

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS...

Luggage Tags

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There are certain days, which punctuate the journey of faith. Each and every day of our journey, including the routine and the mundane, is meaningful; but as we look back on the past, there are particular days, which stand out. They seem to mark the seasons of our lives.

Many times these days are rooted in a journey themselves, as we travel to different places or experience new things, learning or serving in the name of Christ. When we step away, we gain another perspective or stumble upon a significant insight. The experiences stand out and speak to us for years to come.

During the month of July, several groups within the church will be updating their luggage tags and traveling to various places for these types of important experiences. Our youth and children, along with their chaperones, will be traveling to Passport Camps. They will meet folks from other churches, read stories from scripture, think about what matters in this life, worship together, and create lasting memories. The theme will be "Enough," remembering the words of Jesus that God's grace is always enough.

Along with these groups going to camp, church members will also go to Brazil. Again this summer, we will join with others to build a church, care for children, and distribute eyeglasses. We are thankful for all of the supplies the church has donated for this mission trip. I am grateful to be able to go this year to see first hand what I have heard about for years.

We are grateful for these types of experiences, which can punctuate our journeys. We also look forward to hearing from our youth, children, and Brazil Mission Team when they return. Each year, these groups share with us on a Thursday evening in August, telling stories and showing pictures. We share our support with them, as they share their stories with us!

On Thursday, August 9, our youth and children, who are going to Passport, will share their stories. The following week on Thursday, August 16, the Brazil Mission Team will offer their reflections. We can go ahead and place those dates on our calendars, as we offer our prayers and encouragement for these groups as they travel.

Arrivals and Departures

PASSPORTkids!

Leaving July 7th
Returning July 10th

BRAZIL

Leaving July 7th
Returning July 20th

PASSPORT

Leaving July 8th
Returning July 13th

Thursday Activities in July

In conversation with the deacons and those who attend on Thursday evenings, we will not have Thursday evening activities during the month of July. We hope this break will provide us with renewed energy for beginning again in August!

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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.

Sanctuary Choir will not meet for rehearsal during July.

Practice will resume on August 2nd.

Looking Ahead...

Promotion Sunday

August 12th

Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Bibles, Trees, & Backpacks

11:00 a.m., Worship Service

AFBC Weekday Parking

As a reminder, weekday parking for Auburn FBC is found in the Gay Street parking lot. The church leases the College Street parking lot to the city during the week. The employees of City Hall use it, and this generates helpful financial resources for our congregation. The parking lot is leased from 7:30-5:30 p.m. during the week. There are signs posted, and the city does issue tickets. The church office is unable to negotiate with the city for tickets issued to church members. Remember to park in the Gay Street parking lot during the week. If a church member has a handicapped sticker, he or she can park in the handicap spots in the College Street parking lot during the week. Also, the city vacates the lot when we have funerals, so it is available for general parking during those services.

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.

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 them know how they might help you by emailing the church office.

Drivers Needed on Sunday

We have heard recently of a need for drivers, helping members get to church on Sunday, who are unable to drive. If you are willing and able to pick up a church member or two on Sundays, please let us know. We appreciate everyone who is able to help! If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact the church office.

Jail Ministry

Each week, church members go to visit the women at the Lee County Detention Center. They gather with about 25-30 women, sharing with them the welcome of God. There is currently a need for volunteers. They go each week on Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Only women can go because of the guidelines of the jail, but no special skills are required. If you are interested in helping, you can contact Mary Joe Howard at 334-887-7458 or howarmj@auburn.edu, or the church office, with any questions. Also, if you know of someone who is a friend of the church, but not necessarily a member, they are also welcome to join this ministry.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, July 1st, 12:30 p.m., Mama Lucy's

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 4th

Brasil Mission Team Depart

Saturday, July 7th, 11:00 a.m., Gay St Lot

Passportkids Depart

Saturday, July 7th, TBA, Gay St Lot

Passport Youth Depart

Sunday, July 8th, 7:00 a.m., Gay St Lot

Dayfriends

Tuesday, July 10th, 11:45 a.m., Newk's

Caring Hands

Tuesday, July 10th, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

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

Stewardship Committee Meeting

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

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, August 2nd, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

A Note from the Library

Did you know we have a church library? We have a large range of books for children to adults and everyone in between. The library is located next to the church office off of the walkway next to the courtyard. Please remember to check out your book before leaving the library. Books checked out should be returned in two weeks.

-Library Committee

Youth Bibles

Our youth Bibles are an important part of our youth ministry at AFBC. Youth receive a new Bible when they enter 6th grade. They use these Bibles throughout their time in the youth ministry of Auburn First Baptist, studying them during Sunday School and Youth Sunday Nights, taking them along to camps and retreats, making notes in them as they learn and grow in their faith. When students graduate from high school, they are presented with their youth Bibles to take with them as they continue their journey of life and faith. We hope these Bibles will represent a sense of rootedness in faith for our young people.

As we approach a new school year, we invite our church family to purchase Bibles for the new group of students joining our youth ministry. Students will receive a letter letting them know who sponsored their Bible. They will know that you and your family have chosen to support their faith journey by providing a Bible for them. In this way, the Bibles will serve as an intergenerational connection point among members of our church. The Bibles will be NRSV, bonded leather, and will have the student's name on the front cover. Total cost is \$30.00 per Bible. Please prayerfully consider providing a Bible for one (or more) of our youth. Thank you!

Names for the Bibles:

JD Martin

Georgia Thompson



Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.



PASSPORTchoices

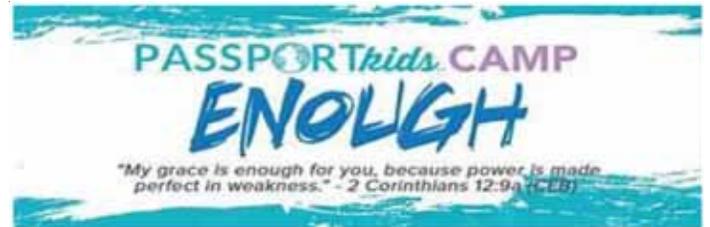
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YOUTH SOS

July 1

6:00 p.m.

The Martins'



Passport Kids Camp

July 7-10, 2018

Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Students 3rd-5th grade



Preschool Pool Party

Saturday, July 21st

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

Not Meeting in July





Auburn First Baptist Church
 128 E Glenn Ave.
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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

Ladies Lunch Bunch Mama Lucy's 12:30 p.m.
 Youth SOS Martins' 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Wednesday- 4th

Church Office Closed

Thursday- 5th

No Evening Activities

Saturday- 7th

Brasil Mission Team Departs Gay St Lot 11:00 a.m.
 Passportkids Depart Gay St Lot TBA

Sunday- 8th

Passport Youth Depart Gay St Lot 6:00 a.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday- 10th

Dayfriends Newk's 11:45 a.m.
 Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday- 11th

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.

Thursday- 12th

Stewardship Committee Mtg Library 5:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday- 15th

No Evening Activities

Serving the Month of July

Greeters: Ben Oni & Brenda McCord

Visitors: Mike & Julie McClanahan

Offering: Pilgrims

Serving July 1st, 2018

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Lynda Weidenbach, Carolyn Thompson, Victoria Eden, Cathy Summers, Cynthia Smithart, Sue Walker

Serving July 8th, 2018

Counters: Aaron Greene, James Nichols, Bill Webster

Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright

Extended Session: Shane Dunn, Kathleen Sabo, Marcie Smith, Amaia Zugazaga, Amanda Oliver, Spenser Keel, Leigh Anne Armstrong

Loaves & Fishes: Penny Popwell

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