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WORSHIP

Raise Your Hand

By: Tripp Martin

October 18th

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

The questions we ask are important. They introduce us to essential insights. The well-known writer, Harold Kushner, who served as a congregational rabbi for fifty years, raises this question in his book, *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*. He asks, "What questions do we ask in the face of a crisis?"

October 25th

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 22:34-36

He begins with the story of Moses, who faced a crisis after fleeing Egypt. Moses had killed an Egyptian taskmaster, who was beating a Hebrew slave. He had fled for his life. God then speaks to Moses, "I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

Lay Worship Leader for October:
Stephanie Renuart

Moses raised his hand and asked God a question, "What is your name?" We might assume this was the formality of introductions, but there was more to it. In the ancient Near East, a name meant something. It described a person's character. Moses was asking God, "What do you stand for?"

REMINDERS

**Pledge Sunday is Over
But it's never too late to
Pledge!**

Estimate of Giving Cards can be found online at:

AuburnFBC.org/Giving2021

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

A video is posted on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

During a pandemic, I wonder if people are asking, "What does God stand for?" People might always ask this question, but we might hear it louder during a crisis. God's answer to Moses is difficult to translate from the Hebrew. Many times, it is translated, "I Am Who I Am."

In translating God's name, Kushner refers to an eleventh-century French Jewish commentator named, Rashi, who finds a connection between God's answer, "I Am Who I Am," and God's answer to another question a few verses earlier.

Earlier, Moses protests, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" God says, "I will be with you." The same Hebrew word (*Ehyah*) is used in both answers. Rashi says, God's name, or character, is "the One who will be with you."

God says to Moses, "I will be with you." This does not answer all the questions people ask during a crisis, but it does answer one of them. God stands in faithfulness to us!

During the days when we are tired of social distancing, longing for connection, let us remember, "God is with us!" We can begin each morning and end each day with those words. We can say them to ourselves, and to each other, whenever we face a crisis.

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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.

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.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate All Saints' Day along with churches around the world. It is a day to remember and give thanks for the saints that have gone before us. As part of our worship on Sunday, November 1, we will call out the names of church members, who have passed away in the last twelve months, giving thanks for what they have meant to the life of this congregation.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church. The giver can set up a recurring monthly gift using this option. If you have any questions about this option, please email Kristina Hickman, kristina@auburnfbc.org.

Checks can be mailed to the church, and we are grateful for the generosity of the congregation.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and mailing it to the church office with your check by November 16th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up from the AFBC Courtyard after morning worship on December 27, 2020.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

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

October 18 & 25 and November 1 & 8
5:00 p.m. on Zoom

“The Gift of Imperfections”

Led by Terri Byrd, Coordinator for Alabama CBF

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVIJoUEZqeVpsbHlIdz09>

Connecting Faith and Family Sundays

Location will alternate between AFBC and Zoom.

We will discuss *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison on the weeks that we meet at AFBC. The weeks that we meet via Zoom, we will chat about parent/faith related topics. Contact Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com for more information.

October 18th: AFBC Gay St. Lot; 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October 25th: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m. in the AFBC Courtyard

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights
Youth Hang Out Time
Not Meeting

Youth Choir
Not Meeting

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.

October 18th: AFBC Courtyard
October 25th: Zoom

Passport Youth Camp
July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

CHILDREN

Family Pumpkin Carving

Sunday, October 25th, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

AFBC Courtyard

Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes! We will wear masks and practice social distancing. Families can also just drive through the parking lot and pick up a bag of treats!

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2021

Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

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 & Bible Encounter

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 October

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*



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FELLOWSHIP

Alabama CBF *Virtual Fall Gathering* *Sunday, October 18*

Alabama CBF will host its first ever *Virtual Fall Gathering: Sowing Hope*, which will premiere on Sunday, October 18th. During this event, Alabama CBF will celebrate its 20-year partnership with *Sowing Seeds of Hope*, its rural development coalition. The special guest will be Dr. Wayne Flynt, author, professor, Alabama historian, and one of the original dreamers of *Sowing Seeds of Hope*.

We hope you will save October 18th on your calendar and register for the event! Your registration with your email will provide you with announcements about the release, copies of the new budget, and an opportunity to affirm the Nominating Committee report.

Register at www.alabamacbf.org/.

PrimeTimers on the Move

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

MISSIONS

Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others during this time by paying for the meals we would normally deliver each week for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class, or individual, would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Teresa Vest or Kristina Hickman. Each week costs about \$75.

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering **\$305.00**

Thank you for the support of the congregation!