

# Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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### **WORSHIP**

Milestones

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August 16th

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:10-28

August 23rd

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

August 30th

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Romans 12:9-21 Laura Edgar Preaching

Lay Worship Leader for August: Kellie Wilson

### REMINDERS

### Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

#### Midweek Reflections

Sacred Words: Reclaim, Redefine & Rediscover

A video is posted on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

Driving on the interstate, making our journey down the road, we do not pay attention to every single mile marker, but there are landmarks we notice along the way. When we arrive to a new state, or reach a major city, we announce it to the entire car!

As we are apart, we want to pay attention to the important milestones. Earlier this year, we recognized Laura Edgar's 5th anniversary at the church. We were waiting to celebrate further when we could be in the room together; but since we are not sure when that will happen, Laura will preach on August 30 in celebration of her anniversary.

We will also recognize another major anniversary this month, as we will celebrate with Bryan King in recognition of his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our Organist. On August 24, Bryan will have provided beautiful music and leadership in worship for twenty years. We could not be more thankful for what he means to the congregation!

We could never put our gratitude into words, but the congregation is encouraged and invited to writes notes of thanksgiving to Bryan for his ministry in honor of this significant anniversary. The notes and letters can be mailed to the church office (128 E Glenn Avenue, 36830).

For two decades, Bryan has helped us sing our praise and gratitude to God! He has helped us lift our voices in song and bind us together as a community of faith. We celebrate his talents and dedication! He has also been our friend on the journey. Let us celebrate his ministry among us!

Our journey continues, as we offer support to one another and remain connected to the community of faith. We are thankful for the many hands who make our worship service possible over live stream. We are grateful for the congregation as it cares for each other. We give thanks that God is always with us, wherever we are, holding us together as the church!

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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.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **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!

### The Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

"The Letter to the Philippians" Led by Tripp Martin

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918 Passcode: 009937

Our planning will take place as the fall unfolds. We are gathering over Zoom on Sundays. We have started a 6-week study of Philippians. It is a small letter with a great deal to say! After our study of Philippians, Mike McClanahan will lead a discussion on *Communion: The Celebrated Sacrament*.

### **Connecting Faith and Family**

Sundays, 8:30 p.m., via Zoom

We are reading *Permission to Feel: Unlocking the Power of Emotions to Help our Kids, Ourselves, and Our Society Thrive* by Marc Brackett.

We will meet virtually at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday nights. Contact Leah Duzy at <a href="mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com">aduzyofalife@gmail.com</a> for more information.

# **Staff Anniversary**

On August 24, 2020, Bryan King will celebrate his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the organist at Auburn FBC. It is a momentous day for Bryan and our congregation. Bryan has gifted this congregation with beautiful music for two decades. We are thankful for his ministry. Words could never express our depth of gratitude, but the Personnel Committee invites the congregation to send Bryan letters and cards expressing our thanksgiving. These notes can be sent to the church office (128 E Glenn Avenue, 36830).

After our first Business Meeting of recommending and voting on business items virtually, we can report that every item was approved. We are thankful for the congregation adjusting to this process!

#### MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Sacred Words: Reclaim, Redefine & Rediscover
Each Wednesday, posted at 12:00 p.m.
Led by Tripp Martin

We have sacred words, which belong to our faith. Over time, we need to reclaim, redefine, and rediscover them in order for them to remain meaningful. We will talk about these words and what they mean to our lives.

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#### COLLEGE

### Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Thank you for always supporting our college ministry. This important mission and ministry of our church could not happen without the support of our entire congregation. One of the most meaningful things we do is offer students a meal and opportunity for fellowship to begin each Tuesday night. In these unprecedented times, keeping students connected in safe ways is vitally important. We are planning to meet outside and to purchase meals during the fall semester in order to minimize contact while still promoting a sense of community.

If you are interested in sponsoring a meal or preparing a dessert for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at <a href="mailto:laura@auburnfbc.org">laura@auburnfbc.org</a> or call her at 334-233-2267.

# **Bible Study & Breakfast**

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. College Room (Activities Building) Not Meeting

# **College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

7:00 p.m. in the AFBC Courtyard Begins Tuesday, August 18th

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.

Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.

August 16th: AFBC Courtyard

August 23rd: Zoom

August 30th: AFBC Courtyard

#### CHILDREN

### **Family Bingo**

The Children's Committee is planning a socially distanced gathering on August 28 in the Courtyard at 6:00 p.m. We will wear masks. Bring a chair, or blanket, and dinner for your family.

# Children's Bible Study

Each week we will post a weekly Children's Bible Study, which will be compiled by several church members. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon, or even during the week.

### AuburnFBC.org/CBS

### 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**

Facebook: Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist

YouTube: YouTube.com/AuburnFBC

Twitter: @AuburnFBC

Apple Podcasts: AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod Google Play: AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod RSS: AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast

#### **Serving in August**

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

#### Ministerial Staff

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



#### **MISSIONS**

# **Shoeboxes for Jail Ministry**

We need 10 volunteers to collect and wrap 12 shoe-boxes. Wrapping paper can be provided by the church. If you can help, please contact Teresa Vest by August 17 (vestter@gmail.com, 334-444-9394). Also, we are asking everyone to save and donate any shoeboxes (shoeboxes with separate tops and at least 5 inches wide).

#### ONLINE GIVING

As an additional option for giving, we have online giving on our website. There is a 3% transaction fee by the company, which handles the secure transaction. Each giver has the option to uncheck the box, which includes this fee in his or her gift. If this option is not chosen, the church will need to cover the fee. The giver can also set up a recurring monthly gift using this option.

Checks can be mailed to the church, and we are grateful for the generosity of the congregation during this time. If you have any questions about this option, please email Kristina Hickman, kristina@auburnfbc.org.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

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#### **FELLOWSHIP**

# Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$23,500.00 Pledged: \$9,720.00 Given toward pledge: \$5,750.00 Given unpledged: \$4,952.00 Total given: \$10,702.00

### **PrimeTimers** on the Move

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