Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

May 1, 2021

WORSHIP

May 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8

May 9th

Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98

Lay Worship Leader for May: Ron Little

REMINDERS

Online Giving Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

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Worship

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

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Midweek Reflections Practicing Our Faith

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Happy Anniversary!

By: Tripp Martin

Each week families bring their children to Auburn First Baptist to attend our Child Development Center. Families are thankful for the lessons learned, friends made, and community formed. We are thankful for the leadership of Milissa Clowers, who celebrates her tenth anniversary as the Director of the CDC on May 1.

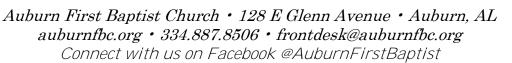
We are grateful for her dedication and personal touch, which Milissa brings to all of her work! She knows the children and their families, and she offers support and encouragement to the teachers. She prioritizes excellence in the classroom, while always creating a nurturing environment.

During this previous year, the CDC faced significant challenges. The CDC had to close for several months, and Milissa, along with the CDC Committee, navigated this transition with commitment and insight. They preserved the financial vitality of the center, and they supported the staff and families in the midst of it all.

Over the years, Milissa has maintained our accreditation with the National Accreditation Commission of the Association for Early Learning Leaders. This places a high standard on our center, preserving the best experience for our families. Our families celebrate the level of education and care their children receive! We are thankful for the great reputation of the CDC throughout our community.

Milissa has also cultivated a shared partnership with Auburn First Baptist. She supports the programs of the church and introduces families to our congregation. We also work together on facility needs and shared projects.

We are thankful for the consistent dedication of Milissa as the Director of the Child Development Center. We celebrate with her and the families of the CDC on her tenth anniversary. We give thanks for her leadership, as the CDC is an important extension of Auburn First Baptist!



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.

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

Will resume in August

Connecting Faith and Family

Will resume in August

Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

We continue to be grateful for the improvement of COVID-19 conditions in our area, and we are implementing some exciting changes going forward! Starting in May, small group gatherings of 25 people or less can meet in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. We suggest Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., limiting these gatherings to one group per week at first. Groups interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall should call the church office at least 48 hours in advance. Food or drink is still not allowed inside the building, and groups should have a way of taking attendance in the event contact tracing is needed (e.g., Sign-up Genius, taking roll, etc). Masks and physical distancing are required while inside the building.

On May 2, worship attendance will increase to 100 people with no other changes to the protocols at this time. The email to sign-up for Sunday worship will continue to go out on Mondays.

The committee also set a target date of August 8 for a full resumption of church activities, including Sunday School, Sunday & Thursday night activities, and child-care on Sunday mornings.

We will meet again in May to review and consider any further modifications to our gatherings and guidelines as we enter the summer months. Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

Vacation Bible School

"Renew" June 21-24, 2021

We look forward to Vacation Bible School this year! We will learn about God's creation and how faith grows in our lives. Our plans are to meet in person, but we will continue to monitor any concerns related to Covid-19. We will also have guidelines for a safe and fun VBS!

CHILDREN



End of School Pool Party Saturday, May 15th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Kindergarten - 5th grade

Grove Hill Subdivision Pool (at Grove Hill Clubhouse) (Located off Moores Mill Rd on Grove Hill Rd)

Breakfast will be provided. Remember to bring swimming gear, towels, and a change of clothes.

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2021 Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia Students 3rd-5th grade Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit) Email <u>kristina@auburnfbc.org</u> 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.

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Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter

Will resume in August

Spark Adventure Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building Will resume in August

YOUTH

Thursday Nights Youth Hang Out Time *Will resume in August* Youth Choir Will resume in August

Youth Sunday Nights

Will resume in August

Senior Recognition May 2

School's Out Event Sunday, May 23 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Chewacla State Park

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021 Furman University, Greenville, SC Total: \$450 Email <u>laura@auburnfbc.org</u> to sign up!

BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting – Virtual

The agenda, along with a link to a video presentation, will be emailed on May 4. There will be opportunities for questions included in the email. A survey-style email will be sent on May 10 for the congregation to vote.

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study Will resume in August

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

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.

Our weekly calendar will be determined by our Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings. The tentative long-term plan is to begin our regular schedule in August. *Promotion Sunday will be August 8.*

Serving in May

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

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MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Practicing Our Faith Each Wednesday, posted at 12:00 p.m. Led by Tripp Martin

Our faith is woven into our lives as we practice it throughout our everyday life. We will reflect on the different practices of our faith and the wisdom the church has gained over the centuries.

May 5 – Words & Speech May 12 – Singing & Prayer May 19 – Discernment & Decisions May 26 – Creativity & Hope

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MISSIONS

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!

Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. AFBC Courtyard

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. Financial gifts are also welcome. This event will be moved to the Coleman Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather. This will be a come and go event.

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 \$76.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

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