



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Four Words

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October 20th

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 18:1-8

October 27th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2:23-32
Luke 18:9-14

Lay Worship Leader for October:
Michael Cline

Since January 2019, the Life is Calling Committee has been reflecting on the calling of Auburn First Baptist. We have been participating in the Life is Calling Initiative through the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University. It is a four-year initiative, reflecting on the meaning of calling. Through this initiative, the Life is Calling Committee will apply for a grant, enabling the church to live into its calling in various ways.

Throughout this year, the committee has thought about our identity as a congregation. They have reviewed the survey taken by the congregation. They have thought about the stories our Lay Worship Leaders tell at the end of every month in worship. They have told their stories about how they found this congregation and what it means to them. They have also dreamed about how others could find this place of worship and community.

In the midst of those stories, they have celebrated the gifts of this congregation and its story, which is the root of its calling. They have envisioned how we can live into our story in the years to come. They desire to connect with our surrounding community, serving the needs of others and engaging their lives. It has been enriching and exciting to think about ways we can love God and our neighbors together!

In October, the Life is Calling Committee will extend an invitation to the congregation. On Sunday, October 20, they will invite the congregation to write down four words that describe Auburn First Baptist. Following worship, they will also email the congregation on Monday to extend the invitation to anyone who could not be in worship.

As they continue to reflect on the identity and calling of the congregation, they will develop a grant proposal to enable the church to renew its sense of a shared calling. The grant will focus on all ages of the congregation and every aspect of our life together, involving worship and missions as we build community within the walls of the church and connect with the surrounding community beyond them.

Earlier this month when we gathered around the table of communion, we shared the bread and the cup using our beautiful pottery. I thought about the hands of God, which shape our life together like the hands of a potter. God's hands have shaped who we are and will continue to form us as a community of faith into the years to come.

REMINDERS

Pledge Sunday is Over But it's never too late to Pledge!

Estimate of Giving Cards can be found in the pew racks, in the church office or you can pledge online at:

AuburnFBC.org/Giving2020

We are thankful for the commitment of the congregation!

Fall Festival

Preschool, Children, and Families

*Saturday, October 26th,
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

*Auburn First Baptist Church
Activities Building*

Put on your costume and bring your family and friends for

Food • Fun • Games

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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.

Alabama CBF Fall Gathering

Sunday, October 20 & Monday, October 21
Birmingham, Alabama

More details at <http://www.alabamacbf.org/fallgathering>

Sunday: Kelly Ingram Park

- 5:00 p.m. Greet Civil Rides participants
- 5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres (16th Street Baptist Church)
- 6:30 p.m. Worship

Monday: Southside Baptist Church, 1016 19th St South

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee & donuts
- 9:00 a.m. Thoughts from the Fellowship with Paul Baxley

Christmas Ministry Project 2019

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.

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: _____

Round Table

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

“Reflections on Faith and Work”

October 20 – Amelia White

October 27 – Ben Oni

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We are discussing *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile. Questions regarding Connecting Faith and Family should be directed to Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate All Saints' Day along with churches around the world. We celebrate All Saints' Day on the Sunday closest to November 1, which is All Saints' Day on the Church's Calendar. It is a day to remember and give thanks for the saints that have gone before us. As part of our worship on Sunday, November 3, we will call out the names of church members, who have passed away in the last twelve months, giving thanks for what they have meant to the life of this congregation.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, October 24

COLLEGE

College Beach Retreat

October 18th - 20th

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.

YOUTH

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

<p>Youth Choir Sundays, 5:00 p.m. Choir Room</p>	<p>Youth Sunday Nights Sundays, 6:00 p.m. Youth Room</p>
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CBF Fall Gathering
Sunday, October 20th
Birmingham, AL

Meet in the Gay Street Parking Lot at 2:30 p.m.



CHILDREN

Fall Festival

Preschool, Children, and Families
Saturday, October 26th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Activities Building

Put on your costume and bring your
family and friends for
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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 17th: Mary Joe Howard & Katharine Martin
October 24th: Dawn Driggers & Carolyn Grimes
October 31st: Not Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<p><i>Every Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Every Thursday</i> Dinner 5:15 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p>
Tuesday - 15th	
PrimeTimers Lunch	Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	College Room 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 16th	
Conversational English	Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Thursday - 17th	
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 - 20th	
Alabama CBF Fall Gathering ..	Kelly Ingram Park 5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	Education Building 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.
Monday - 21st	
Alabama CBF Fall Gathering ..	Southside Baptist 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 22nd	
Dayfriends	Little Italy 11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	College Room 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 23rd	
Conversational English	Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Thursday - 24th	
First Bells	Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Quarterly Business Meeting	Fellowship Hall 5:45 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 - 26th	
Fall Festival	Activities Building 10:00 a.m.
Sunday - 27th	
Children's Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall 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.
Youth Sunday Night	Youth Room 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 29th	
College Bible Study	College Room 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 30th	
Conversational English	Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room 6:30 p.m.
Thursday - 31st	
First Bells	Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
<i>No Evening Activities</i>	

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, October 15th, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall



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MISSIONS

**Children and the Habitat for Humanity
Cookie Walk**

Sunday, November 3rd 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 3 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 7.

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 Date: October 29

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!

Habitat for Humanity

One of our long-term partnerships in ministry is Habitat for Humanity in Lee County. We partner with Habitat for Humanity through the We Help Coalition, a group of churches supporting this work. We support the construction of homes and the building of families through Habitat for Humanity.

If you would like to be added to the email listserv, notifying church members of opportunities to volunteer on building projects, please send your email address to Kristina Hickman at kristina@auburnfbc.org

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Candy Enkeboll & Todd Miller

Visitors: Mary Lynn Porter

Offering: College

Serving October 20, 2019

Counters: Wallace Baldwin & Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright

Extended Session: Suzanne Parish, Amaia Zugazaga, Amanda Oliver, Patrick White, Leigh Anne Armstrong, Leah Duzy

Loaves & Fishes: Cindy Cleveland

Serving October 27, 2019

Counters: Charles Segrest, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Mark Coxwell, Lee McInnis, Anna Coxwell, Cathy Summers, Felicia McInnis

Loaves & Fishes: TBA

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