



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

May 15, 2021

WORSHIP

May 16th

Seventh Sunday of Easter
John 17:6-19
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 23rd

Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

May 30th

Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Preacher, Laura Edgar

Lay Worship Leader for May:
Ron Little

The Day of Pentecost

By: Tripp Martin

On Sunday, May 23, we will celebrate the birthday of the Church! It takes place fifty days following the Day of Resurrection when the Holy Spirit filled the room like a mighty, rushing wind. People from all over the world were drawn together, bound to one another by the grace of God. Pentecost tells the story of the width of Christ's love and the depth of God's grace.

Many of us have attended dinners, which sample cuisine from around the globe. Our Conversational English class has often times invited all of the participants to bring samples of food from their countries, allowing everyone to enjoy them.

Stephanie Paulsell, who teaches at Harvard Divinity School, recalls her daughter studying abroad with other students from different countries. Everyone prepared a meal with food from their countries. Her daughter said, "I want my life to be full of meals like these."

The connections we make with others, despite our differences, are quite meaningful! They remind us of what matters the most. We discover the image of God in others, and in ourselves.

When we are learning a different language, we discover the bridges we need to build in order to communicate with others. Paulsell's daughter, who was teaching her some Italian, said, "You've got to let go of English. You've got to learn to hear in Italian as well. It's not just English expressed another way. You've got to think differently."

Pentecost teaches us to think differently! We begin to think of the Church as a global community. We begin to see each other, and people around the world, as our brothers and sisters. It alters our view of the Church and our lives, navigating this world and addressing its needs with more grace and goodness.

As we light the candles on the Church's birthday cake, let us hope to see again the global reach of the body of Christ.

**During the summer, please call Laura Edgar (334-233-2267) or Morris Driggers (864-981-0963) for pastoral care emergencies.*

REMINDERS

Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

Practicing Our Faith
Final post is May 26.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

Church Office Closed

Monday, May 31st

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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 School*Will resume in August*

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*Will resume in August***Connecting Faith and Family***Will resume in August***Ad Hoc Committee Update for
Worship & Gatherings**

Starting in May, small group gatherings of 25 people or less can meet in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. We suggest Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., limiting these gatherings to one group per week at first. Groups interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall should call the church office at least 48 hours in advance. Food or drink is still not allowed inside the building, and groups should have a way of taking attendance in the event contact tracing is needed (e.g., Sign-up Genius, taking roll, etc). Masks and physical distancing are required while inside the building.

Worship attendance has been increased to 100 people with no other changes to the protocols at this time. The email to sign-up for Sunday worship goes out on Mondays.

The committee also set a target date of August 8 for a full resumption of church activities, including Sunday School, Sunday & Thursday night activities, and child-care on Sunday mornings.

We will meet again in May to review and consider any further modifications to our gatherings and guidelines as we enter the summer months. Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

**End of School Pool Party**

Saturday, May 15th
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Kindergarten - 5th grade

Grove Hill Subdivision Pool (at Stanton Dr) - Smaller Pool
(Moore's Mill to Grove Hill Rd then dead end and right on Stanton Dr)

Breakfast will be provided. Remember to bring swimming gear, towels, and a change of clothes. Please RSVP to Leah (text 706-980-0999).

**Preschool Children
and Families!**

Join us for a playdate!
Sunday, May 23rd
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
MLK Park

Sign up to let us know you are coming:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ADA623A0F2-auburn>

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](https://www.auburnfbc.org/CBS)

Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter*Will resume in August***Spark Adventure**

Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building
Will resume in August

YOUTH

Thursday Nights
Youth Hang Out Time
Will resume in August

Youth Choir
Will resume in August

Youth Sunday Nights
Will resume in August

School's Out Event
Sunday, May 23
1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Chewacla State Park

Passport Youth Camp
July 5-10, 2021
Furman University, Greenville, SC
Total: \$450
Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

SAVE-THE-DATE

Vacation Bible School
"Renew"
June 21-24, 2021

We look forward to Vacation Bible School this year! We will learn about God's creation and how faith grows in our lives. Our plans are to meet in person. We will have guidelines for a safe and fun VBS!

<https://AuburnFBC.org/VBS21>

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast
Sundays, 10:15 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study
Will resume in August

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday		Every Thursday	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Dinner	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.

Our weekly calendar will be determined by our Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings. The tentative long-term plan is to begin our regular schedule in August. **Promotion Sunday will be August 8.**

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*

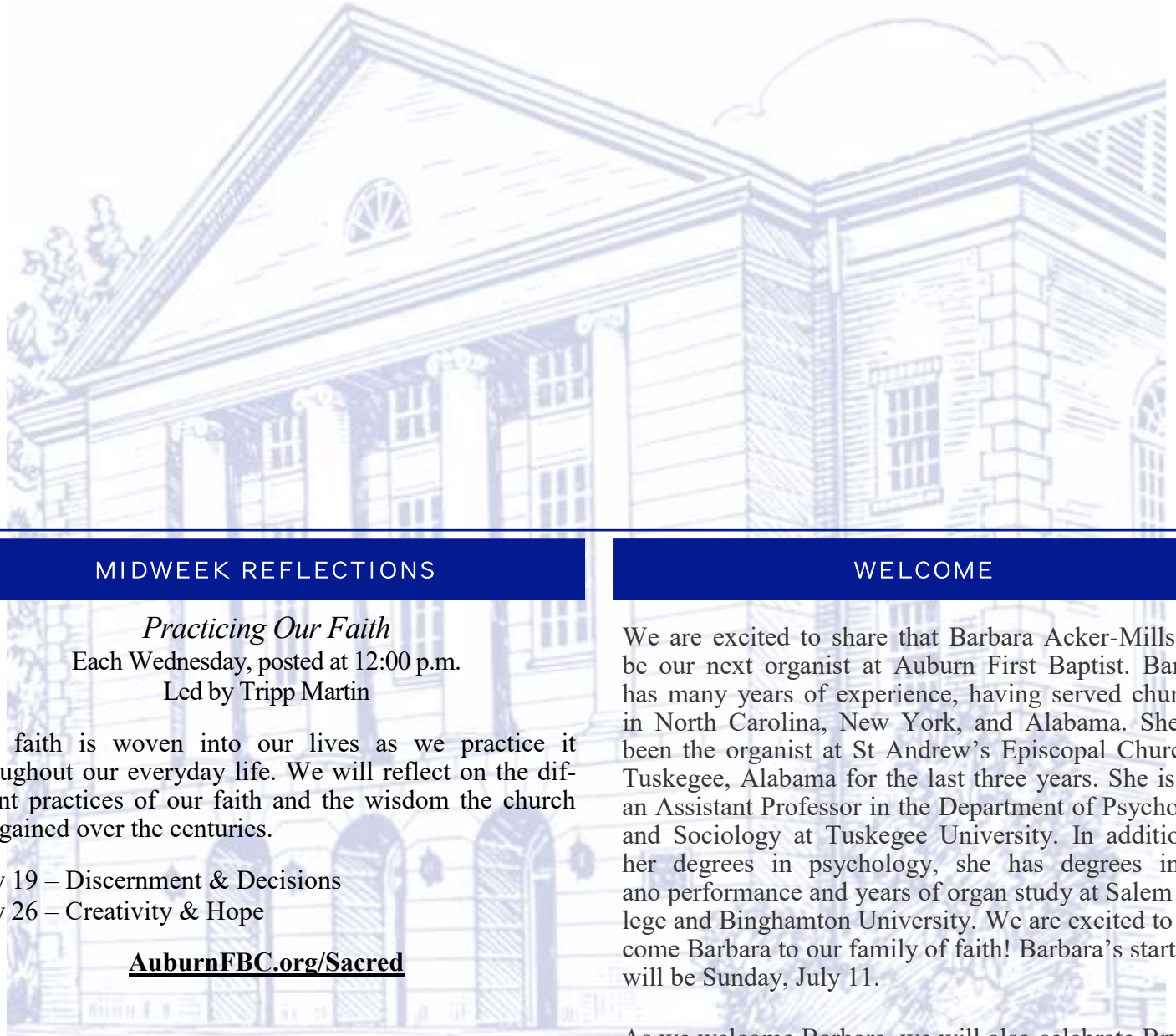
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MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Practicing Our Faith

Each Wednesday, posted at 12:00 p.m.

Led by Tripp Martin

Our faith is woven into our lives as we practice it throughout our everyday life. We will reflect on the different practices of our faith and the wisdom the church has gained over the centuries.

May 19 – Discernment & Decisions

May 26 – Creativity & Hope

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](https://www.auburnfbc.org/sacred)

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

Thursday, May 20, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Masks are required. Please sign-up to attend.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945aea72da5f94-pilgrims>

WELCOME

We are excited to share that Barbara Acker-Mills will be our next organist at Auburn First Baptist. Barbara has many years of experience, having served churches in North Carolina, New York, and Alabama. She has been the organist at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tuskegee, Alabama for the last three years. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Sociology at Tuskegee University. In addition to her degrees in psychology, she has degrees in piano performance and years of organ study at Salem College and Binghamton University. We are excited to welcome Barbara to our family of faith! Barbara's start date will be Sunday, July 11.

As we welcome Barbara, we will also celebrate Bryan's retirement. In conversation with Bryan, we will wait until the early fall when the congregation can all be together in order to give thanks for his twenty-one years of service to our congregation. Waiting until the fall will allow everyone to gather in the sanctuary, knowing that the summer could involve travel for many.