

WORSHIP

November 4th

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 12:28-34
Ruth 1:1-18
All Saints' Day

November 11th

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 12:38-44
Psalm 127

Lay Worship Leader for November:
Chad Parish

REMINDERS

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 4th

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

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 25th, 3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can!

Advent Family Workshop

Sunday, November 25th, 6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

We will gather for dinner and for families to create a craft for the Advent season!

Expressing Our Gratitude!

By: Tripp Martin

About eight years ago, Auburn First Baptist Church completed a capital campaign, raising funds to address facility needs. The campaign was called Renovation and Renewal, addressing small and large projects. There were major construction projects as well as cosmetic painting, which were completed, renewing our spirits and renovating our buildings. As part of the campaign, the church voted to borrow \$150,000 from its Capital Improvements Trust Fund, making a commitment to pay those funds back.

Starting three years ago, we were in a place to address this debt. Due to our surpluses at the year-end of 2015, 2016, and 2017, along with our Building Sanctuary campaign, which also replaced the ceiling in the sanctuary, we have been repaying those funds. Recently, the Deacons and the congregation voted to reallocate surplus funds from our Yates Trust Fund and a portion of the payment from our interest in the BSU property to finish repaying those funds. The Yates Fund pays for our Sunday School curriculum, but over the years, we have accrued more funds than have been necessary for our curriculum expenses.

We want to express our gratitude for having paid off this debt to ourselves from Renovation and Renewal! The church has demonstrated a steady commitment, which will benefit us in the future. As we focus on maintaining our facilities going forward, having repaid this debt allows us to plan for future needs.

The Deacons and congregation have also approved to allocate a major portion of the payment from our interest in the BSU property towards the replacement of our HVAC systems, which will take place in the upcoming years. The \$80,000 allocated for this expense does not cover the entire cost, but it is a major step in a good direction. We also voted to use the other portion of this payment for catalytic ministry projects and specific upcoming needs, including outreach, college ministry, and the renovation of our organ, which will be necessary in the future.

We celebrate this milestone, looking forward to the journey together, as we continue to minister from our outpost at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue!

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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 the Special Called Business Meeting, December 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Merle Bass has been a member of AFBC since 1957 (except for an exile in Georgia from 1981 until 1999.) Merle is a retired professor of mathematics. She has four daughters and eight grandchildren, of which three are graduates of Auburn University. She has served on numerous committees, including: Committee on Committees, College Committee, Stewardship Committee, Deacon Nominating Committee, Social Committee, etc. She also assists in the Conversational English program for Internationals.

Eloise (Lois) Graves along with her husband, Dick, and their children moved to Auburn and joined Auburn First Baptist Church in 1965. Since that time they have been actively involved in the work of the church. Both are long-time members of the Seekers Sunday School Class, where they participate in church ministry and community programs such as Loaves and Fishes and the Food Bank. Lois has served on many church-wide committees, but has most notably provided service and leadership to the Flower Committee and the Memorials Committee. Some 20+ years ago, Lois retired from the U.S. Department of Defense, Naval ROTC, and Dick retired as professor emeritus from the School of Education, Auburn University. They are blessed to have three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Travelling to visit them, the Great Smoky Mountains and other friends and family are special, but so is our desire to be faithful stewards of our Auburn church and community.

Gerald Johnson and Nadine have been members of AFBC since 1970. Nadine and Gerald have three adult children, all of whom were baptized in and received their religious education from AFBC. They have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is an AU Emeritus Professor and Proprietor of POLIS Services. Gerald has served in a number of positions in the church, including membership on multiple committees and Chair of Deacons. He is currently a Trustee and leader of the Seekers Sunday School Class.

John Jones and Jo moved to Auburn in 2012 and transferred their membership from First Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, TN to Auburn First Baptist in 2013. While a member of Oak Ridge FBC, John served as a deacon, on search committees, on personnel committee, on stewardship committee, and as an adult Bible Study leader. Jo and John have a son who is an architect and lives in Atlanta, Georgia with their daughter-in-law, Allison, and three granddaughters, Walden, Sullivan and Morgan. John is a member of the Pilgrims Sunday School Class and is currently a member of the College Committee and Mission Committee of Auburn FBC, and is on the Board of Directors of Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

Suzanne Parish has been active at Auburn First Baptist since attending as a freshman at Auburn in 1993. She and her husband, Chad, met in the College Choir, and joined AFBC in 1997. They have three daughters: Anna (16), Olivia (12), and Emma Kate (9). Suzanne is the computer teacher at Pick Elementary School, and she serves as co-chair of the Children's Committee. Her parents, Ned and Delaine Dendy, are also members of Auburn First Baptist.

Jason Summers began attending AFBC as a college student at Auburn University and has been a member since 2004. He is a member of the Sojourners Sunday School class and sings in the Sanctuary Choir. He also serves on the Building & Maintenance, Grounds, Children's, and Van Committees. Jason is employed as the Head Engineer at Curb Technologies in Opelika. He and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Elizabeth (10) and Jonathan (4).

Alan Walker has been a member of AFBC since 2009. He is an Associate Professor in the Harbert College of Business and specializes in Organizational Behavior. Alan's work research examines the effects of religiosity and spirituality on organizational behavior, especially ethical behavior. Alan currently attends the Pilgrim's Sunday School class. Alan has taught Pre-school, College, and Adult Sunday School Classes. Alan has also served on the Pre-school, Children's, Stewardship, Nominating, and Visitation committees. Alan's family includes his wife, Sue, and twin 8-year-old boys, Matthew and Jackson.

Ronda West, along with her husband, Randy, and their two daughters, joined AFBC in 2004. Ronda is a 1985 graduate of Auburn University and does temp work for the AU Pharmacy and Edward Via College of Medicine. She enjoys traveling with Randy, visiting her 6-month old grandson in Birmingham and youngest daughter in New Zealand. She has previously served as a Deacon, co-chaired the Minister of Music search committee, and served on other committees including Personnel, Stewardship, Nominating, Youth, and Social.

Patrick White and his wife, Amelia, joined AFBC in 2015. They are the parents of Henry, 5, and Elliott, 3. Patrick is a Specialist in Risk Management and Insurance at Auburn University where he will receive a Masters of Education in Higher Education Administration in December. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Stewardship Committee, a member of the Music Committee, and a tenor in the Sanctuary Choir. Patrick also attends the Sojourners Sunday School Class, helps lead the Older Children's Choir, and is a member of the recently instituted Life is Calling Committee.

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 returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

STUDY

Round Table

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

"Talking About the Farm: The Writings of Wendell Berry"

Frank Randle and Tripp Martin

November 4th and 11th

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will discuss *The Price of Privilege* by Madeline Levine. All are welcome!

Life is Calling Initiative

Center for Congregational Resources at
Samford University

In September, Auburn First Baptist Church was invited to apply for the Life is Calling Initiative through the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University. The center has invited sixteen congregations in Alabama to make a four-year commitment to explore the meaning of “calling” for their church. There will be four Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Methodist churches participating.

Each church will appoint a committee of five members. They will gather with the other churches and as a committee to explore the meaning of “calling.” Through this initiative, the committee can also apply for a grant to support projects in line with their sense of “calling.” The Deacons and congregation voted to approve our participation, along with the committee members. Mark Wilson, Beth Smith, Leah Duzy, Patrick White, and Ronda West have agreed to serve on this committee. Tripp Martin and Laura Edgar will serve ex-officio.

The committee will reflect specifically on how we lean into our calling, fostering connections with young families, young adults, and college students. These conversations will also cultivate ideas and projects for the congregation at-large. The committee will recommend projects and programs, trying different ideas and seeking new opportunities. As the landscape of the church is always changing, trying new ideas is important. This initiative and grant will allow us to work towards these opportunities!

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner

5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

Youth Choir

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.,
Choir Room

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.,
Youth Room

Youth Night

Friday, November 2nd, 6:15 p.m.

Duck Samford Stadium

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday		Every Thursday	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Dinner	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Thursday - 1st			
First Bells	.....Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time	.....Youth Room		5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure	.....Education Building		5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	.....Choir Room		6:45 p.m.
Sunday - 4th			
Mission Committee Meeting	.....Library		12:00 p.m.
Children's Cookie Bake	.....Fellowship Hall		4:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	.....Choir Room		5:00 p.m.
The Round Table	.....Fellowship Hall		5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	.....Fishers' Room		5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	.....Education Building		6:00 p.m.
YSN	.....Youth Room		6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7th			
Conversational English	.....Education Building		9:00 a.m.
Thursday - 8th			
First Bells	.....Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg	.....Library		5:00 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time	.....Youth Room		5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure	.....Education Building		5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	.....Choir Room		6:45 p.m.
Saturday - 10th			
Choir Bonus Rehearsal	.....Choir Room		9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 11th			
Youth Choir	.....Choir Room		5:00 p.m.
The Round Table	.....Fellowship Hall		5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	.....Fishers' Room		5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	.....Education Building		6:00 p.m.
YSN	.....Youth Room		6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 13th			
Dayfriends	.....Newks		11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands	.....Fellowship Hall		5:30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting	.....Seekers'		6:30 p.m.
TNBS	.....College Room		7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 14th			
Conversational English	.....Education Building		9:00 a.m.
CDC Committee Meeting	.....Library		5:45 p.m.
Thursday - 15th			
First Bells	.....Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Meal	.....Fellowship Hall		5:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	.....Choir Room		6:45 p.m.

CHILDREN

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering

\$1,204.26

Thank you for the support of the congregation!

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

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

*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

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

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

November 1st: Mary Joe Howard

November 8th: Cathy Summers

November 15th: Not Meeting—Thanksgiving Meal



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THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities
5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Remember to RSVP for dinner by noon on Tuesday of each week.



Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal
November 15th
5:15 p.m.
Coleman Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to email or call the church office to RSVP no later than *Thursday, November 8th*, to make your reservation.

(No charge for this meal.)

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Nancy Roberts & Dee Williams
Visitors: Chad Eastman
Offering: Seekers & Sojourners
Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving November 4, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot
Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright
Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Lynn Eden, Carolyn Thompson, Jason Summers, Ella Boone, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter

Serving November 11, 2018

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre
Sound & Light: David Sutton
Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Ruthie Spiers, Lynda Weidenbach, Amelia White, Franklin Randle, Leah Duzy, Gina Cantrell

MISSIONS

Children and the Habitat for Humanity Cookie Walk

Sunday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m.

The Mission Committee invites children in Kindergarten through 5th grade to make cookies for the We-Help Coalition's Annual Cookie Walk on Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. Children will prepare cookies from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and then return to bag cookies from 6:00-6:30 p.m. The Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 1.

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2018

The \$15 covers the cost of a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, 1 pad of paper, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards to send, a game book, a deck of playing cards and candy. Kellie Wilson will be contacting Sunday School classes about helping to provide the postage stamps for the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)

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