



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

November 17th

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25

November 24th

Christ the King Sunday
Luke 23:33-43
Jeremiah 23:1-6

Lay Worship Leader for November:
Kyle Willian

What Cannot Wait

By: Tripp Martin

In a world full of reminders, sticky notes, calendar notifications, and scheduling challenges, we do not like to wait! When we are forced to wait, we can feel the power of anticipation. We are drawn into the gravity of expectation, pulling us deeper into life's opportunities.

Our waiting is not passive because anticipation nudges us to act! The anticipation, which emerges from deep within our bones, shapes our actions. When we are waiting on the coffee to brew, we are rummaging around for the newspaper, so we can read through the headlines when the coffee maker beeps. As we are waiting for company to arrive, we are straightening the couch cushions and shifting our attention to the needs of hospitality. Our waiting prompts our actions!

The waiting of Advent is not passive either! As we await the arrival of the birth of Jesus, who we proclaim as the Prince of Peace, our anticipation focuses our attention on our role within the world's need for peace. When we are waiting for the Word become flesh, we envision ways we can embody the love of God through the love of neighbor.

Advent calls us to wait, but it also focuses on what cannot wait. As we await the arrival of Jesus, John the Baptist reminds us not to wait passively. We are to prepare the way of the Lord!

We can embrace the hope, peace, joy, and love of God during Advent, recognizing that we cannot wait on such sacred gifts. The good news is that as we prepare the way of the Lord and work towards these gifts we do not have to accomplish them by ourselves. We await the birth of Jesus, who will show us the way and walk beside us.

We await Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate a love that will never let us go. As we wait, the anticipation will shape our thoughts, prayers, and actions! We look forward to Advent, as we feel the powerful anticipation of Christmas, slowing us down and deepening our understanding of God's presence.

REMINDERS

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers "In memory of" or "In honor of" a loved one by completing the form and returning it to the church office with your check for \$15 by *November 15th*.

Advent Family Workshop

Sunday, November 24th, 6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Family Night at Christmas and Cookie Fellowship

Sunday, December 8th
6:15 p.m.

Please bring cookies to share!

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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.

Advent Decorating*Sunday, November 24th, 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 24th, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

RSVP by November 20th

Please RSVP by signing up to bring a food item by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA9A62BA6FF2-advent>

Our theme for Advent this year is “What Can’t Wait.” Come enjoy dinner and create a craft with your family that you can take home and enjoy during the Advent season. See you there!

Senior Adults & Deacons Reception*Sunday, December 15th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

Hosted by Dale & Libby Peterson
2514 Middlebrook Lane, 36830

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 8, 6:15 p.m. –

Family Night at Christmas

with music from our
*Preschool and Children’s Choirs,
and Youth Choir*

Followed by our renowned **Cookie Fellowship**
Bring your favorite cookies to share!

Sunday morning, December 15, 11:00 a.m. –

“Mid-winter”

led by our Sanctuary Choir with First Bells, Youth Choir, and Brass Ensemble

**Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal***November 21st**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 14th*, to make your reservation. (*No charge for this meal.*)

**At our Thanksgiving meal, our Life is Calling Committee will share its report and recommendation for its grant proposal.*

Christmas Potluck & Special Called Business Meeting*December 5th, 5:15 p.m.**Coleman Fellowship Hall*

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda:

A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2020 budgets), recommendation from the By-laws Committee, and election of Deacons.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table*Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**“John, the ‘Other’ Gospel - The Book of Signs”*

Led by Gerald Johnson

November 17

“Theological Reflections on Advent”

Led by Mike McClanahan

November 24 & December 1

Connecting Faith and Family*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers’ Classroom*

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!

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

Christmas at Sparkman

Sunday, December 1st

2:30-4:00 p.m.

Sparkman Neighborhood

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 1st, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room



Winter Youth Summit

January 17-19, 2020

FBC Huntsville

Cost: \$150

COLLEGE

Friendsgiving

Tuesday, November 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Activities Building

Christmas Boxes

Tuesday, November 19th, 8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

College Graduate Recognition

Sunday, December 1st

Bonfire at Randle Farms

Tuesday, December 3rd

Meet in the Gay Street lot at 6:30 p.m.

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

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 - 17th

Children's Committee MtgFellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
Mission Committee Meeting....Library 3:30 p.m.
Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth ChoirChoir Room 5:00 p.m.
The Round Table.....Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family.....Fishers' Room 5:00 p.m.
Bible EncounterEducation Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday NightYouth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 19th

Dayfriends.....Acapulco's 11:45 a.m.
Deacons' MeetingSeekers' Room 6:30 p.m.
College Bible StudyCollege Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 20th

Conversational EnglishEducation Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 21st

First Bells.....Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Annual Thanksgiving Meal.....Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday - 27th

Church Office Closes at Noon

Thursday - 28th

Church Office Closed

No Evening Activities

Friday - 29th

Church Office Closed

CHILDREN

Passport Kids Camp

July 21 - 24, 2020

Rock Eagle 4H Center in Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade, Deposit: \$50

Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email church office to sign up!

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 21st: Not Meeting - Thanksgiving Meal

November 28th: Not Meeting - Thanksgiving



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MISSIONS

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2019

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.)

Production line

8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19th, Fellowship Hall
Volunteers are welcome.

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Grace UMC

We are invited to donate cookies to support Habitat for Humanity. Deliver cookies to Grace UMC on Friday, December 6th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. We are thankful for our children who baked 33 dozen cookies and Caring Hands, which baked 67 dozen cookies!

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Tricia Ridgway & Gina Cantrell

Offering: Seekers & Sojourners

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving November 17, 2019

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Visitors: John & Jo Jones

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Marcie Smith, Ruthie Spiers, Leah Duzy, Anna Coxwell

Serving November 24, 2019

Counters: Charles Segrest, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Visitors: Mike & Julie McClanahan

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Patrick White, Charlotte Sutton, Candy Enkeboll, Cathy Summers

FELLOWSHIP

Ladies Lunch Bunch

On the first Sunday of each month, the Ladies Lunch Bunch gathers for lunch following worship. They choose different restaurants each month. If you would like to be included on the email list to receive information about these gatherings, please email Chris Boylen, mcnrtd@gmail.com.

Dayfriends

Dayfriends is a group that meets for fellowship and lunch every other Tuesday during the semester. Everyone is welcome to come! The restaurant changes each Tuesday, but it is listed in the church's publications.

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