

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS...

Alumni

by: Tripp Martin

Where we live out our faith at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue, just one block from Toomer's Corner, we hear the word, *alumni*, often. It bounces off the streets of downtown, which are flooded with alumni every fall, and it echoes throughout the walls of the church, as we remember days gone by. The word binds people together, and it recalls the past.

The word, *alumni*, speaks of our roots. It says something about us. It talks about the places we have been and the groups in which we have been a part. It speaks of traditions, stories, and history. It is remembering signs in the windows of shop stores, celebrating the 17-16 victory after "Punt Bama Punt." It is the memory of our freshman dorm, which still haunts us today. It is recalling the friendships forged and the memories cherished.

Entering the month of May is a fitting time to talk about alumni. It is the month of graduation, where we will offer our blessing on our college and high school seniors. On the last Sunday of April, we honored our college seniors, giving them a light to take with them out into the world. We marked this milestone in their lives!

On Sunday, May 6, we will also celebrate with our high school seniors. We will recognize them in worship and honor them during their Senior Banquet. As they become alumni of Auburn High School, we will give thanks for what they have meant to our family of faith, knowing they will always have their roots in this place.

On Sunday, May 27, we will welcome alumni back to Auburn FBC for the College Choir Reunion. The alumni of this choir, who are rooted in this congregation, will return to sing together. They will lead us in worship, as we give thanks for this ongoing tradition.

As we talk about the word, *alumni*, and its connections to the church, it is important for us to say that we will never graduate. The journey of faith borrows strength from the past, but it is a journey we will never complete. We continue to learn and grow, taking with us all we have gained and allowing it to lead us forward.

College Choir Reunion

May 25-27, 2018

Registration at www.auburnfbc.org

We will have a churchwide potluck following worship on Sunday, May 27, when the College Choir will sing. The church will provide the chicken and drinks. *Everyone bring food to share!*

Volunteers Needed

The Music Committee is looking for some volunteers to help move tables and chairs for some of the College Choir reunion activities on Saturday, May 26. Trucks are needed as well. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cathy Summers at

catherine.summers@gmail.com.

VBS Volunteers Meetings

"Under Construction"

June 4-7, 2018

Decorating Days: Sunday, May 20th, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 3rd, 2:00 p.m.

Registration

Register online at auburnfbc.org/vbs18.

Forms are also available at the church office.

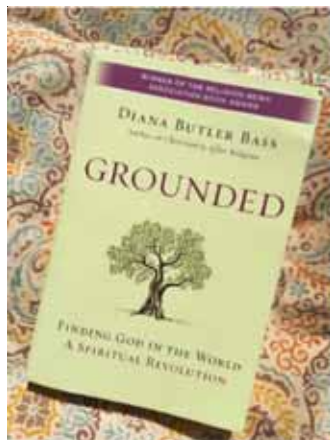
Help our Brasil Mission Team!

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.

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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

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$24,500.00

Pledged: \$14,663.50

Given toward pledge: \$9,552.50

Given unpledged: \$5,915.00

GMO Sunday is over but your opportunity to participate is not! If you did not already pledge or give to the GMO, please prayerfully consider making a monthly pledge or a one time gift. The GMO gifts help in so many ways: locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally. Pledges can be made online at <https://form.jotform.com/80534441844153> or via pledge cards available in the sanctuary.

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.

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. We will also need volunteers for **July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.**

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Heretics”

Led by Tripp Martin

A “heretic” is a label that is earned through history. 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.

Inquirers' Class

for the third through fifth grade Sunday School
Each Sunday in May

During May, these students will gather during Sunday School with Tripp to focus on various aspects of their faith, providing the children an opportunity to ask questions.

Joint Choir Event

Sunday, May 6th, 3:00 p.m., AUMC

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, the AFBC Sanctuary Choir will join with the choirs from several other churches in our area in a collaborative performance of *Gospel Trinity* by Auburn University composer and voice professor, Dr. Rosephanye Powell. This 4-movement work for choir and orchestra celebrates the divine mystery of the Trinity by examining each manifestation of God individually, culminating in a lively setting of the *Gloria Patri*. The 3:00 p.m. performance also includes opportunities for each choir to share at least one piece individually.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dayfriends

Tuesday, May 1st, 11:45 a.m., Acapulco's

Senior Recognition Banquet

Sunday, May 6th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Caring Hands

Tuesday, May 8th, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 9th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 10th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, May 15th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Dayfriends

Tuesday, May 15th, 11:45 a.m., Acapulco's

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom



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

PASSPORTchoices

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

Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 6th, 12:00 p.m.

We will recognize our graduating seniors during worship and host a banquet for them and their parents in the Fellowship Hall.

Graduates: Lynli Cantrell-Wright
Addison Meeks
Walker Shumock-Bailey
Andrew Wang
Amaia Zugazaga

Sparkman Ministry Summer Lunch Program

We have been invited to participate again this summer in a lunch program through a regional food bank in the Sparkman neighborhood. We will serve a free meal provided by the food bank and spend some time playing with the children. On each Tuesday during June, we need a few volunteers to serve lunch at 12:30 p.m. and play games with the children after lunch. If you are interested in helping, please email the church office at kristinahickman@mindspring.com. Location of Sparkman Neighborhood: Sparkman Drive, off Commerce Drive in Auburn.



Graduates:

Lauren Hooie, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
Kari Washburn, Master of Science in Exercise Science –
Motor Behavior

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Resumes in August

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.



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Registration forms are available around the church, or you can register online at: auburnfbc.org/vbs18. Preschool space is limited, and dinner will not be provided this year. We look forward to an exciting week of Vacation Bible School!



End of School Year BBQ

*Sunday, May 20th
12:00-1:30 p.m.,
Activities Building
All preschool, children,
and their families are invited!*

Join us for BBQ as we celebrate the end of the school year. RSVP by email at kristinahickman@mindspring.com or call 887-8506.



July 7-10, 2018

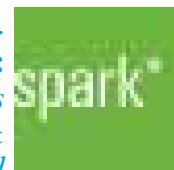
Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Students 3rd-5th grade, Deposit:\$75
Total: \$275 (includes deposit)
Email church office to sign up!
kristinahickman@mindspring.com

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

May 3rd: Cathy Summers
*May 10th: Mary Virginia Moore &
Mary Joe Howard*





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Every Sunday		Every Thursday	
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- 1st

Dayfriends Acapulco's 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday- 2nd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday- 3rd

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.

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Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Classroom 6:30 p.m.

Serving the Month of May

Greeters: Dee Williams, Mary Ann Dell

Visitors: Franklin and Anne Randle

Offering: Sojourner/Young Adults

Loaves & Fishes: Open Hands/Serendipity - May 1

Serving May 6th, 2018

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Mark Wilson, Kellie Wilson, Carolyn Thompson, Amanda Oliver, Steven Eden, Pat Wade, Cynthia Smithart

Loaves & Fishes: TBA

Serving May 13th , 2018

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Sue Walker, Spenser Keel, Mark Coxwell, Amelia White, Betty Tatum, Benjamin Wilson, Anna Coxwell

Loaves & Fishes: Intergenerational Women

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