



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

January 19th

Second Sunday After Epiphany
Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42

January 26th

Third Sunday After Epiphany
Psalm 27:1,4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Lay Worship Leader for January:
Clay Ritenbaugh

Simple Commitments

By: Tripp Martin

Sometime in the middle of January I realize how long it takes to fully enter another year. More than once, I catch myself writing the incorrect date, January 15, 2019. It takes several weeks before I am able to write 2020.

The passing of time can feel awkward, but we are at our best when we embrace it! We can embrace each new year and every new beginning as a gift of grace. God's grace provides fresh starts and new opportunities. We can enter the year with expectations of hope and joy!

Strangely enough, one way to look forward is to look back with gratitude. We look back at 2019, and we are grateful for the commitment of Auburn First Baptist. We are thankful to have served and celebrated together! Each of us might name moments of grace personally, where we felt supported in a time of need, found clarity when it seemed elusive, or watched a loved one grow in his or her faith.

We can also give thanks for collective moments of grace, as we served the needs of the vulnerable through Loaves and Fishes, hosted a baby shower for the Community Market, or served at Campus Kitchens. We could mention our Children's Choirs, Youth Sunday, or college students packing the Jail Ministry boxes. We are thankful the church gave \$92,763 to missions last year!

We now turn our attention to the year ahead, recognizing God's grace is still at hand. We can enter this year by making commitments to one another. We can make a commitment to serve and give to the mission of the church. We can make a commitment to read the newsletter or pray for the concerns of the congregation. We can make a commitment to get to know others in the church, help with the nursery on Sunday morning, or reread one of the gospels.

These are simple commitments, which connect us to one another and to God's grace. As we enter another year, we can remember that our faith engages this world. We engage this world through simple commitments that build and serve community!

REMINDERS

PrimeTimers on the Move

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

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, January 30
5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Agenda Items: 2019 Financials,
2020 Nominating Committee Mem-
bers

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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 Volunteers Needed!

Join us June 1-4 (Monday - Thursday evenings) as we learn about Bible stories and about missions. Whatever your gifts and talents are, they can be put to use! Whether you want to be hands-on with the children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you. Contact Cathy Summers (catherine.summers@gmail.com), Sue Walker (auburnjams@gmail.com), or Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help!

Global Ministries Offering

Each year, we are intentional and generous in supporting ministries beyond the boundaries of our congregation. Annually, we encourage church members to pledge an additional offering that is dispersed throughout the world, supporting global missions, providing shelter, addressing local and world hunger, cultivating theological education, and assisting with disaster relief.

The church council will be working on the proposed GMO budget, so they are asking for requests and/or suggestions for the GMO budget. If you have something you would like to be considered for the budget, please send the information to the church office.

Global Ministries Offering Sunday will be on March 1. Gifts for the 2019-2020 GMO can be given until then, and March 1 will begin the 2020-2021 GMO budget. We have given \$15,205.00 to the current GMO budget, and our goal is \$24,5000.

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Brown Bag Dinner

We will gather around the table for dinner, fellowship, and prayer. 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.

Round Table

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

“Poverty in the Bible”

January 26, and February 2, 9

Led by Tripp Martin

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

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. All are welcome!

PrimeTimers on the Move

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

“Wills, Power of Attorney, Medical Directives, and Medicaid Planning”

Led by Attorney Van Gholston

Folks over fifty, please join us for this presentation! We will enjoy lunch together afterwards.

College Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 2nd, 5:00 p.m.

2200 Herndon Street, 36830

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 laura@auburnfbc.org or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.

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
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Depart - Friday, January 17th, 3:00 p.m.
Return - Sunday, January 19th, 4:00 p.m.
Bring money for lunch on Sunday.

Youth Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 2nd, 5:00 p.m.
1252 Kinsley Court, 36830

CHILDREN



Preschool Valentine's Dance Party

Saturday, February 1st
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Join us for pizza, crafts and dancing!
All preschool children and their families are invited.

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:

January 16th: Cathy Summers & Julie McClanahan
January 23rd: Carolyn Grimes & Leigh Anne Armstrong
January 30th: Mary Joe Howard & Katharine Martin

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 - 15th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 16th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg ... Library 5:00 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.

Friday - 17th

Youth Depart for WYS Gay Street Lot 3:00 p.m.

Sunday - 19th

Youth Return from WYS Gay Street Lot 4:00 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Monday - 20th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday - 21st

Prime Timers Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 22nd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 23rd

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 - 26th

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 Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 28th

Dayfriends Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.
College Bible Study College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 29th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 30th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Quarterly Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 5:45 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.

“Backs Against the Wall”

Sunday, January 19th, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by Auburn United Methodist Church

Auburn UMC is hosting a viewing of a documentary about Howard Thurman and a discussion about racial reconciliation. The gathering will include a panel discussion, and the invitation is extended to local churches and the community. The documentary and discussion will take place in the Fellowship Hall of Auburn UMC.



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MISSIONS

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.

Conversational English Class

On Wednesdays during the semester, a volunteer is needed from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. to help with preschool childcare. If you can only volunteer certain weeks each month, please let us know. We could also use an additional teacher from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Please contact Charlotte Ward or the church office if you can help!

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!

Thursday, February 6 at 5:15 p.m.

Yes, we are hosting a baby shower...for the Community Market. The shower will take place during our Thursday evening midweek service on February 6. In addition to "adult" food, the Community Market always needs baby food and cereal, bottles, diapers (sizes 1,2,3, and 4), wipes, lotion, baby wash, pacifiers and any other baby items. Please come help us minister to the "littlest" in our community by participating in our Community Market Baby Shower. Church members, who regularly volunteer at the Community Market, will share about their experience!

If you are unable to attend on Thursday, February 6, you may place baby items in the donation box outside the church office. Please contact Charlotte Sutton (suttocd@auburn.edu) with questions.

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Candy Enkeboll & Dee Williams

Visitors: Kyle & Melissa Willian

Offering: Adult IV

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Serving January 19, 2020

Counters: Charles Segrest, James Nichols

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Anne Randle, Anna Thompson, Lee McInnis, Leah Duzy, Katharine Martin

Serving January 26, 2020

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Lesley Odom, Franklin Randle, Jason Summers, Cynthia Smithart

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