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WORSHIP

Standing at a Threshold

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August 1st

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8th

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Psalm 130
Promotion Sunday

August 15th

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
John 6:51-58

Lay Worship Leader for August:
David Cline

I am thankful, and excited, to be back in Auburn! I had an enriching Sabbath Study Leave, reading about God's creation and engaging conversations about the changing religious landscape around the church. We enjoyed time together as a family, and we loved seeing the beauty of several National Parks. I am thankful for the work of the lay leadership and staff this summer, while I was away. I will share briefly about my Sabbath Study Leave at our Business Meeting on Thursday, August 5th at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

As we look forward to the weeks to come, we stand at the edge of a threshold, as we do each and every fall. We have been looking at this fall from a distance, but it is now in front of us. Over the past sixteen months, we have navigated a great deal and remained limited in our gatherings.

We are thankful for the Ad Hoc Committee for Worship & Gatherings, as they continue to guide us, and the congregation for its resilience as well as our healthcare professionals and local healthcare system.

While we have been apart, the ministry of the congregation has continued! We have sustained our missions and supported one another, while also accomplishing other goals. We replaced the carpet in the Sanctuary and constructed an accessible walkway from the Gay Street parking lot. Again, we are thankful for the leadership of the congregation!

We now look forward to this fall, while still navigating lingering concerns of the pandemic. In particular, we are thankful our Sunday School classes will reconvene on August 8.

There continues to be the need for caution, healing, and grief because of the past year, but our rehabilitation includes the support of our family of faith and the bond of God's grace, which always holds us together! The gift of love in community with others is born out of God's Love!

As we begin this fall, let us listen closely for the presence of God, who always goes with us!

REMINDERS

Promotion Sunday

August 8th

We will return to in-person Sunday School and Sunday night activities. Childcare will be provided. Masks continue to be encouraged.

Bibles & Backpacks

11:00 a.m., Worship Service

Sunday Night Activities

Starts August 8th

5:00 p.m.

Children & Youth Choirs
Round Table
Connecting Faith & Family

6:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter (*1st - 5th grade*)
Youth Sunday Nights

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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

On Sunday, August 8, we will return to in-person Sunday School with childcare provided.

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
“Belonging: 1 Corinthians”
Led by Tripp Martin
Begins Sunday, August 8th

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers Classroom
Begins Sunday, August 8th

We are reading *The Enneagram of Parenting* by Elizabeth Wagele. We will finish the book in August and start a new book after Labor Day. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

CHILDREN

Children’s Bible Study

The final Children’s Bible Study recording will be posted August 1. We thank the several church members who have compiled the recordings. Archived recordings can be viewed at 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.
Resumes August 8th.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Resumes August 8th.

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

August 5th: Dawn Driggers & Julie McClanahan
August 12th: Not Meeting - Passport Reflections

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Brown Bag Dinner
Resumes Thursday, August 5th

August 5th - Business Meeting
August 12th - Passport Reflections

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting will be Thursday, August 5th at 5:45 p.m. The Agenda items will be the *Nominating Committee Report, Trust Fund Report and recommendations from the Trustees.*

COLLEGE

Welcome Lunch

Sunday, August 15, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Bible Study & Breakfast

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

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

Begins August 17th
7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Starts Tuesday, August 17th

The fall semester at Auburn University is fast approaching, and that means college Tuesday night Bible study will be starting soon! 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. If you are interested in sponsoring a dinner or preparing a home-cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at laura@auburnfbc.org or call her at 334-233-2267.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Resumes August 8th

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Resumes August 8th

Launch Retreat

August 14, 1:00 p.m., Activities Building

Launch & Learn

August 14, 6:00 p.m., Activities Building

Dinner for Parents & Youth

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

Saturday, August 14, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Our group and the Seekers Sunday School class are having a joint fall kickoff entitled "Good Grief!" with speaker, Jenny Filush-Glaze, local therapist with training and experience in loss and grief. She will speak to us using a broad definition of loss including death, divorce, institutionalization, covid losses and other life experiences.

We will have coffee and breakfast rolls; Jenny will begin her presentation about 10:30 a.m. We will adjourn by 11:30 a.m.

CBF General Assembly

Virtual Gathering
August 25-28, 2021

Join CBF for a time of learning, worship and inspiration. This year's General Assembly will be held virtually and will focus on renewal. Over the course of these days, we'll worship, participate in timely workshops, see what's happening with our ministry partners and browse a virtual exhibit hall.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/6aa24e08-93e1-4b1c-836e-5d81fe4f3a4e/regProcessStep1>

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.

Sunday - 1st

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 5th

Quarterly Business MeetingFellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.
Spark AdventureEducation Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 8th

Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth ChoirChoir Room 5:00 p.m.
The Round TableFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & FamilyFishers' Room 5:00 p.m.
Bible EncounterEducation Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday NightActivities Building 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 11th

CDC Committee MeetingZoom 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 12th

Stewardship Committee MtgLibrary 5:00 p.m.
Passport ReflectionsFellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 14th

Prime Timers & Seekers MtgFellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.
Youth Launch RetreatActivities Building 1:00 p.m.
Youth Launch & LearnActivities Building 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 15th

Children's Committee Meeting ..Library 12:00 p.m.
College Welcome LunchFellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth ChoirChoir Room 5:00 p.m.
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DayFriends

Tuesday, August 17, 11:45 a.m.
Newk's

Since some date lost in history, Dayfriends has been a moms and businesswomen's lunch tradition at AFBC. The "cautiously/hopefully exiting the pandemic shut-down" period is giving us an opportunity to reenvision what we'd like Dayfriends to be. If you're a mom- and/or businesswoman-type who'd like the idea of stressless fellowship for the occasional quick weekday lunch, join us at Newk's on S. Gay St. on Tuesday, August 17 between 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Nursery provided at the church by reservation (call by noon on Monday). Hope to see you there, for lunch and brainstorming!



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THANK YOU

Our Senior Adults Speak Out ... with a word of gratitude. The last 15 months or so has been a period of unusual stress for all of us, perhaps even more so for we retired senior adults. We, like many of you, found ourselves confined to our homes all day, every day. Some of us were unable to go out for our groceries. We were unable to visit friends and our families. And some of us, for whom church attendance had been an integral part of our lives for many years, found ourselves at home on Sunday mornings, watching our worship service on computers while learning to do this thing called... "streaming" (which I discovered has nothing to do with trout fishing!)

So, in the midst of this solitude and at times, loneliness, we senior adults began finding bags of cookies in our mailboxes. Along with the cookies was a note from our church telling us we were being "thought-of", "loved", and "missed." It is no exaggeration to say that these cookies and notes were rays of sunshine on days that had frequently become gloomy. I wish I knew everyone involved in this project...the bakers, the baggers, and the delivery people. If you were a part of this...**THANK YOU!** It is my understanding that Gwynne Lovelady was the creator and organizer of this wonderful ministry.

Perhaps you readers are thinking, "they were only cookies", but to we recipients, they were so much more than flour, eggs, and sugar... they were a little bit of God's love from Our Church Family, placed in a plastic zip-lock bag! Thank You!

A Most Appreciative Senior Adult

Serving the Month of August

Greeters: Candy Enkeboll, Ted Little, Dee Williams, Kellie Wilson

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitation: Ray & Shirley Brown, Fred & Sherry Weaver

Serving August 1, 2021

Extended Session: Not Meeting

Serving August 8, 2021

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Lynn Eden, Anna Thompson, Mark Wilson, Leah Duzy

Serving August 15, 2021

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Suzanne Parish, Ashley Aston, Cynthia Smithart

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