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REFLECTIONS...

Recreation

by: Tripp Martin

In the long days of July when the sun remains high in the sky for hours and outdoor activities abound, I think about what it means to have time for recreation. It is time for running and playing, enjoyment and leisure. It does not feel like we have to accomplish anything. We have permission to make room for something else.

Seemingly, it has little to do with the community of faith. We might protest the caricature that church is boring, citing the laughter we hear around the table together. We could mention everyone's favorite rotation at Vacation Bible School, which is recreation. We might even point to the playground we have at the church.

Recreation has more to do with the community of faith than we realize, but not for any of these reasons. When we look at the purpose of recreation, it is about re-creation. We keep time differently during recreation in order to create something new—to re-create. There is room for connections and teamwork, renewal and enjoyment.

The community of faith helps us develop a similar rhythm, balancing our work, family, and leisure, which makes room for re-creation. It helps us to find a different pace, so we can abide in the newness of life.

In recreation it might not seem like we are accomplishing anything, but if nothing else, our hearts and minds are free to focus on a common purpose. It gives us an opportunity to create something new.

When I hear laughter around the tables at church, watch the children running at VBS, or see the youngest among us climbing on the playground, I am reminded that we participate in re-creation together. We are keeping time differently, gathering in a separate space, and joining together for a common purpose. We are celebrating, laughing, and working together in the joy and hope of Christ. As we enjoy time for recreation, we can give thanks for the re-creation of the journey of faith.

Looking Ahead...

Promotion Sunday

August 12th



**Pancake
Breakfast**
9:00 a.m.,
Fellowship
Hall

Bibles, Trees, & Backpacks

11:00 a.m.,
Worship Service



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.

JAIL MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2018

It's time to turn our attention to our church's involvement in the Lee County Detention Center's Christmas boxes. Please survey your home for empty shoe boxes you might contribute. Boxes must be at least 6 inches wide and have removable tops (please, no fold over tops this year.)

Several churches share the work of preparing 400 boxes (total inmates). Auburn First Baptist and Opelika United Methodist each prepare 150 boxes; several small churches in Auburn and Opelika prepare the rest. This is the 3rd year that Central Baptist Church will join us with our 150 boxes. Please bring them to the table in the church library.

Teresa Vest and Mary Joe Howard
Christmas Boxes Project Chair and Co-Chair

Jail Ministry - Weekly Visits

Volunteers Needed

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.

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.

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

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting will be Thursday, August 2nd at 5:45 p.m. The Agenda items will be the *Nominating Committee Report, Trust Fund Report, Recommendation of Mission Committee for Mission Trust Fund, and addition of Members to Committee on Committees.*

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Senior Adult Luncheon

Not Meeting in July

Deacons' Meeting

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

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 22nd, 12:00 p.m., Youth Room

Dayfriends

Tuesday, July 24th, 11:45 a.m., Taziki's

Caring Hands

Tuesday, July 24th, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, July 25th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ole' Boys

College Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 29, 12:00 p.m., Library

Quarterly Business Meeting

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



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6:00 p.m.

July 22
The Meeks'

July 29
The Edens'

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

Starts Tuesday, August 21st

The fall semester at Auburn University is fast approaching, and that means college Tuesday night Bible study will be starting soon! Our first Tuesday night Bible study will be on August 21st. Please support our college ministry by providing a meal for our students. Help us welcome students to our church and invest in their lives by signing up to bring supper this semester. Thank you!

If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at lauraedgar@mindspring.com or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.



Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

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.

**Auburn First Baptist Church
and the Auburn Community
are cordially invited to attend
an Organ Recital**

**presented by
Bryan King**

**Sunday, August 5 at 3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary, Auburn First Baptist**



Preschool Pool Party

Saturday, July 21st

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Solamere Subdivision Pool

(Located off Hwy 14 on Frontier Circle)

Lunch will be provided. Remember to bring swimming gear, towels, and a change of clothes.

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

Not Meeting in July





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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.

Tuesday- 17th

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

Wednesday- 18th

Memorials Committee Meeting Library 3:00 p.m.

Thursday- 19th

No Evening Activities

Friday- 20th

Brazil Returns Gay St Lot 11:30 p.m.

Saturday- 21st

Preschool Pool Party Solamere Pool 10:00 a.m.

Sunday- 22nd

Youth Committee Meeting Youth Room 12:00 p.m.

Youth SOS The Meeks' 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday- 24th

Dayfriends Taziki's 11:45 a.m.

Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday- 25th

Senior Adult Dinner Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

Thursday- 26th

No Evening Activities

Sunday- 29th

College Committee Meeting Library 12:00 p.m.

Youth SOS The Edens' 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Serving the Month of July

Greeters: Ben Oni & Brenda McCord

Visitors: Mike & Julie McClanahan

Offering: Pilgrims

Serving July 15th, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Jeannie Bumgardner, Cindy Cleveland, Suzanne Parish, Amber Berry-Moore, Jay Spiers, Terri Wood

Loaves & Fishes: Gwynne Lovelady

Serving July 22nd, 2018

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Mary Dell, Lynda Weidenbach, Ruthie Spiers, Jason Summers, Lynn Eden, Chad Parish, Katharine Martin

Loaves & Fishes: Intergenerational Women

Serving July 29th, 2018

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Pat Randle, Lesley Odom, Carolyn Thompson, Amelia White, Anna Coxwell, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

Loaves & Fishes: Carolyn Grimes & Charlotte Ward

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