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WORSHIP

Meander

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June 16th

Trinity Sunday
Psalm 8
John 16:12-15
Laura Edgar preaching

June 23rd

Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-15a
Luke 8:26-39

June 30th

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Lay Worship Leader for June:
Amelia White

There are certain words that are easier to say in the summer. They belong to the family of words that help us lower our guard and open our eyes, where we do not have to focus so much on the task at hand. One of those words, which also sounds like a word that belongs to the church, is *meander*.

It runs contrary to so much of life. We cannot meander our way to work. We are unable to meander when we have responsibilities to fulfill. We would never meander when we are needed the most. Since efficiency cannot lead us to everything that truly matters, though, we must learn how to meander.

We can learn how to meander from a river. A river winds its way through the landscape, following wherever the current leads. A river never gets in a hurry. We can also learn how to meander from Pentecost, as we listen for the current of the Spirit of God. Efficiency cannot lead us to love, mercy, patience, or wonder. We discover those sacred gifts by meandering, taking the time necessary to cultivate them.

During the season of summer, we can practice meandering. As we move from task to task during the day, we might look up more often and pay attention to what is happening. We might meander throughout our days mindful of the people around us. When we enter the sanctuary on Sunday, we might not walk directly to our seat. We might meander through the room, noticing a different angle of a stained-glass window. As each day comes to a close, we can postpone our bedtime routine and meander outside to look up at the stars.

There is an art to meandering, and it is instrumental in the journey of faith. If we always know where we are going, we will never notice the winds of the Spirit, leading us in a new direction. Meandering is like the listening of prayer. It is noticing the beauty of creation. It is seeing the image of Christ in a stranger.

We meander by leaning into the moments between the checkmarks on our to-do list. The season of summer helps us reclaim that word, which is important to us year around.

REMINDERS

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, June 18th, 9:30 a.m.
Wetumpka, AL
See inside for details.

CBF General Assembly
Birmingham, AL, June 19-21

Help our Brasil Mission Team!

See the back page for a list of items needed.

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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.

VBS: Water U Doing?

This past week, we once again partnered with our friends at Cross Road Baptist Church for this year's Vacation Bible School. We had nearly 50 children and nearly 40 adults participating and working with us this year. Our theme this year was "Water U Doing?," and children spent the week discovering Jesus through the living water. The Bible stories, music, games, and worship all centered on the theme of water, and children were encouraged through each activity to be stewards in God's world and were encouraged to focus on specific life issues related to water.

We began each evening with worship where we sang songs, read scripture, participated in prayer, took up our missions offering, and talked about ways we could be a part of an answer to the needs in God's world. From there the children studied Bible stories such as the woman at the well, Jonah and the whale, Jesus healing the man at the pool, and the feeding of the thousands with just one boy's lunch. In Crafts, we planted our own herb gardens, made our own rain gages, and decorated our own water bottles. In Missions, we learned more about water and how important it is for our lives. We began to explore how something so simple as water is a huge challenge for many people in God's world. Children learned more about places like Malawi, where people do not have easy access to clean drinking water. Throughout the week, the children learned more about Watering Malawi, an organization begun by Colleen Burroughs, that works to dig wells in the country of Malawi to bring fresh clean drinking water for these people. They even learned of young people, like themselves, who have raised money and dedicated themselves to this cause, bringing life giving water to people who need it. And even with all of the study and learning and asking questions, there was of course time for fun games, and yummy snacks! We finished each night with closing worship, where we sang more songs and found out who brought in the most money for our missions offering each night, boys or girls!

Our missions offering this year will be going to Watering Malawi. Overall, the children raised more than \$400 that will go to this organization and help bring water for drinking, watering crops, bathing and overall improving the quality of life for the people of Malawi.

It was such a wonderful and fun week, but it was also very meaningful and powerful for these children. We know that along with the laughter and fun, there were moments of real growth and understanding. We are so proud of them, of how this church continues to nurture them, and of how it nurtures their curiosity and their hearts for missions and service.

We would like to thank all of the VBS volunteers who worked so hard to make this past week so successful! We also thank you, our church family, for your support, love, care, and prayers throughout VBS. We are looking forward to next year!

Cathy Summers-Elementary VBS Director
Sue Walker- Preschool VBS Director

Life is Calling Initiative Update

As you know, one of the components of AFBC's participation in the Life is Calling Initiative coordinated by Samford University's Center for Congregational Resources was a church-wide survey of our members and attendees. Eighty-nine people completed the survey, which asked respondents to provide insight on their participation in the congregation, approach to faith, and understanding of calling and vocation. Thanks to each of you who responded!

The results of AFBC's survey paint a portrait that will be familiar to you: We indicated that through our weekly worship, we sense God's presence and experience joy and inspiration; we value the integration of faith and life; and we feel most equipped to live out our calling through congregational involvement and family life. As part of this initiative, your responses will assist our Life is Calling Committee to understand how our congregation interprets calling and how we can best prepare a grant application to the Center for Congregational Resources. Thank you again for your participation!

Our committee continues to enjoy reflecting on the story of our congregation and how we can lean into our story in the coming years. We are exploring our calling and learning how to strengthen it, as our church serves our community together!

Life is Calling Committee

(Mark Wilson, Beth Smith, Patrick White, Leah Duzy, & Ronda West)

THURSDAYS

Thursday Activities in June & July

In conversation with the Deacons and those who attend on Thursday evenings, we will not have Thursday evening activities during the months of June & July. We hope this break will provide us with renewed energy for beginning again in August!

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

*Tuesday, June 18th, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Marcia Weber Art Gallery, Wetumpka, AL*

All "older adults" are invited to take a trip to visit the Marcia Weber Art Gallery in Wetumpka, AL. We will meet in the Gay Street parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to load the bus. We will return by 3:30 p.m. We ask that everyone contributes \$7.00 towards the cost of lunch. Please RSVP by Monday, June 17 to frontdesk@auburnfbc.org.

YOUTH

YOUTH S.O.S

June 23, 6:00 p.m.

Town Creek Park
1150 S Gay Street, Auburn
Hosted by the Parishes

June 30, 4:00 p.m.

Wilson's'
847 Tacoma Drive, Auburn

Volunteer with Campus Kitchens

Tuesdays in June and July

Meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Gay Street parking lot.



STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

Passport Missions Camp

July 1-6, 2019

Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina

CHILDREN

Passport Kids Camp

July 16-19, 2019

Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina
Students 3rd-5th grade

Parents Night Out: Bowling

Sunday, July 21st

Parents of children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to enjoy dinner and bowling on Sunday, July 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Good Times in Auburn. Childcare will be provided at the church beginning at 4:45 p.m., and parents will meet at Good Times for an opportunity to enjoy time with other parents in the church. A snack supper will be provided for children. Cost for bowling and shoes will be approximately \$13. Please let the church office know by Wednesday, July 17 if you and your family will attend. Email kristina@auburnfbc.org, or call 334-887-8506.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday - 16th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday—18th

PrimeTimers Lunch Wetumpka 9:30 a.m.
Youth at Campus Kitchens Gay Street lot 2:30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 19th

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 20th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 23rd

Youth S.O.S Town Creek Park 6:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 25th

Youth at Campus Kitchens Gay Street lot 2:30 p.m.
Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 27th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Saturday - 29th

Day of Serving Community Market 11:30 a.m.

Sunday - 30th

Youth S.O.S Wilsons' 4:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

COLLEGE

Camp War Eagle

Camp War Eagle (CWE) is the freshman orientation program of Auburn University. Incoming freshmen attend one session during the summer to register for classes and learn about the many opportunities Auburn has to offer. At each session there is a Campus Ministries table with information about churches and ministries in Auburn and Opelika. Campus ministers and volunteers are available to answer questions and help new students connect with religious life in this area. Students have the opportunity to share their contact information if they are interested in learning more about churches and ministries. We hope some of these new freshmen will get involved at AFBC!

CWE 2019 dates:

Session 6: June 20-21, Thursday-Friday
Session 7: June 24-25, Monday-Tuesday
Session 8: June 27-28, Thursday-Friday
Session 9: July 8-9, Monday-Tuesday
Session 10: July 11-12, Thursday-Friday

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)



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MISSIONS

**Day of Serving at Community Market
For Children & Families**

Saturday, June 29th, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we stock shelves, break down boxes, and prepare brown bag lunches. The Community Market is located at 3810-C Pepperell Parkway, Opelika. We will meet at the Community Market at 11:30 a.m.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Birmingham, Alabama, June 19-21
Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

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 July 6th
Returning July 22nd

Serving the Month of June

Greeters: Michael Brown & Tricia Ridgway
Visitors: John & Jo Jones
Offering: Seekers
Loaves & Fishes: Sojourners

Serving June 16, 2019

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot
Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright
Extended Session: Anne Randle, Anna Coxwell, Ruthie Spiers, Cindy Cleveland, Jo Jones, Julie McClanahan

Serving June 23, 2019

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre
Sound & Light: David Sutton
Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Cathy Summers, Mark Coxwell, Brian Ledbetter, Candy Enkeboll, Leah Duzy

Serving June 30, 2019

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Hazel Lee
Sound & Light: Chad Parish
Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Suzanne Parish, Franklin Randle, Jay Spiers, Jo Jones, Cynthia Smithart

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