



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

October 1, 2022

WORSHIP

October 2nd

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Luke 17:5-10

October 9th

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 17:11-19
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Pledge Sunday

Lay Worship Leader for October:
Beth Smith

REMINDERS

Pledge Sunday

October 9, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our church to prepare for the ministries and mission of 2023. There are copies of the Preliminary Budget around the church, and Estimate of Giving cards are available.

AuburnFBC.org/Give23

We are grateful for the commitment of the congregation as we minister together!

Children's Sabbath and Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 16

We look forward to the children of the church leading us in worship and to our picnic afterwards.

Pledge Sunday

By: Tripp Martin

In the life of a congregation, the announcement about Pledge Sunday is usually met with lukewarm excitement. This depends on the congregation, but Pledge Sunday usually carries with it particular expectations, whether they are accurate or not. It can feel like duty or obligation. We might anticipate a day marked by *shoulds* and *shalls*, as in you should or shall give to the church.

Over the years, I have witnessed a different aspect of Pledge Sunday, which comes from an accumulation of the entire year. As we witness members of the church, caring for the grieving with empathy and compassion, encouraging our children with kindness and dedication, or volunteering each week at the Community Market and serving the needs of others, we see the meaning of Pledge Sunday.

When we share our lives with one another, we lean into the meaning of community and stewardship! We experience the joy of walking together and sharing the journey. For the journey to become meaningful, we bear responsibility with one another, and for one another. This is the gift of Pledge Sunday!

On Pledge Sunday, we celebrate our gratitude for the journey. We renew our commitment to care for one another, to support our young people, and to serve the needs of others. We join hands as a family of faith for the challenge and opportunity to walk through life together and to live out our calling as the body of Christ.

For all the many ways in which this congregation has lived out its calling and shared the journey of faith, we give thanks! We are thankful for our opportunity to walk with each other, for what we can do together and for what we have received from one another.

Hopefully, we look forward to Pledge Sunday on October 9, giving thanks for the gift of this community of faith!

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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

Round Table

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

“Shining Light on Alzheimer’s: A Personal Journey”

Led by Gerald Johnson

October 2, 9, & 23

Connecting Faith and Family

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

We are discussing *Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength* by Kat Armas. This book was the CBF Book Club selection for March 2022. If there are questions about Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP

Tea for Women and Girls of AFBC

Sunday, October 2, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Marcie Smith’s home, 1878 Ashe Court, 36830

Ramp is available for accessibility.

Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 16

After Children’s Sabbath, we will gather at Town Creek Park for our annual churchwide picnic. The church will provide chicken and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Don’t forget your tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain join us in the Activities Building.

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, October 18, 8:00 a.m., Callaway Gardens

Meet in the Gay Street lot of the church at 8:00 a.m. We will return at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. Sign up with the church office by Sunday, October 16. We will stop for lunch (Dutch treat) at Sunny’s Home Cooking on the way back.

Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Fall Gathering

“Transforming Alabama”

Thursday, October 20, 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Further details and registration available:

www.alabamacbf.org/fall-gathering

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Holy Discontent: Unrest, Disputes, and Complaints in Scripture”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, October 27, 5:15 p.m., 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 Agenda items will be the *revision of the Constitution & Bylaws and recommendation for modernizing our elevator.*

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Persons interested in re-establishing our church’s Conversational English Ministry are invited to a brief meeting in the Fellowship Hall on October 23 immediately after worship. Karen Day will lead us in exploring the different opportunities available and how we might best be of service. Hope you will join us for this exciting first step!

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

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

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

Youth Tailgate in the Courtyard
 Saturday, October 1, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Dinner Out
 Wednesday, October 5, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Little Italy

Youth Halloween Party
 Sunday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.
 Activities Building

CHILDREN

Children's Sabbath
 Sunday, October 16th, 11:00 a.m., Worship
"God Loves the World"

We look forward to the children of the church leading us in worship! Our mission offering will support Mina and Genneday Podgaisky. Details in the newsletter.



Fall Festival
 Preschool, Children, and Families
 Saturday, October 22nd
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 AFBC Courtyard

Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes! RSVP at

<https://aub.ie/AFBC2022FallFestival>

Food • Fun • Games

Children's Committee Meeting
 Sunday, October 30, 12:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday		Every Thursday	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Dinner	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.

Saturday - 1st

Youth TailgateAFBC Courtyard 3:00 p.m.

Sunday - 2nd

AFBC Women's Tea1878 Ashe Ct, 36830 2:00 p.m.

The Round TableFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Youth ChoirChoir Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible EncounterEducation Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday NightYouth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 4th

Tuesday Night Bible StudyActivities Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 5th

First BellsChoir Room 12:30 p.m.

Youth Dinner OutLittle Italy 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 6th

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 9th

Youth Committee MeetingYouth Room 12:00 p.m.

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Bible EncounterEducation Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday NightActivities Building 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 11th

Tuesday Night Bible StudyActivities Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 12th

First BellsChoir Room 12:30 p.m.

CDC Committee MeetingLibrary 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 13th

Stewardship Committee MtgLibrary 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering

Sunday, October 16

On Sunday, October 16, our children will lead us in worship for Children's Sabbath! Our Children's Sabbath Mission Offering will benefit the work of Mina and Genneday Podgaisky, CBF Field Personnel in Ukraine. They have been stateside since the beginning of the war, but they continue to offer support and to send resources to Ukrainians in 11 different countries. Mina and Genneday Podgaisky recorded a video about their work, which is available at AuburnFBC.org/Podgaisky. The congregation can contribute to this offering by writing Children's Sabbath Mission Offering on the memo line of the check.



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MISSIONS

Trick or Treat for Cans

Auburn FBC has agreed to be a drop off location for the Trick or Treat for Cans Project for the Braveheart Center for Place and Purpose. BCPP is an organization that provides services to young adults with moderate to severe disabilities. If you would like to contribute to the food drive, you can bring items for the box outside the church office. Members of the Braveheart Center for Place and Purpose will come by and pick them up at the end of October.

Cookie Walk

December 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Baking Cookies

After missing this event in recent years, we look forward to the return of the Cookie Walk this year! If you would like to bake cookies, they can be delivered to Grace United Methodist Church on Friday, December 2 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. This is the annual fundraiser of the WeHelp Coalition, benefiting Habitat to Humanity. The Cookie Walk will be December 3 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Candy Enkeboll, Dale Peterson, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Kyle Willian & Melissa Reeves

Serving October 2, 2022

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Anna Coxwell, Mark Wilson, Ryan Thompson

Serving October 9, 2022

Extended Session: Alison Crosby, Anna Thompson, Kathleen Sabo, Leigh Anne Armstrong, Ashley Aston

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