



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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## WORSHIP

*The First Day of the Year*

By: Tripp Martin

January 5th

*Epiphany of the Lord*  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

We are beginning again! It is the beginning of another year. It is a launch pad into something brand new. As we take these first steps into the New Year, we create resolutions. We set goals for the year, and we make a commitment to remain “resolved” in following them.

January 12th

*Baptism of the Lord*  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Matthew 3:13-17

We can talk about our accomplishments, which were a result of our committed resolve, like finishing a degree, starting a business, renovating a house, planning a reunion, or cleaning out the garage. We identified our goal, we broke down the steps, and we worked each day to complete it! There are other dreams and desires, which cannot be accomplished in this way.

Lay Worship Leader for January:  
Clay Ritenbaugh

Since Christmas is not only a day, but also a season, including the twelve days following Christmas Day, the first day of the year falls within the season of Christmas, as the Church is still celebrating the Light of the World.

## REMINDERS

### **Deacon Ordination**

*Sunday, January 5*  
*11:00 a.m., Worship*

On Christmas Eve, we watched as the Light of Christ was passed from one hand to another. It is a breathtaking moment, which quiets our souls and arrests our hearts. It roots us again in the love of God by receiving the light from one person and then passing it along to another.

### **Committee Night**

*Sunday, January 5, 6:15 p.m.*  
*Locations to be announced.*

For many of our dreams and desires, we do not accomplish them through a “resolved” commitment, but rather a “receptive” commitment. We receive it like the grace of God, which guides each step of the process.

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Sunday morning, January 5.

*(Childcare will be provided.)*

At the beginning of this year, we might make resolutions, which are “receptive” commitments. We might pray for “eyes to see.” We might listen to others around the table. We might write down what we are grateful for each day. We might open our Bibles and ask a few more questions. We might share a hymnal with someone in worship. We might share the story of our community of faith with someone else. We can receive the grace of God from one person and then pass it along to another!

### **Quarterly Business Meeting**

*Thursday, January 30*  
*5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall*  
*Agenda Items: 2019 Financials,*  
*2020 Nominating Committee*  
*Members*

We do not know where it might lead us, but we can make a resolution to receive God’s Spirit and see where it takes us!

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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.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **Advent De-decorating**

*Sunday, January 5th, 4:30 p.m.*

The Flower Committee will take down and put away all of the Advent decorations and need as many helpers as possible. Please plan to join them if you can.

### **PrimeTimers on the Move**

*Tuesday, January 21st, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Join us for lunch and a program.

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## **Communion**

The deacons of Auburn First Baptist take communion to those who cannot be with us in worship, as we are all bound together by the grace of God. If you know of a church member who might benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office.

## THANK YOU

### **Helen W. Brown Jail Ministry ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR Congratulations, AFBC Family!**

During quite a number of weeks, many members of our church family—TOO MANY TO MENTION—have been working hard to complete 150 Christmas boxes for the inmates at Lee County Detention Center. We happily attest to another successful year!

You have supplied and wrapped shoe boxes, given enough Christmas cards to supply five for each box, and provided funds for the purchase of 750 stamps for mailing the cards as well as supplying other box contents. Thanks to our college students who joined us for the filling of the boxes. The Jail Ministry team is deeply grateful for the valiant work of all Sunday School classes and other church members, staff and friends.

The completed Christmas boxes were delivered to Lee County Detention Center on Tuesday, December 17 in time for the various Christmas services on December 18. Each of the 750 inmates received a filled box following the services.

We are so very grateful to each one of you, who has helped with this work! May you continue to receive many blessings in having done so!

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### **Round Table**

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

Resumes January 5

*“A Reading List for 2020”*

January 5

Led by Tripp Martin

*“Poverty in the Bible”*

January 12, 26, and February 2, 9

Led by Tripp Martin

January 12 - The Torah

January 26 - The Prophets

February 2 - The Psalms

February 9 - The New Testament

### **Connecting Faith and Family**

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

Resumes January 5

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We are discussing *How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. Questions regarding Connecting Faith and Family should be directed to Leah Duzy at [aduzyofalife@gmail.com](mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com). All are welcome!

## COLLEGE

### **Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Thank you for always supporting this important mission and ministry of our church. One of the most meaningful things we do is offer students a meal and opportunity for fellowship to begin each Tuesday night.

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

### **Bible Study & Breakfast**

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

### **College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*7:00 p.m., Activities Building*

Resumes January 14

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

## YOUTH

### Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner  
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time  
*Resumes January 9*

### Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.  
Choir Room  
*Resumes January 5*

### Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Room  
*Resumes January 12*

### Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 5th, 12:00 p.m.  
Youth Room



**Depart - Friday, January 17th, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Return - Sunday, January 19th, 4:00 p.m.**

## 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.  
*Resumes January 5*

### Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building*  
*Resumes January 12*

### Spark Adventure

*Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building*

#### Helpers:

*January 9th: Dawn Driggers & Carolyn Grimes*  
*January 16th: Cathy Summers & Julie McClanahan*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Every Sunday

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

#### Every Thursday

Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.  
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday - 1st

*Church Office Closed*

#### Thursday - 2nd

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.  
*No Evening Activities*

#### Sunday - 5th

Children's Committee Mtg .....Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.  
Senior Adult Committee Mtg...Library 12:00 p.m.  
Youth Committee Meeting.....Youth Room 12:00 p.m.  
Advent De-decorating.....Sanctuary 4:30 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.  
Committee Night.....TBA 6:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday - 8th

CDC Committee Meeting .....Library 5:45 p.m.

#### Thursday - 9th

First Bells.....Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
Youth Hangout Time .....Youth Room 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventures.....Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

#### Sunday - 12th

College Committee Meeting ....Library 12:00 p.m.  
Mission Committee Meeting....Library 3:30 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 Nights.....Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday - 14th

Caring Hands .....Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.  
College Bible Study .....College Room 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday - 15th

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

## THURSDAYS

### Thursday Evening Activities

*Resumes January 9*

We will begin to gather around the table for dinner, fellowship, and prayer on January 9, 2020. Due to the cost of catering dinner, the Stewardship Committee has decided to return to brown bag dinner on Thursdays. We will still plan special events for potlucks and other gatherings throughout the year.

*“Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives”*

*Led by Tripp Martin*

On Thursday, January 30, we will have our first quarterly Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.



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## MISSIONS

### Missions in 2019

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2019, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. We can reflect on the financial gifts to missions, which are important, but they are also just part of the story.

In addition, the youth coordinated another Rise Against Hunger Event, and the college students helped packed Christmas boxes for the Helen W. Brown Jail Ministry. The children of the church and the Caring Hands ministry baked cookies for the WeHelp Coalition's annual Cookie Walk. We also hosted the Campus Kitchens student group from Auburn University, and our youth prepared meals for them during the summer. We celebrated the completion of more than one Habitat for Humanity home by giving the owners vacuums. Our Benevolence funds supported countless families.

The Brasil Team built another church and cared for neighborhood children. We provided weekly meals through Loaves and Fishes. We continue to partner with others, doing more together than we could do by ourselves!

We could never name everything that takes place through the missions of the church, but we are grateful for the work behind us and the opportunities before us! We could also never name the number of people who volunteer and serve individually in various community ministries.

<b>Global Ministries Offering, March 2019</b>	\$21,497.50
<b>Benevolence Offering in 2019</b>	\$8,949.44
<b>Mission Trust Fund</b>	\$16,500.00
<b>Youth Mission Fund</b>	\$7,040.59
<b>Children's Sabbath Mission Offering</b> (Sowing Seeds of Hope)	\$395.00
<b>CBF Missions</b>	\$36,351.10
<b>Missions in General Fund</b>	\$6,912.05

### Serving the Month of January

**Greeters:** Candy Enkeboll & Dee Williams

**Visitors:** Kyle & Melissa Willian

**Offering:** Adult IV

**Loaves & Fishes:** Seekers

### Serving January 5, 2020

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Bill McIntyre

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Mark Coxwell, Suzanne Parish,  
Amber Berry-Moore, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter

### Serving January 12, 2020

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Hazel Lee

**Sound & Light:** Lynli Cantrell-Wright

**Extended Session:** Cindy Cleveland, Patrick White,  
Ashley Aston, Felicia McInnis, Mark Wilson

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