be considered for the budget, please send the information to the church office.

The Global Ministries Offering Sunday will be on March 4. Gifts for the 2017-2018 GMO can be given until then, and March 4 will begin the 2018-2019 GMO budget.

Mission Committee

Community Market - Baby Items

One of the important needs of the Community Market is for babies. At the Community Market, the baby closet offers *infant dry cereal, baby food (jars), baby wipes, and diapers or pull-ups (all sizes)*. These are needs that are ongoing. The Mission Committee would like to focus on collecting these items for the Community Market. There is a basket outside of the church office, where these items can be placed. Then they will be delivered to the Community Market. Thank you for caring for the youngest amongst us and supporting families in our community, as they care for their children.



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

Youth Choir **Youth Sunday Nights**
Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room
Resumes January 21

PASSPORTchoices.

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

Upcoming Dates:

February 4: Youth Lunch after Church, Activities Building,
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

February 25: Youth Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

February 25: Rise Against Hunger, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Communion

The deacons of Auburn First Baptist take communion to those who cannot be with us in worship, as we are all bound together by the grace of God. If you know of a church member who might benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Thank you to all who volunteered to bring supper for the college students during the Fall semester! Your acts of service and caring made each Tuesday night a wonderful time for our college group. It's hard to believe, but it's already time to sign up for the Spring semester. Please support our college ministry by signing up to bring a meal for our students one Tuesday night this Spring.

If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this Spring, please email Laura at lauraedgar@mindspring.com.



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.

Preschool and Children's Sunday School Teacher Workshop

Saturday, February 3, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Breakfast and Lunch Included

As a way to support and encourage our teachers, we will gather for a workshop with Becky Caswell-Speight, Minister to Families with Children at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Atlanta. She will discuss the various ways children learn, looking at different learning styles and the best practices for using them. We are grateful for the Children's Committee providing this opportunity!

If anyone is interested in teaching preschool or children's Sunday School in the future, you are also welcome to join the workshop.

Opportunity for Parents with Children

Saturday, February 3, 1:00 p.m.
Discussion on Faith and Family

After the Sunday School Workshop, Becky Caswell-Speight will remain after lunch to gather with parents to talk about faith formation in our daily lives. Becky will talk about how the various ways of learning can enliven the practice of faith at home.



Preschool Valentine's Dance Party

Saturday, February 17
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Join us for food, fun, and dancing!

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:

January 18th: Dawn Driggers

January 25th: Julie McClanahan





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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.
Tuesday- 16th			
Senior Adult Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.	
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday- 17th			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Thursday- 18th			
First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.	
Stewardship Meeting	Library	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.	
Sunday- 21st			
College Committee Meeting	Library	12:00 p.m.	
Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.	
J-Term Class	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.	
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.	
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday- 23rd			
Dayfriends	Chappy's	11:45 a.m.	
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Classroom	6:30 p.m.	
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday- 24th			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Senoir Adult Dinner Out	Good Ol' Boys	5:00 p.m.	
Thursday- 25th			
First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.	
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.	
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.	
Business Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.	
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.	
Sunday- 28th			
Children's Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.	
Missions Committee Meeting	Library	4:00 p.m.	
Children's Choirs	Education Building	5:00 p.m.	
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.	
J-Term Class	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.	
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.	
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday- 30th			
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday- 31st			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Dee Williams, Peggy Johnson

Visitors: Kyle & Melissa Willian

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Offering: Adult 4

Serving January 21, 2018

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright

Extended Session: Shane Dunn, Brian Ledbetter, Alison Crosby, Jason Summers, Anna Parish, Terri Wood, Merle Bass, Stephen Lundy

Serving January 28, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Peggy Johnson, Kellie Wilson, Patrick White, Katharine Martin, Addison Meeks, Mark Wilson, Chad Parish

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