Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

January 15, 2020

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

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 Members Bunding Community, Serving Com

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!

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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

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

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!

GMO

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.

THURSDAYS

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!

FELLOWSHIP

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

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 <u>laura@auburnfbc.org</u> 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



January 17-19, 2020 FBC Huntsville

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 Every Thursday Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 15th 9:00 a.m. Thursday 5:00 p.m. First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m. Stown Room 5:55 p.m. Spark Adventures Education Building 5:50 p.m. Stown Room 5:45 p.m. Spark Adventures Education Building 5:50 p.m. Stown Room 6:45 p.m. Spark Adventures Education Building 5:00 p.m. Stown Room 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m. No Stown Room Stown Ro			AND.
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"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 Ministerial Staff Support Staff Bryan King Dr. Tripp Martin Greeters: Candy Enkeboll & Dee Williams Organist Pastor Visitors: Kyle & Melissa Willian kingbry@auburn.edu tmartin@auburnfbc.org **Offering:** Adult IV Dawn Driggers Loaves & Fishes: Seekers Laura Edgar Accompanist Associate Pastor for Youth, ivorytklr@bellsouth.net Serving January 19, 2020 College and Young Adults Milissa Clowers **Counters:** Charles Segrest, James Nichols laura@auburnfbc.org CDC Director Sound & Light: David Sutton milissa@auburnfbc.org Extended Session: Anne Randle, Anna Thompson, Lee Morris Driggers McInnis, Leah Duzy, Katharine Martin Associate Pastor for Music Kristina Hickman Office Manager morris@auburnfbc.org kristina@auburnfbc.org Serving January 26, 2020 Dale Peterson Lakin Coulter & Soraya Gun Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot Minister of Music Emeritus/ Administrative Assistants Sound & Light: Chad Parish Composer in Residence frontdesk@auburnfbc.org Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Lesley Odom, Franklin dalepeterson@charter.net Randle, Jason Summers, Cynthia Smithart

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