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WORSHIP

A Life of Worship

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June 21st

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 10:24-39

Romans 6:1b-11

June 28th

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Youth Sunday

Lay Worship Leader for June:

Anne Randle

One of the words, which belongs to worship, is liturgy. Liturgy is everything we say and do in the sanctuary. It is the Invocation, Offering, Hymns, and Ministry of Silence. It is everything we find in the bulletin, and everything we do that is not even listed.

Liturgy means “the work of the people” because we worship together. It is a joint venture, a group project! The ministers do not perform the liturgy, while the congregation watches. The ministers and congregation perform the liturgy together by singing and praying, listening and responding. As we worship together, God is watching.

I have heard the word *liturgy* differently, as the pews have been empty during quarantine. It is difficult to walk into our sanctuary and not imagine the faces of the congregation, even when no one is there; but with the room empty, it does call us to see the broader liturgy of our lives.

REMINDERS

Worship

Our worship service is live streamed on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

We are talking about “Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives.” A video is posted on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

Online Giving

If you would like to give online, you can do so at the link below. Everyone can continue to give as they have given in the past. Checks can be mailed to the church. If you have any questions about online giving, please email Kristina Hickman, kristina@auburnfbc.org.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

If the Invocation invites God into worship, we also invite God to join us in our daily lives. As we bring our offerings to the sanctuary, we are also offering each day as a gift to God for all we have received. As we all sing our parts of the hymn, we recognize how our daily lives create a larger tapestry of faith throughout our community. As we find God in the Ministry of Silence, we are called to hear God’s presence in the pauses of each week. Our liturgy, or “the work of the people”, has continued to take place, even as we have been apart!

We are not sure when we will be able to gather in person for worship, but when we do, we know it will look different. We might wear masks or sit six feet apart. We might not have a choir or shake hands with others. We will sit in a familiar space, but it might feel unfamiliar at first.

I take comfort in knowing that the true work of the people continues to take place. We will continue to live stream worship, even after we gather in person, allowing everyone to connect with the community of faith.

We will continue to participate in the joint venture of worship. We will allow the grace of God to do its work. We will yield to the hope of God and listen for the calling to love our neighbor. We will share in the goodness of God, which finds us wherever we are!

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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.

When the reality of the COVID-19 outbreak began to disrupt all of our lives and suspend in-person activities of the church, conversations almost immediately began about how we could continue with Vacation Bible School. We felt it was important to provide some kind of VBS opportunity even if it would not be safe to hold a traditional in-person VBS. We are grateful that technology, flexibility, and several people with great ideas and big hearts allowed us to hold our very first virtual Vacation Bible School this year!

Virtual VBS was held June 1-4. Our theme was "Discovering Compassion" and children had the opportunity to discover and explore Bible stories that teach us about compassion, what it is and how we can show compassion to others. Each evening began with a Zoom session. It was so nice to see everyone's faces! We sang songs together, said prayers, read our Bible story and discussed the theme of compassion. Families also had the opportunity to engage in a craft or other activity to go along with each evening's Bible story such as making a welcome sign, writing notes or cards to friends and neighbors, or drawing a scene from one of the Bible stories with sidewalk chalk. Of course, no VBS is complete without snacks. We were so lucky that some of our wonderful VBS volunteers delivered a package to each child's home with a snack for each evening of VBS! It was a meaningful time and the children were able to learn so much about showing love and compassion.

As always, VBS would not be a success without the amazing volunteers and staff who put it together and made it happen. We are grateful to Leigh Anne Armstrong for her talent and musical leadership during worship. We thank Tripp and Laura for leading the Bible studies and for overall guidance as we navigated a very different VBS. We thank Cindy Cleveland and others who prepared and delivered snacks to the children as well.

We also thank you, our church family, for your prayers and continued support through what was certainly a different but a very successful Vacation Bible School. While we are certainly hopeful we will be able to be together in person by the time the next VBS rolls around, we take comfort in the knowledge that with teamwork, servant leadership, open minds, and a little help from technology, we can still provide meaningful and fun way for the children of our church and community to have a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience.

Thank you!

Cathy Summers and Sue Walker
VBS Directors

Sunday School

During this time of social distancing, Sunday School classes are finding ways to remain connected. Teachers are sharing lessons, and classes are meeting virtually. We are thankful for these connections!

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

There will not be a meeting in June. Our schedule remains to be determined.

CBF General Assembly

Virtual Gathering

CBF asks that you hold June 25-26 for a series of virtual gatherings of worship, inspiration, education, fellowship and business. To view the schedule and to register, please go to <https://cbf.net/general-assembly-2020>.

A Note from Mary Joe Howard

My new address is:

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This twin city is about 20 minutes from my hometown of Buie's Creek, home of Campbell University, a Baptist school. It will not be easy to leave Auburn, this year being my 51st here. I shall sorely miss my wonderful church, all our staff and this congregation at First Baptist. This church has been my guide, my joy, my consolation, my sustenance and delight! I shall miss you friends, dearly. I hope that I might visit Auburn in the future. If you are in my area, I hope you will get in touch and perhaps pay a visit.

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Not Meeting

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time
Not Meeting

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Not Meeting

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Youth Sunday

Sunday, June 28

Passport in Auburn

July 6-10

MISSIONS

Community Market and Food Bank

At this time, when so many people who live paycheck to paycheck are out of work, demands on the Community Market are higher than ever. Food supplies are running low, and so are the funds to replenish them. A check in any amount made out to the Community Market (3810 Pepperell Pkwy, Opelika, AL 36801) or to the Food Bank of East Alabama (375 Industry Drive, Auburn, AL 36832) would help! A check is better than a bag of groceries because the Food Bank can make the money go farther.

CHILDREN

Passport Kids in Auburn

July 20-22

We will have a version of Passport Kids for 2nd-5th graders. Save the date!

Zoom with Pastor Tripp

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.
Kindergarten - 5th grade
Email Tripp for more information.

Children's Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building
*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.
Not Meeting

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Not Meeting

Spark Adventure

Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building
Not Meeting

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.

The church office remains closed as our staff is working from home. The email addresses for the staff are found in the newsletter and website. If you need to contact the ministerial staff, Tripp Martin (334-332-4100), Morris Driggers (864-981-0963), or Laura Edgar (334-233-2267).

Social Media

During this time of social distancing, we have been creating connections online. Auburn FBC has several online outlets, which we are using more often during this time. Here is a list below, which you can subscribe to as it works for you. Feel free to share this information with others.

Facebook: [Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/AuburnFBC](https://www.youtube.com/AuburnFBC)

Twitter: [@AuburnFBC](https://twitter.com/AuburnFBC)

Apple Podcasts: [AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/applepod)

Google Play: [AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/googlepod)

RSS: [AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast](https://www.auburnfbc.org/feedpodcast)

Serving in June

Our Counters, Sound & Light, and Extended Session volunteers remain to be determined.

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