

WORSHIP

Renew

By: Laura Edgar

June 20th

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 9:9-10
Mark 4:35-41
Preacher, Sarah Jackson Shelton

Is it time to renew your driver's license or car tag? Maybe you have renewed a streaming service or magazine subscription. We have to renew these things from time to time. While we may be able to forget about them for a bit, knowing they'll last for a while, eventually, they need our attention.

June 27th

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Lamentations 3:22-26
Mark 4:1-9
Preacher, Laura Edgar

We also need renewal in our lives. Merriam-Webster describes "renew" as "to make like new; restore to freshness." Doesn't that sound good? We all get tired, discouraged, and frustrated at times. That project we started with such enthusiasm takes longer than we realized. That relationship we decided to work on requires more energy than we planned. That goal we're trying to reach still seems distant. We don't want to give up, don't want to quit. We're just so tired. How can we find renewal?

Lay Worship Leader for June:
Candy Enkeboll

This year our theme for Vacation Bible School is "Renew." We'll focus on creation care, challenging participants to think globally and act locally every day. The writers of our VBS curriculum hope to inspire us to "grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as we practice stewardship of creation."

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

I wonder if we might think about renewal in our own lives as a form of stewardship. We often talk about stewardship in terms of money and giving, specifically to the church. Stewardship is about management of something entrusted to us, taking good care, being responsible. Each of us is entrusted with what Mary Oliver calls our "one wild and precious life." How will we steward our lives?

Part of careful stewardship is taking time for renewal. It includes those small moments that are life-giving and good: rest, meaningful conversation with a friend, gardening, reading a good book, going for a walk, worshiping together, appreciating the beauty of creation, etc. It is also ongoing and slow work: stopping to grieve and realizing we need time to heal, learning to accept help from others, discerning what is life-giving and what is life-draining.

May we find renewal individually and collectively as we journey together.

Vacation Bible School

June 21-24
"Renew"

<https://AuburnFBC.org/VBS21>

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

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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 August 8*

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 August 8***Connecting Faith and Family***Will resume August 8***Ad Hoc Committee Update for
Worship & Gatherings**

As pandemic conditions continue to improve, the Ad Hoc Committee for Worship & Gatherings, along with the Deacons, have approved additional changes to the safety guidelines.

1. Congregational singing has resumed.
2. The sign-up process for attending worship has been eliminated.
3. Attendance for gatherings in the Coleman Fellowship Hall has been increased from 25 to 50, and food and drink are now allowed. Groups should contact the church office to confirm availability and schedule gatherings at least 48 hours in advance.

Live streaming will continue to be an option for worship.

In returning to in-person Sunday School, the committee needed to consider the interruption of the Nominating Committee's work last year. Since some classes do not currently have Sunday School leaders, the committee felt the return to Sunday School should occur on August 8.

We will meet again in June to review additional modifications as necessary. We appreciate the congregation's continued patience, prayer, and support as we look forward to the next phase of returning to worship and gatherings at the church!

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 post a Children's Bible Study, which is 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*Will resume August 8***Spark Adventure***Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building**Will resume August 5***Vacation Bible School****"Renew"****June 21-24, 2021**

Vacation Bible School is almost here! We're looking forward to a great week as we learn about God's creation and how faith grows in our lives. In consultation with our Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings, we have guidelines in place for a safe and fun in-person VBS. We appreciate all our volunteers and the work of our directors, Cathy Summers and Sue Walker.

Register today: <https://AuburnFBC.org/VBS21>

YOUTH

Youth SOS

Sunday nights during the summer

Summer is here! Our youth Sunday night gatherings look a little different in the summer. We call them Sunday Nights of Summer or SOS. Families sign up to host a night. This year we will gather outside as much as possible: in backyards, at parks, or other venues around town. We'll eat together, play games, and build a deeper sense of community within our group. SOS is a great time for fellowship and making memories. We're looking forward to a fantastic summer in the youth ministry!

YOUTH SOS

June 27, 6:00 p.m.
TBA

July 18, 6:00 p.m.
Parish/Wilson
Location TBA

July 25, 6:00 p.m.
Sabo
Location TBA

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Depart: Monday, July 5 @ 8:00 a.m.

Return: Saturday, July 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

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

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.

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 June

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

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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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

Wednesday, June 16, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall