



## WORSHIP

### *Around the Table*

*By: Tripp Martin*

November 7th

*Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost*  
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
Mark 12:38-44

November 14th

*Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost*  
1 Samuel 1:4-20  
Mark 13:1-8

Lay Worship Leader for November:  
Sylvia Malone

One of the traditions of Thanksgiving is to go around the table, asking everyone to say one thing for which they are thankful. From table to table, we might hear similar answers. Whether you prefer turkey or ham at Thanksgiving, we might all say we are thankful for our health, family, friends, and food. If we sit down and make a list of the things for which we are thankful, this is usually how the list begins.

It can become challenging if we try to continue our list beyond those initial answers. It is not difficult because we run out of options. It is challenging because we are forced to think deeper and wider.

We might name specific aspects of our health, individual family members or friends, or particular items on the table to eat. We are thankful for our physical strength, Uncle Joe, best friend Sally, or the mash potatoes and gravy. We start to get specific, but there is more to say even beyond that list.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have lost a great deal. We have missed gathering with others. We have adjusted our routines and accepted limitations. But we have also discovered the importance of many things. We have gained clarity about what is truly important.

We are thankful for . . .

- Simple prayer, as it renews us when we are overwhelmed.
- Laughter that catches us off guard.
- Doctors and nurses, who have worked long hours.
- Church members, who take an interest in our children.
- Listening to the voices of others, as we sing together in worship.
- Gifted counselors and the wisdom of those who have gone before us.
- Researchers developing a vaccine for Covid-19.
- Watching children play at the churchwide picnic.
- Neighbors, who have called to check on us.
- Baked goods in the oven, which fill the kitchen with anticipation.
- Slow weekends and long conversations with loved ones.
- Community, which reveals the joy of commitment and love.

We can make a list this Thanksgiving, which is deep and wide, of all the things for which we are thankful. We can give thanks for all the many ways God's grace enters our lives!

## REMINDERS

### **Daylight Savings Time**

*Sunday, November 7th*

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

### **Advent Decorating**

*Sunday, November 21st, 3:00 p.m.*  
*Sanctuary*

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can!

### **Advent Family Workshop**

*Sunday, November 21st, 6:15 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*

We will gather for dinner and for families to create a craft for the Advent season!

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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 Biographies

*Deacon Elections will be held at the Special Called Business Meeting, December 2nd, 6:00 p.m.*

**Ashley Aston** lives in Auburn with her husband, Mike, their two sons, Henry (11) and George (5), and their dog, Dolly. Ashley grew up in Huntsville. Ashley's dad grew up in Auburn, so she often visited her grandparents here, which has always made Auburn a special place for her. Ashley's fraternal great-grandmother, Alma Whatley, was a member of AFBC years ago. Ashley began college at Auburn University in 2002 and, outside of a short stint of working in Atlanta, has lived here ever since. She holds a BA in English and has worked in the College of Agriculture in Student Services and Academic Advising since 2013. She enjoys working in Agriculture because of the diversity in research and people involved. The students are Ashley's favorite part about her job as they teach her so much about life, surprise her with their kindness and wit, and make her smile most every day. Ashley has been a member of AFBC since 2018. During her free time, she enjoys getting outdoors with her family, being active in the church, and traveling.

**Leah Duzy** first visited Auburn First Baptist in late 2009 after moving from Wisconsin. After trying out several different churches, she returned for a second visit to Auburn First Baptist and knew she had found her church home. She officially became a member in early 2017. She is currently a member of the Women's Intergenerational Sunday School Class, leads Connecting Faith and Family on Sunday evenings, is chair of the Children's Committee, and serves on the Life is Calling Committee. Leah works remotely as a principal consultant for Compliance Services International, a consultancy based out of Lakewood, Washington. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Sophia (age 12) and Zachary (age 8).

**Steve Eden** has been a member of AFBC since 1963, and he has served as a Deacon previously. Steve is Chair of the Grounds Committee and serves on the Children's Committee. He has been a chaperone for Passport Camp many times and is a Sunday School teacher for 2nd - 5th grades. He is married to Lynn and they have four children - Ashley, Victoria, Chandler and Steven. He has owned and operated the Garden of Eden Services, Inc. for 38 years.

**Jacqueline (Jackie) Hundley** joined AFBC in 2004. She is a member of the AFBC College and Mission Committees. She has two adult children, Rachel and Joshua, and a four year old granddaughter, Beatrice. She is the daughter of Flarcie Hopkins. She is a three time graduate of Auburn University. In July 2020, she retired from the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at Auburn where she was a senior lecturer.

**Donna Starks** has been a member of AFBC since 2000. She has served on the Social and Children's Committees. Donna has also taught Youth Sunday School and most recently was a teacher in the Infants Sunday School Class. She has three grown daughters, Carolyn, Victoria, and Anastasia.

**Teresa Vest** has been a member of Auburn First Baptist since 2010. Teresa enjoys being a member of the Pilgrims Sunday School Class. She has served on various committees within the church - her favorite service has been assisting with the Bible Encounter Class on Sunday evenings.

Teresa is married to Floyd and they have just celebrated their 42nd anniversary. They have no children. Both are Auburn Alumni and retired from Auburn University. She enjoys traveling with her husband, attending Auburn sporting events, and spending time with family and friends.

"I am so grateful for Auburn First Baptist Church where diversity is appreciated and different opinions are not only respected but encouraged. I feel the true meaning of Christian love every time I worship at AFBC with each of you!"

**Sue Walker** has been a member of AFBC since 2009. She is currently the Children's Sunday School Director. Sue has served on the Flower and Visitation Committees. Her family includes husband Alan, son Johnny, step-daughter Morgan and twin boys - Jackson and Matthew.

### COLLEGE

#### Serve Day

*Sunday, November 14th*

Meet in the Gay Street lot at 12:30 p.m.

#### Bonfire at Randle Farms

*Tuesday, November 30th*

Meet in the Gay Street lot at 6:30 p.m.

#### 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.

### Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH

**Thursday Nights**  
*Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal*  
 November 18th, 5:15 p.m.

**Youth Choir**      **Youth Sunday Nights**  
 Sundays, 5:00 p.m.      Sundays, 6:00 p.m.  
 Choir Room      Youth Room

## CHILDREN

**Children's Sabbath Mission Offering**  
 The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County  
**\$865.00**

Thank you for the support of the congregation!

**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:

*November 4th: Dawn Driggers & Julie McClanahan*

*November 11th: Stephanie Renuart*

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### Round Table

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*  
 "Witness as Vocation: We Are What We Do"  
 Led by Mike McClanahan  
*November 7, 14, & 21*

### 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 [aduzofalife@gmail.com](mailto:aduzofalife@gmail.com). All are welcome!

## 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.

#### Tuesday - 2nd

College Bible Study.....Courttyard 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday - 4th

Spark Adventure.....Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

#### Sunday - 7th

Children's Committee Mtg .....Fellowship Hall 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 - 9th

College Bible Study.....Courttyard 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday - 10th

CDC Committee Meeting.....Zoom 5:45 p.m.

#### Thursday - 11th

Stewardship Committee Mtg .....Library 5:45 p.m.  
 Spark Adventure.....Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

#### Sunday - 14th

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.

## FELLOWSHIP

### PrimeTimers on the Move

*Tuesday, November 16th, 10:00 a.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*

### *Blessed Are Those Who Mourn A Service for Loss, Grief & Hope*

*AFBC family and guests are welcome!*

### 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

### JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2021

It is time to turn our attention once again to the Christmas sacks for the jail ministry. (We have been asked to use sacks instead of shoeboxes this year.) Donations to cover cost of items in the sack are welcome. The \$15 covers the cost of a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, 1 pad of paper, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards to send, a game book, a deck of playing cards and candy.

Kellie Wilson will be contacting Sunday School classes about helping to provide the postage stamps for the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)

*Charlotte Sutton*  
Christmas Sack Project Chair

### Serving the Month of November

**Greeters:** Tracy Collier-Cline, Mary Ann Dell, Kellie Wilson

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

**Visitors:** Randy & Ronda West

### Serving November 7, 2021

**Extended Session:** Lynn Eden, Anna Thompson, Mark Wilson, Terri Wood

### Serving November 14, 2021

**Extended Session:** Betty Tatum, Spenser Keel, Jo Jones

## THURSDAYS

### Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

*Not Meeting November 25*

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

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.



### Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

*November 18th, 5:15 p.m.*

*Coleman Fellowship Hall*

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to email or call the church office to RSVP no later than *Thursday, November 11th* to make your reservation. *(No charge for this meal.)*

### Ministerial Staff

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