

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS...

AFBC Jail Ministry

by: Tripp Martin

During the summer, we make big plans! It might be a vacation we have been looking forward to for months. It might be traveling overseas. We might start a hobby, make a list a goals, or tackle projects around the house. Daniel Burnham, who was the director of the World's Exposition in Chicago in 1893, celebrating innovation and progress, said, "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood."

Big plans are surely important, but let us not forget about the small things. The practice of prayer, gifts of generosity, extension of patience, and gestures of compassion are all small things. Small things can be sacred things.

One of those small things that are sacred is the gift of showing up. Each week, members of Auburn FBC show up at the Lee County Detention Center. They gather with about 25-30 women, sharing with them the welcome of the love of God. They remind the women of God's hope, which can shape a different future.

The ministry started in 1989, almost thirty years ago, when Helen Brown visited Sunday School classes and asked for help with a new Jail Ministry. It has continued ever since, as Helen and others, have continued to show up. The group that goes to the jail each week are needing help in order to continue this ministry, which belongs to us all. Mary Joe Howard has been visiting Sunday School classes and sharing this need.

Church members go to the jail each week on Thursday afternoon from about 1:00-3:00 p.m. It does not require any special skills, just a willingness to show up and remind the women they are loved. There is also flexibility in the schedule, so missing a week is possible. Only women are able to go because of the guidelines of the jail, but men are able to help with the Jail Ministry Christmas Box project.

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. We are grateful for its history, and we remain committed to its future!

Sparkman Ministry Summer Lunch Program

Tuesdays in June, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
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 kristinahickman@mindspring.com. Location of Sparkman Neighborhood: Sparkman Drive, off Commerce Drive in Auburn.

Help our Brasil Mission Team!

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.

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.

VBS: Under Construction

From June 4-7, our church once again joined with Cross Road Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School. Around 35 children from preschool through fifth grade participated in VBS and more than 40 adult volunteers leading in various ways during VBS week and the weeks prior. Together, we had a wonderful and meaningful week of VBS which was also a lot of fun!

Our theme for VBS this year was "Under Construction." We learned that God is a builder. He has created us for good and wants us to do good things and to help him build a stronger community. Children were encouraged to share with others in our community, care for those who are in need, worship, and celebrate together to build a strong community of God.

We began each night with worship, where we read scriptures, prayed, sang songs, and thought of ways we could help others and build a stronger family of God. We also took up our missions offering for Habitat for Humanity. In Bible study, children studied passages from Exodus, Luke, Joshua, and Nehemiah. In crafts, we had fun making various projects that reminded us and helped us share and care for others. During Missions, we learned a lot about Habitat for Humanity and the wonderful work they do to build homes for those in need. We even had Mark Grantham, Director of the Auburn/Opelika Habitat for Humanity Affiliate, visit us one night, and he was able to tell us even more about this organization's wonderful work and our kids were able to ask him great questions! The children even worked to make a quilt that will be given to a Habitat for Humanity family. We also played fun games, ate yummy snacks, and closed each night with more music and worship.

Once again, our VBS Missions offering went to Habitat for Humanity this year. We are so pleased to report that our children raised close to \$300 for this organization! This is so exciting and we know this offering will go to help Habitat to do great work and help those in need right here in our community.

We are extremely appreciative and grateful to everyone who helped in the weeks leading up to VBS with volunteer recruitment, planning, decorating, writing music, preparing materials, snacks and so much more. We are also incredibly thankful to those who were able to be here during VBS week and work directly with the children. Each of you worked so hard to make VBS a success, and more important, a valuable and meaningful time for the children involved. VBS is certainly not possible without amazing and giving volunteers, and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have such talented, caring, and nurturing people in our church family. We would also like to thank all of you, our church family, for your support and prayers during VBS week.

Thank you again for your help and support! We hope that you will be able to join us next summer for another fun week of Vacation Bible School.

With thanks,

Cathy Summers, Elementary VBS Director
Lynn Eden, Preschool VBS Director

College Choir Thank You!

On behalf of the more than 130 College Choir alumni and their families, I wish to thank Auburn First Baptist for the wonderful way in which you hosted us during our College Choir Reunion. By all accounts and measures, this was one of the best reunions ever! So many individuals worked so hard to make this happen. Special thanks goes to our wonderful church staff. They did everything that was asked...and usually before they were asked. They were so welcoming to everyone. The local planning committee chaired by Cathy Summers took care of every detail...both large and small. Our Social Committee chaired by Jeannie Bumgardner and Kellie Wilson provided a wonderful meal for the entire church following Sunday's worship. And there are so many others who...provided food, moved tables and chairs, moved their Sunday School classes, and in general, made all of our visiting alumni and friends feel truly AT HOME at Auburn First Baptist Church! I thank you for being such a welcoming and loving church!

Sincerely,
Dale Peterson
Minister of Music Emeritus

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Senior Adult Luncheon

*Tuesday, June 19th, 11:30 a.m., Sunny's Home Cooking
7380 Fairfax Bypass, Valley, AL 36854*

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, June 19th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers'

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 20th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Dayfriends

Tuesday, June 26th, 11:45 a.m., Moe's BBQ

Caring Hands

Tuesday, June 26th, 5:30 p.m., Seekers'

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, June 27th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys



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

PASSPORTchoices

July 8-13, 2018
 Balance due now

YOUTH SUNS

June 24

Moore's Mill Subdivision Pool

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
 "Stories from the Front Porch"

June 21 & 28

Led by Tripp Martin

For a few upcoming Thursdays this summer, we will reflect on short stories by Philip Gulley. Gulley is an author, speaker, and pastor of a Quaker congregation in Indiana. He writes about the stories of neighbors and friends, discovering the sacred threads within them that connect us to God's presence. The summer is a time for the front porch, sitting and connecting with others. Hopefully, these stories will help us notice the deep connections in our lives to the grace and goodness of God.

Camp War Eagle

Camp War Eagle (CWE) is the freshman orientation program of Auburn University. Incoming freshmen attend one session during the summer to register for classes and learn about the many opportunities Auburn has to offer. At each session there is a Campus Ministries table with information about churches and ministries in Auburn and Opelika. Campus ministers and volunteers are available to answer questions and help new students connect with religious life in this area. Students have the opportunity to share their contact information if they are interested in learning more about churches and ministries. We hope some of these new freshmen will get involved at AFBC!

CWE 2018 dates:

- Session 1: May 24-25
- Session 2: May 31-June 1
- Session 3: June 7-8
- Session 4: June 11-12
- Session 5: June 14-15
- Session 6: June 21-22
- Session 7: June 25-26
- Session 8: June 28-29
- Session 9: July 9-10
- Session 10: July 12-13

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 8:00-5:30 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.



Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.



Passport Kids Camp

July 7-10, 2018

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

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

June 21st: Dawn Driggers

June 28th: Julie McClanahan





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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.

Saturday- 16th

Montgomery Field Trip Holy Trinity 8:45 a.m.

Sunday- 17th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday- 19th

Senior Adult Luncheon Sunny's 11:30 a.m.
Sparkman Lunch Sparkman Drive 12:30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday- 20th

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.

Thursday- 21st

Youth Hang Out Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventures Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday- 24th

Youth SOS Moore's Mill Pool 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday- 26th

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Sparkman Lunch Sparkman Drive 12:30 p.m.
Caring Hands Seekers' 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday- 27th

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Serving the Month of June

Greeters: Aaron and Brenda Greene

Visitors: Ken and Lisa Stone

Offering: Seekers

Loaves & Fishes: Sojourners

Serving June 17th, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Ruthie Spiers, Brian Ledbetter, Joan Layne, Steven Eden, Julie McClanahan, Alan Walker

Serving June 24th, 2018

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Lesley Odom, Patrick White, Jay Spiers, Ella Boone, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

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