



WORSHIP

Close to Home

By: Tripp Martin

December 5th

Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)
Luke 3:1-6
Philippians 1:3-11

Our theme for Advent this year is “Close to Home.” Advent is the beginning of another year on the Church’s Calendar, which revolves around the life of Jesus and the life of the Church. We begin by anticipating the birth of Jesus. We anticipate the coming of hope, peace, joy, and love. We look for the kingdom of God on the horizon!

December 12th

Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Sanctuary Choir Music

During this time of year, we talk about home. We make plans to go home for the holidays. We remember the traditions of Christmas we celebrated at home. We feel like we are in the home stretch, trying to get everything ready before family visits our home.

December 19th

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)
Luke 1:39-55
Micah 5:2-5

Advent is about the birth of Jesus and the coming of the kingdom of God. It calls us to remember that our home is found in God. God is our resting place, which hits close to home, affecting who we are and how we live. It changes what we hope for in our lives, how we work for peace in this world, our experience of joy, and the way we love others.

December 24th

Christmas Eve
Carols, Candles, and Communion

The four Sundays of Advent lead us on a journey. We reflect on what it means to long for our home in God. We begin to look for this home. We celebrate the joy of God’s grace, which guides us home, and we lean into the love of God, which binds us to others. Gathering at home is always about the love of others!

December 26th

First Sunday of Christmas
John 1:1-14
Isaiah 52:7-10

During this Advent, we will gather with others in several ways. We will gather around the table of communion, giving thanks for God’s grace. We will gather to worship and to hear the songs of our faith. We will gather around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for our Christmas Potluck. We will gather with Sunday School classes. We will gather in each other’s homes.

REMINDERS

Welcoming Advent in Story & Song and Cookie Fellowship

Sunday, December 5th
6:15 p.m.

Please bring cookies in snack-sized bags to share!

We will gather to remember that our home is found in God, which binds us together! It leads us to the hope, peace, joy, and love of God; but then, it sends us out. It sends us out into the world, which is also our home, for God comes to dwell with us. As we find God throughout this world, we are at home!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 5:30 p.m., Worship

No Sunday School

December 26th & January 2nd

*All year end gifts for 2021 need to be in the church office by Thursday, December 30th or postmarked by December 31st.

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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.

Poinsettias

The poinsettias placed in our sanctuary and throughout the church for Christmas are placed in memory or honor of those listed.

In Honor of:

Tripp & Katharine Martin
J.D. & Hunter Martin
Morris & Dawn Driggers
Katharine & Tripp Martin
Laura Edgar & Seth Kochera
Gwynne Lovelady
Kristina Hickman
Nadine Maynard Johnson
Seekers Class
Tripp Martin & Family
Norman Rogers
Charlotte Ward
Gwynne Lovelady
Teresa Vest
Mark & Kellie Wilson
Tripp & Katharine Martin
Wayne Flynt
Jean Shell
Bill Sellers
Helen Bearden
Sylvia Malone
Carolyn & Georgia Thompson
Children of Pediatric Cancer
Organists, Bryan King &
Barbara Acker-Mills
Our Pastor, Tripp Martin &
Family
Our Grandchildren, Anna,
Olivia, & Emma Kate

In Memory of:

Paul & Clois Shoffeitt
Mary Virginia Moore
My Parents & Brother
Inez & Walter Sowell
Virgil Starks, III
Dartie Flynt
Lamar & Grace Casey
Tom Grimes
Gail Evans & Joel Hunter
Jonnie Dee Riley Little
John & Jeanette Jeffers
Walt Porter
Walter Porter
Dr. Wayne Shell
Wayne Shell
Lula Mae Holmes
Margaret Dunn
Shine & Gladys Pemberton
John & Jeanette Jeffers
Our Parents, Earl & Lousie Potts
& Charles & Louise Peterson
Dorothy Flynt
James Homer & Mae Ellis
Moore Flynt
W. Albert & Annie Grace
Smith
Robert Earl Christmas & Edna
Fellows Christmas
Sharon M. Odom
Charles Potter

Given by:

Milton & Kathy Martin
Pops & Kaki
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
Johnson Family
Gerald Johnson
Candy Enkeboll
Chris Boylen
Mary Lynn Porter
Bob & Jane Cooley
Bob & Jane Cooley
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Ben Shell
Wallace & Barbara Baldwin
Wallace & Barbara Baldwin
Wallace & Barbara Baldwin
Wallace & Barbara Baldwin
Ledbetter-Dunns
Dale & Libby Peterson
Dale & Libby Peterson
Ned & Delaine Dendy

Given by:
Jean, Paul, & Mary
Mary Joe Howard
Mary Ann Dell
Their Family
Donna Starks
Donna Starks
Candy Enkeboll
Betty Tatum
Glenn & Martha Evans
The Ted Little Family
The Ted Little Family
Mary Lynn Porter
A Friend
Cliff & Barbara Webber
Ben Shell
Ledbetter-Dunns
Ledbetter-Dunns
Ledbetter-Dunns
Dale & Libby Peterson

Dale & Libby Peterson
Wayne Flynt

Wayne Flynt

Edna Earl Christmas
John, Katherine, Lesley, &
Ariana
Cliff, Charlann, & Mary Ann
Potter

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Final meeting December 5. Resumes January 9.

“A Virus, Pandemic, and the Church”

Led by Tripp Martin
December 5

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers Classroom
Final meeting December 5. Resumes January 9.

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!

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 5, 6:15 p.m. –

Welcoming Advent in Story & Song

with music from our
Preschool and Children's Choirs,
and Youth Choir

Followed by our renowned *Cookie Fellowship*
Bring your favorite cookies in small, snack-sized bags
to share!

Sunday morning, December 12, 11:00 a.m. –

“What Shall We Sing for the Child?”

Led by the AFBC Music Ministry

THURSDAYS

Christmas Potluck & Special-Called Business Meeting

December 2, 5:15 p.m., Coleman Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda:
A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2022 budgets), and election of Deacons.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

Resumes in January

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12th

3:00 p.m. - Activities Building for snacks & Dirty Santa

4:00 p.m. - Leave for Fantasy in Lights at Callaway

9:00 p.m. - Return to AFBC



Contact Laura to sign up!

COLLEGE

We pray for our college students as they finish the semester and take final exams.

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

Resumes in January

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

CHILDREN

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

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

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

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

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

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

December 2nd: Lee McInnis & Carolyn Grimes

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

Potluck/Business MeetingFellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.

Spark Adventure.....Education Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 5th

Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir.....Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

The Round TableFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & FamilyFishers' Room 5:00 p.m.

Welcoming Advent.....Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.

Followed by The Cookie Fellowship

Thursday - 9th

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 12th

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 16th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 19th

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 23rd

No Evening Activities

Friday - 24th

Christmas Eve Service.....Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Closed

Sunday - 26th

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Monday - 27th

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 30th

No Evening Activities

Friday - 31st

Church Office Closed

Radio Broadcast

Beginning January 2022, the leadership of the congregation has decided to rely on the livestream of our worship service instead of the radio broadcast. Our radio broadcast is limited by outdated technology and the service from the radio station has diminished over the years. Shifting from the radio broadcast to the livestream will also create a savings of over \$4,000. If anyone would like help connecting with the livestream before the radio broadcast is discontinued, please notify the church office. We can send someone to your home to help you get connected. We want to help everyone learn how to use the livestream before January 2022.



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MISSIONS

Cookie Walk 2021

Every year, we are invited to bake cookies and to support the Cookie Walk, a fundraiser for the WeHelp Coalition and Habitat for Humanity. Unfortunately, the Cookie Walk will not be held this year. However, we are invited to make a financial gift. Church members can give to Habitat for Humanity through Auburn FBC. Please write Habitat on the memo line. The church will also give a donation out of its Benevolence Fund.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee Night

Sunday, January 9, 6:15 p.m.

Locations to be announced.

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Sunday morning, January 9.

(Childcare will be provided.)

Serving the Month of December

Greeters: Felicia McInnis, Candy Enkeboll, Dee Williams

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

Visitors: TBA

Serving December 5, 2021

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, Ashley Aston

Serving December 12, 2021

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Jay Spiers

Serving December 19, 2021

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Anna Coxwell

Serving December 26, 2021

Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, Alex Ritenbaugh

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