

**WORSHIP***Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture**By: Tripp Martin*

September 16th

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Luke 16:19-31

Guest Preacher, Dr. Thomas Long

In honor of Claude H. Moore, Mary Virginia Moore gave the church a gift in order to provide an opportunity to invite scholars and leaders in the church to come and speak at Auburn First Baptist. Several years ago, we invited Dr. Bill Leonard as the inaugural speaker for the Claude H. Moore Lecture.

September 23rd

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Mark 9:30-37

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

This year we will also honor Mary Virginia's memory. In conversation with the Moore family, we will rename this event the Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture, which is fitting. Claude and Mary Virginia cared deeply for Auburn First Baptist, serving it in so many ways. These lectures will continue to serve the congregation, furthering its study and lifting its soul, as we widen and deepen our understanding of the life of the gospel and the calling of the church.

September 30th

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

We will welcome Dr. Thomas Long on September 16 as our Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore speaker this year. Dr. Long is Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Emory University. He received his Master of Divinity at Erskine Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Philosophy from Princeton Theological Seminary.

**REMINDERS****Deacon Nominations***Due September 16*

Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form found outside the church office and dropping it in the box.

Dr. Long has written numerous books, including the textbook, *The Witness of Preaching*, which is a standard in seminary education. It has been translated into multiple languages and is used widely in theological schools around the world. In 2010, *Preaching* magazine named it one of the twenty-five most influential books in preaching in the last twenty-five years. He has also given the esteemed Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale, which became his book, *Preaching from Memory to Hope*.

**Committee on Committees***Due September 16*

Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by completing the form found outside the church office and dropping it in the box or in the offering plate.

He is also deeply invested in biblical studies and practical theology. He has written commentaries on the book of Hebrews, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Pastoral Epistles. His books on the Christian funeral, *Accompany Them with Singing* and *The Good Funeral*, have helped the church speak of hope at hard times. Long's book, *What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith*, which addresses the issue of innocent suffering and the goodness of God was selected as the Book of the Year for 2011 by the Academy of Parish Clergy.

**Pledge Sunday***October 7*

As Pledge Sunday approaches, we reflect on our gifts to the church.

We will welcome Dr. Thomas Long as our speaker on September 16, as we continue to give thanks and honor the memory of Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore. We will have a brunch at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and then all our youth, college, and adult classes are invited to stay for his lecture.

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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 Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2019 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

*If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at [kristinahickman@mindspring.com](mailto:kristinahickman@mindspring.com) by September 16th.*

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## Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by September 16th. *A copy of this form is available outside the church office.*

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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I will serve wherever you need me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture Series

*Sunday, September 16, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

with Dr. Thomas Long  
*“Puzzles, Riddles and Paradoxes:  
Jesus’ Parables for Today”*

During the Sunday school hour, all youth, college and adult classes will be invited to join together to hear Dr. Long teach in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Long will also join us during the worship service as the guest preacher.

*Please bring your favorite brunch dish  
to share as we gather!  
Brunch is at 9:15 a.m.*

## 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.

## STUDY

### Round Table

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

*September 16 - Bring-A-Book/Share-A-Book*

*“The Trinity: The Mystery of the Life of God”*

By: Laura Edgar

Begins September 23rd

*September 23 - The Trinity: Prelude*

*September 30 - The Trinity: Persons*

*October 7 - The Trinity: Participation*

### 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*

On Thursday, September 26, Charlotte Sutton will share about her work with refugees earlier this year.

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

**Youth Parents' Night**

*Sunday, September 23, 6:00 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*

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.*

**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:**

*September 20th: Dawn Driggers*

*September 27th: Julie McClanahan*

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.

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for  
our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please  
email Laura at [lauraedgar@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraedgar@mindspring.com)  
or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.*

**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.

**Sunday - 16th**

Moore Lecture Brunch ..... Fellowship Hall 9:15 a.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.

YSN..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday - 18th**

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

Dayfriends ..... Little Italy 11:45 a.m.

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

TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday - 19th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday - 20th**

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 - 23rd**

Children's Committee Mtg..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

College Committee Meeting ... Library 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.

YSN..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Youth Parents' Night..... Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday - 25th**

Caring Hands..... Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday - 26th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Senior Adult Dinner Out ..... Good Ol' Boys 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday - 27th**

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 - 30th**

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.

YSN..... Youth Room 6:00 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.

**Loaves and Fishes**

The Loaves and Fishes program ministers to people in our community by furnishing hot meals every Tuesday to recipients selected by the Salvation Army, our partner in this ministry. If you would be willing to take a week or two and prepare 16 meals for the Loaves and Fishes Ministry, please contact the church office.

**Volunteer Dates: December 18**

**Thank You!**

We had a wonderful Baby Shower for the Community Market on Thursday, September 6. We are grateful to Charlotte Sutton and the leadership of the Mission Committee as well as to everyone who brought items for the Community Market. We enjoyed cake, heard from Elsie Lott, coordinator of the Community Market, and shared the concerns of the youngest among us. If you would like to still contribute to the needs of children through the Community Market, you can bring items to the church.

**Serving the Month of September**

**Greeters:** Gina Cantrell & Daniel Udochi  
**Visitors:** Lavaughn & Peggy Johnson  
**Offering:** Youth  
**Loaves & Fishes:** Adult IV

**Serving September 16, 2018**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre  
**Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini  
**Extended Session:** Amelia White, Shane Dunn, Anne Randle, Jason Summers, Carolyn Thompson, Jo Jones, Chad Parish

**Serving September 23, 2018**

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee  
**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby  
**Extended Session:** Amelia White, Pooie Cantrell, Lesley Odom, Lynn Eden, Charlotte Sutton, Julie McClanahan, Spenser Keel

**Serving September 30, 2018**

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols  
**Sound & Light:** Lynli Cantrell-Wright  
**Extended Session:** Cindy Cleveland, Amber Berry-Moore, Alex Ritenbaugh, Joan Layne, Franklin Randle, Sue Walker, Katharine Martin

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*