



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

June 6th

Second Sunday After Pentecost
Mark 3:19b-35
Preacher, Julie Long

June 13th

Third Sunday After Pentecost
Mark 4:26-34
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Preacher, Paul Baxley

Lay Worship Leader for June:
Candy Enkeboll

Postcards & Pictures

By: Tripp Martin

Whenever we travel, we might send postcards and take pictures. It is one way we account for where we have been. It helps us take memories and share stories so we do not lose them along the way. We need reminders of the places and the people which have shaped our faith.

Along the journey, we have places and people which stand out as significant for our journey. We give thanks for these places and people, and we are thankful for what we have received along the way, which we can now give away to others. Gifts are meant to be shared, particularly the gifts of faith!

Wayne Muller reminds us, "The fruit contains the seed, and the seed contains the fruit." The people and places which have planted the seeds of faith in our lives, produce the fruit. This fruit can become the seeds of faith in other people's lives. I am thankful for all of the seeds and fruit we find at Auburn First Baptist, as we gather for worship, go out to serve, or lean on one another throughout the shared journey of life!

I am writing these words several days before I will depart for my Sabbath Study Leave. I am grateful for the opportunity to plant seeds and cultivate fruit this summer. It will give me an opportunity for focused study and sustained reflection on our ministry together. It is a gift for which I cannot express my full gratitude!

I will miss our shared rhythms of faith while I am away, and I will look forward to returning to Auburn at the end of the summer. I will be away from May 24 – July 26. I will study the theology of creation and reflect on the changing religious landscape around the church, as I visit National Parks and National Forests, while cultivating conversations with others.

When I return, I promise not to share too many pictures or postcards. I hope to share the gifts of renewal and study, as we continue to build community and serve community together! I am thankful to the staff and lay leadership of the church for all they will do this summer while I am away. I will take a postcard from Auburn and a picture of this congregation with me, as I am thankful for this place and its people!

REMINDERS

Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Vacation Bible School

June 21-24
"Renew"

<https://AuburnFBC.org/VBS21>

**During the summer, please call Laura Edgar (334-233-2267) or Morris Driggers (864-981-0963) for pastoral care emergencies.*

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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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

Will resume August 8

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 August 8

Connecting Faith and Family

Will resume August 8

Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

As pandemic conditions continue to improve, the Ad Hoc Committee for Worship & Gatherings, along with the Deacons, have approved additional changes to the safety guidelines.

1. Congregational singing has resumed (masks should still be worn).
2. The sign-up process for attending worship has been eliminated .
3. Attendance for gatherings in the Coleman Fellowship Hall has been increased from 25 to 50, and food and drink are now allowed (masks should still be worn when not eating or drinking). Groups should contact the church office to confirm availability and schedule gatherings at least 48 hours in advance.

In an effort to promote an environment of safety and inclusion for all who choose to participate in these expanded activities, masks should still be worn inside church buildings. Live streaming will continue to be an option.

In returning to in-person Sunday School, the committee needed to consider the interruption of the Nominating Committee's work last year. Since some classes do not currently have Sunday School leaders, the committee felt the return to Sunday School should occur on August 8.

We will meet again in June to review additional modifications as necessary. We appreciate the congregation's continued patience, prayer, and support as we look forward to the next phase of returning to worship and gatherings at the church!

CHILDREN

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](https://www.auburnfbc.org/CBS)

Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter

Will resume August 8

Spark Adventure

Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building

Will resume August 5

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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. We will have guidelines for a safe and fun VBS! We appreciate our directors, Cathy Summers and Sue Walker.

Register today: <https://AuburnFBC.org/VBS21>

Youth SOS

Sunday nights during the summer

Summer is here! Our youth Sunday night gatherings look a little different in the summer. We call them Sunday Nights of Summer or SOS. Families sign up to host a night. This year we will gather outside as much as possible: in backyards, at parks, or other venues around town. We'll eat together, play games, and build a deeper sense of community within our group. SOS is a great time for fellowship and making memories. We're looking forward to a fantastic summer in the youth ministry!

YOUTH SOS

June 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

TBA

June 13
Lake Day

June 27, TBA

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

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 June

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

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*

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AFBC Weekday Parking

As a reminder, weekday parking for Auburn FBC is found in the Gay Street parking lot. The church leases the College Street parking lot to the city during the week. The employees of City Hall use it, and this generates helpful financial resources for our congregation. The parking lot is leased from 8:00-5:30 p.m. during the week. There are signs posted, and the city does issue tickets. The church office is unable to negotiate with the city for tickets issued to church members. Remember to park in the Gay Street parking lot during the week. If a church member has a handicapped sticker, he or she can park in the handicap spots in the College Street parking lot during the week. Also, the city vacates the lot when we have funerals, so it is available for general parking during those services.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

Wednesday, June 16, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Masks are required.

WELCOME

We are excited to share that Barbara Acker-Mills will be our next organist at Auburn First Baptist. Barbara has many years of experience, having served churches in North Carolina, New York, and Alabama. She has been the organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tuskegee, Alabama for the last three years. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Sociology at Tuskegee University. In addition to her degrees in psychology, she has degrees in piano performance and years of organ study at Salem College and Binghamton University. We are excited to welcome Barbara to our family of faith! Barbara's start date will be Sunday, July 11.

As we welcome Barbara, we will also celebrate Bryan's retirement. In conversation with Bryan, we will wait until the early fall when the congregation can all be together in order to give thanks for his twenty-one years of service to our congregation. Waiting until the fall will allow everyone to gather in the sanctuary, knowing that the summer could involve travel for many.