



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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## WORSHIP

*Five Years*

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May 3rd

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 2:42-47  
John 10:1-10

May 10th

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Acts 7:55-60

Lay Worship Leader for May:  
Ashley Aston

Five years ago, Auburn First Baptist Church called Laura Edgar as its Associate Pastor for Youth, College, and Young Adults, and for countless reasons, we give thanks! We are thankful for Laura's ministry and the many ways it has shaped our young people. She has spent these five years traveling alongside our youth and walking next to our college students.

On May 15, 2020, Laura will celebrate five years of ministry at Auburn FBC! During this time of sheltering in place, it is easy to lose track of time. In order to keep track of time, and to celebrate it, we do well to mark our time. We need an opportunity to express our thanksgiving!

We had planned on marking this time by recognizing Laura at the end of worship on May 17, but we will wait until we are able to gather together again on Sunday morning. In the meantime, we can write notes of gratitude and send words of encouragement to mark this significant anniversary! We can still mark this time with our words in a meaningful way.

The beauty of these notes and words is that they will outlast the immediate moment. They will continue to speak beyond the anniversary of five years, as they can be revisited and read again. Before May 15, I invite you to write a note to Laura to express your thanksgiving for the ministry she has shared with us. These notes can be mailed to the church office.

We are thankful for all the ways in which Laura has ministered to our young people and our congregation. We mark this time by saying, "Thanks be to God." We are thankful for the gifts of grace and the hope of community, for which Laura has offered, shared, and given!

We celebrate with Laura and Seth and all they mean to this congregation! We are thankful for the ways they have spent their time among us!

## REMINDERS

### Worship

Our worship service is live streamed on the website each week.

[AuburnFBC.org/Live](http://AuburnFBC.org/Live)

### Midweek Reflections

We are talking about "Creating Sacred Spaces in Our Lives." A video is posted on the website each week.

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](http://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

### Gatherings

Activities such as Round Table, Connecting Faith and Families, Thursday Evening Activities, and others are to be determined until the concerns related to COVID-19 change.

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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.

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday School

During this time of social distancing, Sunday School classes are finding ways to remain connected. Teachers are sharing lessons, and classes are meeting virtually. We are thankful for these connections. The Seeker's Class is meeting through Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining them, please email Gerald Johnson, [drj.gwj@gmail.com](mailto:drj.gwj@gmail.com).

## MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Each Wednesday, a reflection on "Creating Sacred Spaces in Our Lives" is posted to our website. We are discussing the sacredness of each day, even in our different circumstances.

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](http://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

## ONLINE GIVING

Our Stewardship Committee and Deacons have been working on an online giving option. It is now available on the website. The primary option is to give to the General Fund via credit card. One aspect of this option is a 3% transaction fee by the company, which handles the secure transaction. Each giver has the option to include the fee in his or her gift. If this option is not chosen, the church will need to cover the fee. The giver can also set up a recurring monthly gift if it is preferable. We hope this will be a helpful option for the congregation, especially during this time we are apart.

A giver can also give through an ACH, entering a bank account number and pertinent information.

*This is only an additional option for giving!* Everyone can continue to give as they have given in the past. Checks can be mailed to the church. If you have any questions about online giving, please email Kristina Hickman, [kristina@auburnfbc.org](mailto:kristina@auburnfbc.org).

[AuburnFBC.org/Give](http://AuburnFBC.org/Give)

## FELLOWSHIP

### PrimeTimers on the Move

There will not be a meeting in May. Our schedule remains to be determined.

### CBF General Assembly

#### Virtual Gathering

CBF asks that you hold June 24-26 for a series of virtual gatherings of worship, inspiration, education, fellowship and business. In the coming weeks, CBF will announce a schedule and provide more information.

## MISSIONS

### Help our Brasil Mission Team!

Below is a *list of items* the mission team will need for the children of Brasil. Please place donations for this project in the bucket provided in the hallway outside the church office. *The mission team continues to assess the concerns of Covid-19.*

*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.

### Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others during this time by paying for the meals we would normally deliver each week for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class, or individual, would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Teresa Vest or Kristina Hickman. Each week costs about \$75.

## COLLEGE

### Bible Study & Breakfast

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

Not Meeting

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

## YOUTH

### Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner

5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

*Not Meeting*

### Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

*Not Meeting*

### Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

*Via Zoom*

### Virtual Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.*

We will recognize our high school graduates during our live-streamed morning worship.

## VBS

### Vacation Bible School

Join us June 1-4 as we learn about Bible stories and about missions. Our Directors will be Cathy Summers and Sue Walker. Our leadership is discussing options for Vacation Bible School. *Due to the concerns of Covid-19 and the unknown circumstances in June, we might alter our traditional plans for VBS.* The details are to be determined.

## CHILDREN

### Zoom with Pastor Tripp

*Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.*

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Email Tripp for more information.

### Children's Choirs (3\* year olds – 5th Grade)

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building*

*\*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.*

*Not Meeting*

### Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building*

*Not Meeting*

### Spark Adventure

*Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building*

*Not Meeting*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### *Every Sunday*

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

### *Every Thursday*

Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

We continue to practice social distancing until we are able to gather again. We will continue to send updates via email about our schedule, consulting with healthcare professionals and our lay leadership. Currently, the church office remains closed, as our staff is working from home. The email addresses for the staff are found in the newsletter and website. If you need to contact the ministerial staff, Tripp Martin (334-332-4100), Morris Driggers (864-981-0963), or Laura Edgar (334-233-2267).

### Serving in May

Our Counters, Sound & Light, and Extended Session volunteers remain to be determined.

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