

WORSHIP

A Story of Stewardship

By: Tripp Martin

October 7th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Pledge Sunday

When the season of stewardship comes around each year, we might need to reclaim that word because it feels rather dated. Outside of the church, we do not use the word *stewardship*, or *steward*, often. Within the church, we say it to remember that we are stewards of somebody else's land, caring for the world around us, which belongs to God.

October 14th

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 5:1, 13-15, 22-25
Children's Sabbath

With such a broad meaning, encompassing every aspect of life, it might feel awkward to only speak of stewardship when we are discussing the budget of the church. We should never narrow the meaning of stewardship to the outline of a single budget, but a budget does call forth conversation about stewardship.

In a budget, we find the intersection of beauty and utility, which is the character of stewardship. Our gifts foster beauty in this world, but also address concrete needs. At first glance, beauty and utility might seem exclusive from one another, but at second look, they go together.

REMINDERS

Pledge Sunday

October 7, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our church to prepare for the ministries and mission of our church in 2019. There are copies of the Preliminary Budget around the church, and Estimate of Giving cards are available.

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We are grateful for the commitment of the congregation as we minister together!

A budget is more than a sheet of numbers; it also tells a story. The budget of Auburn First Baptist tells a little bit of its story. It is a story of beauty and utility. The budget designates expenses for sheet music and outreach, the power bill and construction paper, Vacation Bible School and paper plates, postage and garbage collection. It allocates support for Children's Sabbath, the REACH ministry, and the Task Force for Battered Women. There is an intersection of beauty and utility.

Admittedly, it is not exciting to set aside money for the tires on the church bus, but when we consider what the youth experience at Passport each summer, we see the beauty in the utility. There is a story to the church budget. It is a story about community and God, so perhaps a budget conversation can help us talk about the broader meaning of stewardship as well.

Children's Sabbath and Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 14

We look forward to the children of the church leading us in worship and to our picnic afterwards.

We are thankful for the opportunity to join together through our gifts, sharing in this story! We are grateful for the commitment of the congregation. Each and every gift is valuable and an integral part of this story. As we reflect on the meaning of stewardship, we might discover more gratitude, grace, and generosity in the story we share together.

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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.

Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 14

After Children's Sabbath, we will gather at Town Creek Park for our annual churchwide picnic. Bring a side or dessert to share. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Don't forget your tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain join us in the Activities Building.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, October 25

Christmas Ministry Project 2018

Starting now on the annual project to offer kindness at Christmas to the inmates of Lee County Jail will make sure we have the Christmas boxes ready for their Christmas program.

For the past few years, members of our congregation have shown a preference for donating \$15 and letting the Jail Ministry Committee shop for the contents of the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project). Early checks will be appreciated.

The \$15 covers the cost of a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, 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.

Several churches share the work of preparing 400 boxes. Auburn First Baptist and Opelika United Methodist each prepare 150 boxes, several small churches in Auburn and Opelika are assisting our church with our boxes.

Production line

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 27th, Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are welcome.

Christmas Program at the Jail

Wednesday, December 19th

The program is repeated all day for groups of prisoners. Usually, our church is the focus of the one o' clock program. For a real Christmas blessing, please plan to attend. Co-chairs for the shoe box programs are Mary Joe Howard and Teresa Vest. Other Jail Ministry team members are Helen Brown, Brenda Cantini, Cindy Cleveland, Laura Edgar, Susan Hafner, Nancy Roberts, and Lisa Stone.

Alabama CBF Fall Gathering

Sunday, October 21 & Monday, October 22

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Birmingham, Alabama

More details at www.alabamacbf.org/fall-gathering/

Sunday

3:00 p.m. Welcome/Breakout Sessions

5:30 p.m. Dinner (\$10/person)

6:15 p.m. Alabama CBF Life Together

6:45 p.m. Worship

Monday

9:00 a.m. The Enneagram with Melody Harrell

Childcare is available.

Thank You!

We are grateful to the Personnel Committee and the congregation for recognizing our fifth anniversary at AFBC in such a meaningful way! We will treasure the memorable words and thoughtful cards. It is difficult to express our gratitude for these five years. We are so thankful for the congregation and for the opportunity to share this journey of faith together!

Tripp, Katharine, J.D. and Hunter

STUDY

Round Table

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

"The Trinity: The Mystery of the Life of God"

By: Laura Edgar

October 7 - The Trinity: Participation

"A Conversation with Bill Skoneki"

Priest, St. Michael's Catholic Church

October 21st

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!

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

Youth Choir

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

Youth Sunday Nights

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

Civil Rights Museum & Memorial
Sunday, October 7th, 12:00 p.m., Gay Street Lot

CHILDREN

Children's Sabbath

"Growing in the Spirit"

Sunday, October 14th, 11:00 a.m., Worship

We look forward to the children of the church leading us in worship. Our special mission offering will provide fresh produce for the Community Market. Please write "Children's Sabbath" on the memo line of checks.

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:

October 4th: Katharine Martin

October 11th: Carolyn Grimes

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.

Cookout for College Students

Tuesday, October 9th, 7:00 p.m., Courtyard

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 2nd

Dayfriends Chappy's 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday - 3rd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 4th

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 - 7th

Youth Montgomery Trip Gay St Lot 12:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 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.

Mark Twain Event Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - 9th

Caring Hands Seekers' 5:30 p.m.

College Cookout Courtyard 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 10th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 11th

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.

Sunday - 14th

Children's Sabbath Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

Churchwide Picnic Town Creek Park 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 16th

Senior Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.

Dayfriends Tazikis 11:45 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting Seekers' 6:30 p.m.



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MISSIONS

**Children's Sabbath
Mission Offering**

On Sunday, October 14, our children will lead us in worship for Children's Sabbath. The theme of Children's Sabbath will be "Growing in the Spirit." The children have been learning about the fruits of the Spirit. They will invite us to participate in a special offering, which will purchase fresh produce for the Community Market. The gifts can be brought to worship on October 14, or brought by the church office.

Community Market - Baby Items

At the Community Market, the baby closet offers *infant dry cereal, baby food (jars), baby wipes, and diapers or pull-ups (all sizes)*. These are needs that are ongoing. The Mission Committee would like to focus on collecting these items for the Community Market. There is a basket outside of the church office, where these items can be placed. Thank you for caring for the youngest amongst us and supporting families in our community, as they care for their children!

AFBC Brotherhood

The AFBC Brotherhood are available throughout the year to assist you in small home repairs and projects. Please let them know how they might help you by emailing the church office.

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Aaron & Brenda Greene
Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown
Offering: College

Serving October 7, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot
Sound & Light: Chad Parish
Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Kelly Meeks, Pat Randle, Cathy Summers, Amanda Oliver, Leigh Anne Armstrong, Cynthia Smithart
Loaves & Fishes: Cathy Summers

Serving October 14, 2018

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre
Sound & Light: Addison Meeks
Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Lesley Odom, Brian Ledbetter, Lynn Eden, Jason Summers
Loaves & Fishes: Cindy Cleveland

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