



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Triage & Therapy

By: Tripp Martin

September 5th

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-10

September 12th

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Mark 8:27-38

Psalm 19

Lay Worship Leader for September:

Carolyn Grimes

Over the recent years, seminaries and divinity schools across denominations and regions have seen a decline in applications. Less students are applying for theological education or aspiring for vocational ministry. These trends raise questions and invite reflection. Vocational ministry is not the only picture of God's calling, which is primarily rooted in the life of the church, shared by us all, but it is important as well.

We celebrate with members of our congregation beginning such a journey. Leigh Anne Armstrong begins classes at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky this fall, and Mimi Smith starts her first semester at McAfee School of Theology. They are both pursuing vocational ministry in chaplaincy. We surround them with our celebration and encouragement!

We also celebrate with Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, who just announced the Dr. Fisher and Caroline Humphreys Ministerial Scholars for 2021-2022. These scholarships support students from Alabama pursuing theological education, and eleven students received them this year! Despite the trends, God still calls people to ministry.

When I think about the calling of the church, which is not limited by vocational calling, I think about what Hardy Clemons once said, "The church is like a teaching hospital." It treats our pain and fosters our healing, but it also teaches us how to care for others. The church not only focuses on triage, stabilizing us; but also focuses on therapy, strengthening us, so we can walk with others.

The church gives us strength for the journey! We receive strength when we join our voices to sing a hymn or embrace the silence of prayer together. Without this strength, it is difficult to welcome the stranger or serve the vulnerable.

The recent journey of a pandemic has been exhausting, like running a race, where it is difficult to catch our breath. In triage and therapy, the church invites us to take deep breaths. We hope to breathe in the Spirit of God, stabilizing us and strengthening us for the journey ahead!

REMINDERS

Church Office Closed

Monday, September 6th

Deacon Nominations & Committee on Committees Requests

Deadline is September 16

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to submit names and requests.

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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.

Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2022 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at kristina@auburnfbc.org by September 16th.

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box by September 16th. *Names can submitted by email to kristina@auburnfbc.org.*

Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by September 16th. *A copy of this form is available outside the church office. You can submit your request by email to kristina@auburnfbc.org.*

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Maint.	<input type="checkbox"/> CDC
<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> College	<input type="checkbox"/> Counters
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis	<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Greeters	<input type="checkbox"/> Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Lights & Sound	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorials
<input type="checkbox"/> Missions	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance
<input type="checkbox"/> Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/> Ushers
<input type="checkbox"/> Van	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth

☐ I will serve wherever you need me.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Love Your Neighbor: The Life and Ministry of Fred Rogers”

Led by Tripp Martin

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Not meeting September 5

“How Then Shall We Live?”

Led by Gina Austin

September 12, 19, & 26

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers Classroom

We are reading *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Courtyard

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

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

Pizza & Games

September 16th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Activities Building

Youth Choir

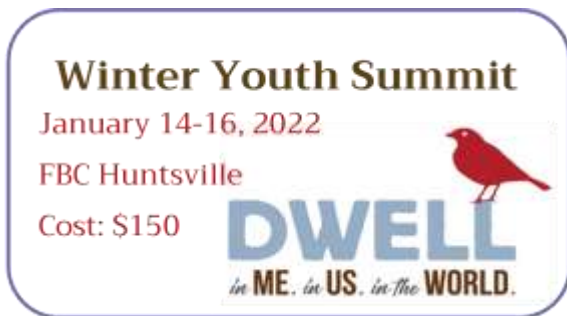
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room



Contact Laura to sign up!

CHILDREN

Children's Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building

**We ask that all attendees be potty trained.*

Begins September 12

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

Begins September 12

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

September 2nd: Katharine Martin & Mike Aston

September 9th: Dawn Driggers & Julie McClanahan

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.

Thursday - 2nd

Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 5th

No Evening Activities

Monday - 6th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday - 7th

College Bible Study Courtyard 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 8th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 9th

Stewardship Committee Mtg Library 5:00 p.m.

Spark Adventure Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 12th

Children's Committee Mtg Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Prime Timers Committee Mtg Library 12:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

The Round Table Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & Family Fishers' Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Night Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 14th

Day Friends 1200 Ferndale Dr. 11:45 a.m.

College Bible Study Courtyard 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 15th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.



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MISSIONS

Helen Brown Jail Library

The Helen Brown Library at Lee County Detention Center needs usable paperback books. The children of Helen Brown would like to build the collection. If you have paperbacks that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church library, or call Ginny Radford 334-750-1040 for a pick up at your home. Thanks for helping us to help others in need. Bibles, and Readers Digest are welcome also!

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, September 21st, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Day Friends

Every other Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.

Sept 14: McAlister's Deli - we'll sit out under the porch

Sept 28: 1200 Ferndale Dr., 36832 - Under the Veranda

If you need childcare (which will be at church), let the front office know by noon on Monday!

On our Oct 25 meeting, we will evaluate the Covid situation, and figure out where we feel comfortable going from there.

Serving the Month of September

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

Visitors: John & Jo Jones

Serving September 5, 2021

Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, Lee McInnis, Candy Enkeboll

Serving September 12, 2021

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Alex Ritenbaugh, Jay Spiers, Terri Wood, Leah Duzy

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