



WORSHIP

November 1st

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Matthew 5:1-12
All Saints' Day

November 8th

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 78:1-7
Matthew 25:1-13

Lay Worship Leader for November
Jeremy Stokes

REMINDERS

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 1st

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

Sacred Words: Reclaim, Redefine & Rediscover

A video is posted on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

All Saints' Day

By: Tripp Martin

Each year on the Church's Calendar, we are invited to celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1. It is a day, which invites us to give thanks for the saints who have gone before us into the nearer presence of God. It is difficult to speak of loss and grief; but it is also healing and hopeful, for we remember the love of God, which holds us and never lets us go.

We also give thanks for the goodness of the lives of the saints. We have shared the journey of faith with them, so their lives have shaped our lives. We remember and offer our thanksgiving for the grace of God, which we have found in sharing this journey with them.

On All Saints' Day in worship, we read the names of church members we have lost in the previous twelve months. We light a candle to give thanks for them, remembering the light they shared with us, as it reflected the light of Christ. Even though we are not gathering together in person for worship, the family members of those we will remember, who are members of the church, will be invited to sit in the sanctuary to hear the name of their loved one called out. It is less than ten people, and we will wear masks and practice social distancing.

In the midst of a pandemic, where so many people have experienced loss on many levels, we remember the love of God, which comes to us wherever we are. One way the love of God comes to us is through the gift of community. We have cultivated community in different ways this year. All Saints' Day is an opportunity for us to offer support and to provide prayers for everyone who is grieving.

The hope of worship and the gift of community tell us we are not alone! We all grieve and need the support of others. In our grief and heartache, we can share in God's love by standing in solidarity with one another. We can offer a word of encouragement, write a note of kindness, or drop off a meal of grace.

We give thanks for the saints of Auburn First Baptist, for how they have shaped our lives, and for the gift of community, which continues to carry us forward.

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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.

Deacon Biographies

Deacon Elections will be held at a Special Called Business Meeting, which will be virtual in December.

Leigh Anne Armstrong has been a member of AFBC as a child, youth, college student, and adult for around 44 years. She has previously served as Deacon, Deacon Secretary, and Deacon Chair, as well as a several year interim in student ministry. In normal times, Leigh Anne leads the Older Children's Choir, teaches an amazing group in Conversational English, plays in the First Bells, coordinates the VBS worship team, and writes the Grace Notes for the Sunday service order, and misses all of that mightily; she is very thankful for the chance to Zoom with her Travelers Sunday School class each week. She devotes time to music sharing and writing, language crafting, nurturing relationships, seeking social justice, and searching out sacred moments everywhere. Her big family, by blood and love, includes parents, Oyette and Brenda Chambliss, grown kids Sarah, Abby, and Sam, and the beloved partners they have welcomed into our circle.

Anna Coxwell and her husband, Mark, joined AFBC in 2013, and they are the parents of William, 8, and Joseph, 4. Anna is the Logistics & Purchasing Manager for Winkelmann Flowform Technology in Auburn, which continues her career in Industrial Supply Chain. She is a member of the Sojourners Sunday School class and serves as the Extended Session coordinator. She has previously served as a preschool Sunday School teacher as well as serving on several committees. Anna and Mark own Butcher Paper BBQ in Opelika, Alabama.

Wayne Flynt has been a member of AFBC since moving to Auburn in the Fall of 1977. Until his retirement after 40 years teaching history, he was chair of the history department and Distinguished University Professor at Auburn University. He has served as Deacon, as member of several pulpit committees, and taught the college, single adult, and Pilgrims Sunday school classes. He updated the church history and carried lots of chairs and tables, but has not cooked anything. He has, however, eaten lots of really good food at church prepared by others.

Brian Ledbetter has been a member of AFBC since 2008.

Brian and Shane have two young children Liam (age 7) and Weslyn (age 2), who are active within the children's programs of AFBC. Brian is a Sr. Financial Advisor for AIG Retirement Services/VALIC. He has served as Treasurer of AFBC since 2011, and has served on many other church committees including Deacons and the Stewardship Committee. Brian is also an active member of the Sanctuary Choir.

Kelly Meeks joined AFBC 20 years ago in 2000. During that time, she has participated in many ways throughout the church. She has been a Trustee, Deacon, Youth Sunday School teacher, Children's Committee member, Youth Committee member, Food Service member and served on Committee on Committees. One of her most meaningful experiences was being on the Search Committee that brought Tripp Martin to AFBC. She is currently a member of First Bells. She has been married to Tim, a PE teacher at East Samford School, for 27 years and has one daughter, Addison, who is a junior at Troy University. She grew up in Atlanta and graduated from Auburn University in 1992 with a BS in International Business. She has worked for InterContinental Hotels Group for 28 years and enjoys time spent with her family and friends, as well as horseback riding and reading.

Ben Oni joined AFBC in 2005. He has been married to Bosede (Margaret) Oni for 46 years. They have four children Mr. Uyi Oni, 43, Mr. Efosa Oni, 40, Ms. Amenze Oni, 39, and Mr. Iyare Oni, 35. He is currently the Interim Chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Tuskegee University. He studied Electrical Engineering and graduated from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI; Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; and the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO. He serves on the Greeters Committee, and this is his first time serving as a Deacon.

Frank Randle has been a member of AFBC since 1981. He has served on various committees in the past and has been a Deacon. He is married to Pat, and they have two sons, Franklin (Anne) and Zachary (Ashley).

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and mailing it to the church office with your check by *November 16th*. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up from the AFBC Courtyard after morning worship on December 27, 2020.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m. in the AFBC Courtyard

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights
Youth Hang Out Time
Not Meeting

Youth Choir
Not Meeting

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.

November 1st: AFBC Courtyard

November 8th: Zoom

November 15th: AFBC Courtyard

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

CHILDREN

Advent Family Workshop

Sunday, November 27th

Families are invited to participate virtually! Supplies will be delivered. Please email kristina@auburnfbc.org by November 8 if you would like to participate!

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2021

Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

Children's Bible Study

Each week we will post a weekly Children's Bible Study, which will be compiled by several church members. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon, or even during the week.

AuburnFBC.org/CBS

Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter

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.

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).

Social Media

Facebook: [Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/AuburnFBC](https://www.youtube.com/AuburnFBC)

Twitter: [@AuburnFBC](https://twitter.com/AuburnFBC)

Apple Podcasts: [AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/ApplePod)

Google Play: [AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/GooglePod)

RSS: [AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast](https://www.auburnfbc.org/FeedPodcast)

Serving in November

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

Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

The Ad Hoc Committee on Worship and Gatherings continues to meet and discuss the data from the Alabama Department of Public Health and other regional medical authorities regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in our area. While limited, physically-distanced, outdoor in-person gatherings are continuing at the church, current guidance does not support a return to large scale worship activities in our Sanctuary. Understanding what this means to the life of the church and how it affects important dates that are approaching on the church calendar, we plan to convene *monthly* to monitor changes in the data and discuss alternatives for the various activities that normally occur this time of year. We continue to be grateful to the congregation for your patience and resilience during this time! The creative ways you have found to share community with one another have truly been inspiring.



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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 Round Table

November 1 & 8, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

“The Gift of Imperfections”

Led by Terri Byrd, Coordinator for Alabama CBF

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVIJoUEZqeVpsbHlIdz09>

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays

Location will alternate between AFBC and Zoom.

We will discuss *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison on the weeks that we meet at AFBC. The weeks that we meet via Zoom, we will chat about parent/faith related topics. Contact Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com for more information.

November 1st: AFBC Gay St. Lot; 6:00-7:30 p.m.

November 8th: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

MISSIONS

Cookie Walk 2020

Every year, we are invited to bake cookies and to support the Cookie Walk, a fundraiser for the WeHelp Coalition and Habitat for Humanity. This year the Cookie Walk will look different. Instead of baking cookies, we are invited to make a financial gift. Church members can give to the Cookie Walk through Auburn FBC. Please write Cookie Walk on the memo line. Donations can also be given at the event. The church will also give a donation out of its Benevolence Fund.

Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

One of our partnerships in ministry is Alabama CBF. We are grateful for the ministries we are able to do together! We are thankful for Amelia White, who will begin serving on the Coordinating Council of Alabama CBF in 2021, which provides leadership to CBF's ministries. We are grateful she will represent our congregation!

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

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