

Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Why We Do What We Do

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June 19th

Second Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:1-15 Psalm 42

June 26th

Third Sunday after Pentecost Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Mark Wilson Preaching

Lay Worship Leader for June: Wally Ridgway

REMINDERS

Family Day of Service

Community Market Saturday, June 18 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Medical Debt Panel
Discussion Video
AuburnFBC.org/MedDebt

CBF General Assembly Dallas, TX, June 28-30

On Saturday, June 18, our families and children will restock shelves and tend to other tasks at the Community Market for a Family Day of Service. It is an extension of Vacation Bible School, where we talked about our calling to become *Partners with God*. The words of VBS will become the actions of Saturday morning, as families and children volunteer at the Community Market.

It is a day, which is not only an extension of VBS, but also an extension of Auburn First Baptist. Our family of faith has long valued service and mission in our local community. We have a long-standing partnership with the Community Market. Many of our church members volunteer at the Community Market on a regular basis.

We are grateful for the many ways we partner together, and with God, to extend the love of God to others. Our Family Day of Service reminds us that everything we do is a commitment to our shared calling. Whether it is gathering for worship, singing hymns, enjoying a potluck, bringing our offering, traveling to Passport, or studying scripture, we are partnering with each other, and with God, in a shared calling. We are giving voice to the steadfast love of God and putting actions to the ways of Jesus.

I often times think about this when I am confronted with hardship in this world. When faced with pain and tragedy, unsure of what can be done, I remember what we are already doing. Our gathering, singing, studying, and serving gives voice and puts action to the enduring, abiding love of God. We hope to represent the healing and hopeful grace of God in this world. We cannot do this without one another!

As the children restock shelves on Saturday and ask questions about the work of the Community Market, they will learn more about our shared calling. They will be able to see themselves as part of it. They will see the heartbeat of our family of family and why we do what we do!

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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.

VBS: Partners With God

From June 6-9 we were grateful to host Vacation Bible School. We had about 40 children and 35 adults and youth participating and working with us this year. Our theme this year was "Partners with God." This was a very special Vacation Bible School as the curriculum was written for us by Julie Whidden Long as part of the "Life is Calling" grant. It was very exciting to see this curriculum come to life! We spent the week learning about how God calls us to be his partners in the world. We are called to serve others in our church, our community, and our world. God's call is not for only some people, but all people!

Each night we collected a Missions Offering for different local organizations. Children learned about Community Market, Loaves and Fishes, the Backpack Program, and Campus Kitchen. Overall, the children raised more than \$220 and collected dozens of food items for these organizations!

It was a wonderful and powerful week for all! We know in addition to the laughter, the snacks and the fun, there were moments of growth, understanding, compassion, friendship. We are so proud of what was learned and accomplished during VBS and grateful for how this church nurtures and cares for children.

We would like to thank all of the VBS volunteers and the Children's Committee for working very hard and giving of their time to make VBS a success. We also thank the Life is Calling Committee for the wonderful gift of this curriculum and Julie Whidden Long for writing such amazing and worthwhile material. We also thank you, our church family, for your support and prayers throughout VBS!

Cathy Summers and Sue Walker VBS Directors

FELLOWSHIP

CBF General Assembly Registration

Dallas, TX and Online
June 28 - 30

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

PrimeTimers on the Move

Will resume in August.

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Will resume in August.

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Will resume in August.

Help our Brasil Mission Team!

Below is a *list of items* the mission team will need for the children of Brasil. Please place donations for this project in the bucket provided in the hallway outside the church office.

Items needed include: coloring books and crayons, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, ball point pens, six inch rulers, individually wrapped chewing gum, bubble gum and hard candy (no chocolate), baseball type caps, stickers (smiley faces, etc), quart size zipper storage bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, t-shirts, and work gloves.

Leaving June 22nd Returning July 4th

CHILDREN

Family Day of Service

Community Market Saturday, June 18 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Families and their children (ages 4+) are invited to come for a day of service at the Community Market. We will restock shelves along with other tasks. We will meet at the Community Market at 8:00 a.m. (3810 Pepperell Pkwy, Opelika, AL 36801). We will probably finish before 12:00 p.m. Wear closed-toed shoes. If you are planning on coming, please email Tripp, so we can give them a head count. (tmartin@auburnfbc.org)

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2022

Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia Students 3rd-5th grade Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

YOUTH

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June 26, 6:00 p.m. Ashley Aston & Suzanne Parish Moore's Mill Park for Volleyball and Pizza! 900 E University Dr., 36830

July 10, 6:00 p.m. Suzanne Parish & Pooie Cantrell TBA

July 24, 6:00 p.m. Kellie Wilson & Leah Duzy TBA

> July 31, 6:00 p.m. TBA



Day At Six Flags

Monday, June 20 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person plus money for two meals

Contact Mark Wilson at markwilsonauburn@gmail.com to sign up! Friends are welcome!



Berea College Berea, Kentucky July 11-16, 2022

Depart: July 11 at 6:00 a.m.

Return: July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday Every Thursday Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Brown Bag Dinner Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Thursday - 16th Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:30 p.m. Saturday - 18th Family Day of Service......Community Market 8:00 a.m. Sunday - 19th No Evening Activities Monday - 20th Youth at Six FlagsGay Street lot 8:30 a.m. Church Office Closed Tuesday - 21st Deacons' Meeting.....Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. Thursday - 23rd Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:30 p.m. Sunday - 26th Youth SOS.....TBA 6:00 p.m. No Evening Activities Thursday - 30th

COLLEGE

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room

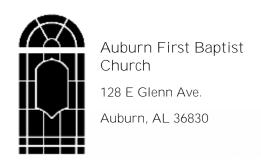
Bible Study & Breakfast

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

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building Resumes in August.

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.



THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall Will resume in August.

Extended Session

We are looking to add a few more people to the Extended Session rotation. If you would be interested in keeping children in the nursery during the worship service, please contact Anna Coxwell at coxwella@gmail.com. Thank you!

Serving the Month of June

Greeters: Felicia McInnis, Kellie Wilson

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Can-

tini

Visitors: John & Jo Jones

Serving June 19, 2022

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Alex Ritenbaugh

Serving June 26, 2022

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Anna Coxwell, Ashley

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Worship

Building Community

As we enter the summer months, we recognize church members will be traveling to visit loved ones or to vacation with family. In gathering each week for worship, the Deacons invite those who are comfortable doing so to sit closer to the front of the sanctuary. We benefit from the "ministry of presence," feeling the family of faith around us. It contributes to our singing and to our collective prayers. We can hear the voices around us! It also allows us to share communion or pass the offering plate. If you are not comfortable moving closer to the front, please remain where you are. The most important part of worship is simply gathering in the same room. We pause each week to offer our thanksgiving, listen for God's calling, experience comfort, and to share our lives with the family of faith.

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