

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS...

An Important Room

by: Tripp Martin

There is a quiet, sacred moment, which takes place at the church from time to time, and it usually goes unnoticed. We do not always recognize it, but many of us remember when it happened to us. It is the first time we bring our child to church and leave him or her in the nursery. It is the practice of letting go, which is filled with countless emotions.

Following the addition of a child to our family, there is a break in our normal routine as we adjust. For weeks, we are getting settled at home, but the time comes to start work again, re-enter our regular schedule, and attend church.

On a Sunday morning, we walk through the front door, making a right turn down the hallway to the nursery. We are happy to be back, but everything feels new. It feels like the first time we have come. Then we reach out and hand our precious child over to the loving arms of the congregation. It is a sacred moment of trust, which extends into the years to come, as the church helps our children learn and grow.

For the last thirty years, Gwen Echols has been one of the persons in the nursery, where parents have brought their children to the church for the first time. She has been the loving arms of the church, receiving them with such care, offering assurance to parents, and providing the congregation with such support.

On Sunday, April 29, we will recognize Gwen's 30th anniversary with a reception following worship in the Fellowship Hall. It will be our opportunity to thank her for everything she has done. Over the course of thirty years, she has cared for all of our children. Some of us might have even been children in the nursery with her.

The children of the church remain important to us, and all the rooms where they learn and grow are sacred. They are the rooms where our children and youth learn the stories of scripture, ask important questions, gain insights from others, and where we gain from them as well. We are grateful for the leadership of the church, which teaches them, cares for them, and supports them throughout their journey of faith.

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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.

Dinner for Campus Kitchens

Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

The Campus Kitchens at Auburn University is an organization comprised of students, collecting unserved food from campus and distributing it to those in need. We will celebrate this work with a churchwide potluck. The students will join us in the Fellowship Hall. *Bring food to share!*

The Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
"World Religions"
Led by Dr. Rob Nash

April 15 – "Islamic Origins and History"
April 22 – "Islamic Beliefs and Practices"

VBS Volunteers Meetings

"Under Construction"
June 4-7, 2018

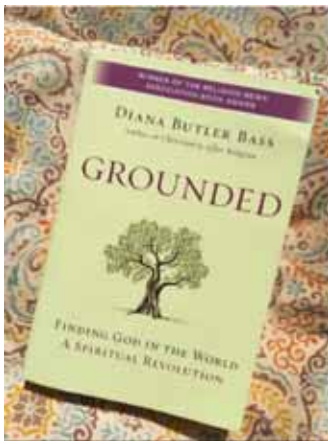
Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, April 22, 12:00 p.m.
Decorating Days: Sunday, May 20th, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 3rd, 2:00 p.m.

Registration will begin April 30th!

Help our Brasil Mission Team!

Below is a *list of items* they will need for the children of Brasil. Please place donations for this project in the bucket provided in the hallway outside the church office.

Items needed include: coloring books and crayons, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, ball point pens, six inch rulers, individually wrapped chewing gum, bubble gum and hard candy (no chocolate), baseball type caps, stickers (smiley faces, etc), quart size zipper storage bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, t-shirts, and work gloves.



Intergenerational Ladies' Class

*beginning a new study
'Grounded'
Sundays at 9:45 in the
Education Bldg.*

*...if you're looking for us, we're
looking for you!*

leighannearmstrong@gmail.com
for more information

The Round Table

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
"World Religions"
Led by Dr. Rob Nash*

Dr. Rob Nash is Professor of Missions and World Religions at the McAfee School of Theology. He received his Ph.D. in Church History (1989) and his M.Div. (1985) from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition, he completed both his M.A. (History) and B.A. degrees at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia. Dr. Nash also served as Global Missions Coordinator at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and as a professor in the religion departments at both Shorter College and at Judson College.

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Churchwide Dinner for Campus Kitchens

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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. We currently need volunteers. 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.

Volunteers needed for May 8th and 22nd.

Thursday Evening Activities

*5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
"Heretics"*

Led by Tripp Martin

A "heretic" is a label that is earned through a historic process. A question turns into an argument and then becomes a crisis. In the midst of the crisis, the church gathers to make a decision. Heretics do not aim to create a crisis. They are simply asking hard questions. We will reflect on some of those questions. The questions can enlighten and enrich, deepening our understanding of our faith.

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom
Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will discuss *The Price of Privilege* by Madeline Levine. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 15th, 12:00 p.m., Youth Room

Mission Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 15th, 4:00 p.m., Library

Churchwide Potluck Dinner

*Celebrating Campus Kitchens
Monday, April 16th, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, April 17th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Dayfriends

Tuesday, April 17th, 11:45 a.m., Moe's BBQ

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

No Thursday Evening Activities

*Thursday, April 19th
Choir will still rehearse*

VBS Volunteers Meeting

Sunday, April 22nd, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Dinner Out

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

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 25th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, April 26th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Reception Honoring Gwen Echols

Sunday, April 29th, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Randle Farms Family Picnic

*Sunday, April 29th, 5:00 p.m., Randle Farms
All children and families invited.*



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

Youth Choir

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

Youth Sunday Nights

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

PASSPORTchoices.

July 8-13, 2018

\$50 deposit due now

Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 6th

Tickets are \$10 and are being sold by our Youth on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights, or in the Church Office. *Last Day to Purchase Tickets is April 30th.*

Choir Recognition and Dessert Fellowship

Sunday, April 22nd, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Our Children and Youth choirs will share the music they have been preparing.

Please bring your families' favorite dessert to share!

Family Picnic at Randle Farms

Sunday, April 29th, 5 - 7 pm, Randle Farms

All children and families are invited.

Pack a picnic dinner and blanket, and enjoy an evening of fun outdoor activities at Randle Farms. The Children's Committee will provide all the ingredients for S'mores. RSVP by email at kristinahickman@mindspring.com or call 887-8506.



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.

Caring Hands

Come join us! Caring Hands gathers twice a month to create handmade items designed to provide comfort and support to those in need, particularly those facing emotional or health issues. This ministry teaches participants how to make comfort beads as well as how to knit shawls or lap blankets. An added benefit is the fellowship among those meeting to participate with Caring Hands.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Nancy Webster at 821-0750, or Charlotte Sutton at 826-1172.

College Choir Reunion

May 25-27, 2018

Registration at www.auburnfbc.org

Help us spread the word, please!

We will have a churchwide potluck following worship on Sunday, May 27.



VBS Volunteers Meetings

Volunteer Meeting:
Sunday, April 22, 12:00 p.m.
Decorating Days:
Sunday, May 20th, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 3rd, 2:00 p.m.

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VBS June 4-7, 2018



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

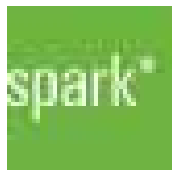
Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

April 19: Dawn Driggers

April 26: Stephamie Renuart





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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

Youth Committee Meeting	Youth Room	12:00 p.m.
Mission Committee Meeting	Library	4:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
The Round Table	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family	Fishers' Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
YSN	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Monday- 16th

Churchwide Potluck Dinner Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday- 17th

Dayfriends	Moe's BBQ	11:45 a.m.
Senior Adult Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Classroom	6:30 p.m.
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 18th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday- 19th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Sunday- 22nd

VBS Volunteers Meeting	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
The Round Table	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family	Fishers' Room	5:00 p.m.
Choir Recognition	Sanctuary	6:15 p.m.

Tuesday- 24th

Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.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

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.
Quarterly Business Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Sunday- 29th

Reception Honoring Gwen Sanctuary 12:00 p.m.
Family Picnic Randle Farm 5:00 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Serving the Month of April

Greeters: Gina Cantrell, Todd Miller

Visitors: Charlie and Sybil Gross

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Offering: College

Serving April 15, 2018

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell - Wright

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Denise Stoeckel, Brian Ledbetter, Ella Boone, Kathleen Sabo, Mary Lynn Porter, Chad Parish

Serving April 22, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Lesley Odom, Kathleen Sabo, Lynli Cantrell - Wright, Cathy Summers, Katharine Martin, Julie McClanahan

Serving April 29, 2018

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Amber Berry-Moore, Patrick White, Lynda Weidenbach, Teresa Vest, Amaia Zugazaga, Alan Walker, Jo Jones

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