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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Sabbath and Scripture

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May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

May 29th

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34
John 17:20-26

Lay Worship Leader for May:
Tracy Collier Cline

In her book, *This Here Flesh*, Cole Arthur Riley observes, “It seems like anytime God is talking about salvation in the Bible, [God] makes a point to name rest. ‘I’ll refresh tired bodies’ (Jeremiah 31:25, MSG). ‘Find rest for your souls’ (Matthew 11:29). And, in Psalm 23:2, we have “He makes me lie down.” What a peculiar answer to the valley of the shadow of death. You might expect God’s response to be to have people rise, to empower them to fight. But God’s answer is unapologetic care for the body. The deepest yet most neglected of needs. What does it mean that in response to the terrors of the world, God would have us lie down? To eat? To drink from still waters? The most enduring yet undermined sentiment of evangelism: ‘Come to me all you that are weary...and I will give you rest.’ (Matthew 11:28).” (148)

I’ll let you in on a secret: ministers may talk about rest and sabbath. We’re not very good at making time for these life-giving and life-saving practices. I’m so grateful for the thoughtfulness of this church in providing the opportunity of Sabbath Study Leave for its ministers. These times of rest and renewal have always been important, and this congregation had the wisdom and foresight to put plans in place long ago. The pandemic years have heightened the need for rest and stepping away for a time. I am thankful you are giving me the chance to do that this summer.

The focus of my Sabbath Study Leave is “Illuminating Scripture.” As the psalmist says in Psalm 119:105: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” A lamp, a light: illumination. There are times when we sense the light of scripture directing our paths, and there are other times when the words seem shrouded in mystery and difficulty. The words of scripture sometimes bring us comfort, sometimes give us pause, sometimes challenge our perspectives. We return to the text over and over again: in sermon and song, Sunday School lessons and prayers. Stories and passages we know so well come to life in new ways as we hear them again.

This summer I’m pausing to see and hear how scripture might come to life in my soul in new ways. I’m looking for different perspectives and approaches to the reading of scripture. I’m listening for how the Bible gives shape to ministry in other places. My journey will take me to Nashville to meet with an Old Testament scholar and pastor of a local church. She was the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible studies and has taught and preached for decades. In Kentucky, I’ll learn about the work of Baptist Seminary of Kentucky’s Rural Ministry Program and its Institute for Black Church Studies. I’ll also travel to Saint John’s Abbey in Minnesota to see the Saint John’s Bible and experience Benedictine rhythms of life and hospitality. The Saint John’s Bible is a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible that brings scripture to life in a unique and beautiful way.

I am thrilled and overwhelmingly grateful for the opportunity to learn from people and places gifted at bringing scripture to life. I’ll miss my church family and look forward to sharing together when I return. Thank you for this chance to pursue rest and renewal for my mind, body, and soul.

REMINDERS

Family Picnic

Families, Children, & Preschool
Sunday, May 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Randle Farms

Church Office Closed

Monday, May 30th

Vacation Bible School

June 6 - 9

Partners with God

Register now at

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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

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Will resume in August.

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers Classroom

Will resume in August.

VBS



Vacation Bible School

“Partners with God”

VBS 2022 is just around the corner! We are so excited for this year's VBS, "Partners with God" which will take place June 6-9 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We invite all children who have completed Pre-K3 through 5th grade to join us for what will surely be a meaningful and fun week. Register at the link below or by scanning the QR code.

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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.

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.



Leaving June 23rd
Returning July 3rd

FELLOWSHIP

CBF General Assembly Registration

Dallas, TX and Online

June 28 - 30

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, May 17, 8:15 a.m.

Biblical History Center, LaGrange, GA

The cost is \$20 per person and due at the time of reservation. We will have a guided tour and lunch with foods from Bible times. We will depart from the Gay St lot at 8:15 a.m. Please email the church office at frontdesk@auburnfbc.org to make your reservation. Reservations are due by May 12. Biblicalhistorycenter.com

Reception for Barbara Acker-Mills

Sunday, May 29, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We will gather after worship to give thanks for the ministry of Barbara Acker-Mills as our organist! Barbara will be moving from Alabama this summer, so we will pause to thank her for her leadership and to offer our blessing on her as she moves. We have enjoyed Barbara playing the organ for us, and she gives thanks for her time at Auburn First Baptist.

DEACON ORDINATION

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, May 15

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Resumes in August.

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Will resume in August.

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Will resume in August.

School's (Almost) Out Event

Sunday, May 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Chewacla

Youth and families are invited to enjoy a cookout lunch, playing, and spending time together.

Youth Committee Meeting

Monday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., Zoom



Berea College
Berea, Kentucky
July 11-16, 2022

CHILDREN

Family Picnic at Randle Farms

Sunday, May 15, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Randle Farms
All children and families are invited.

Bring a picnic dinner and blanket, and enjoy an evening of fun outdoor activities at Randle Farms. RSVP by email at kristina@auburnfbc.org or call 887-8506.

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2022

Rock Eagle 4H Center

Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

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

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

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.

Sunday - 15th

School's (Almost) Out Event.....Chewacla 1:00 p.m.

Family End of Year PicnicRandle Farms 5:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Monday - 16th

Youth Committee MeetingZoom 5:30 p.m.

Passport Kids Parent MtgFellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 17th

Prime TimersLaGrange, GA 8:15 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting.....Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - 19th

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 22nd

Children's Committee MtgFellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 26th

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 29th

Reception for Barbara.....Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Monday - 30th

Church Office Closed

Family Day of Service

Community Market

Saturday, June 18

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Families and their children (ages 4+) are invited to come for a day of service at the Community Market. We will restock shelves along with other tasks. We will meet at the Community Market at 8:00 a.m. (3810 Pepperell Pkwy, Opelika, AL 36801). We will probably finish before 12:00 p.m. Wear closed-toed shoes. If you are planning on coming, please email Tripp, so we can give them a head count. (tmartin@auburnfbc.org)



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THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Final meeting May 26.

“Jesus at the Table”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

We will visit the moments Jesus gathered with others for a meal and consider what it means for our lives.

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 a.m. -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.

Serving the Month of May

Greeters: Dee Williams, Dick Graves, Mike Aston

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitors: Mike & Julie McClanahan

Serving May 15, 2022

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Leigh Anne Armstrong

Serving May 22, 2022

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Mark Wilson, Ashley Aston

Serving May 29, 2022

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Lynn Eden

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