



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

December 1, 2022

WORSHIP

December 4th

Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

December 11th

Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)

Sanctuary Choir Music

December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Carols, Candles, and Communion

December 25th

Christmas Day

Psalms 98

John 1:1-14

REMINDERS

Welcoming Advent and Cookie Fellowship

Sunday, December 4th

6:15 p.m.

Please bring cookies on a plate ready to serve!

Christmas Eve Service

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

Christmas Day

December 25, 11:00 a.m., Worship

No Sunday School

December 25th & January 1st

The Sound of Music

By: Tripp Martin

In the iconic film, *The Sound of Music*, Julie Andrews, who plays, Maria, sings *My Favorite Things*. She sings about rain drops on roses and whiskers on kittens. These things renew her spirits! During this season, one of our favorites things is the music of Advent and Christmas.

We look forward to singing *Silent Night*, as we hold our candles on Christmas Eve. We give thanks for the carols and hymns, which have shaped our lives throughout the years. The music of Advent and Christmas remind us of the value of music in our faith.

One person, who is instrumental in our music, is Dawn Driggers. On December 1, Dawn will celebrate her five-year anniversary as the accompanist at Auburn First Baptist. She plays an integral role in the music ministry of the church, where music is so important to our faith. We are thankful for her gifts and dedication to our music!

On Sunday morning, the piano lifts the voices of the Sanctuary Choir, and on Sunday evening, she is accompanying the Youth Choir, shaping their faith through music. She plays the keys of the piano with feeling and expertise, allowing us to hear more of God's grace in the beauty of music. We are grateful for all the many ways she leads us in worship!

As we give thanks for her anniversary, I invite you to write her notes of gratitude. They can be sent to the church office. We can express our thanksgiving for her ministry with us.

We continue to look forward to the music of Advent and Christmas. On Sunday, December 4 at 6:15 p.m., our Preschool, Children, and Youth Choirs will sing! We will light the Chrismon Trees, as our children and youth decorate them.

On Sunday, December 11, the Sanctuary Choir will share its music with us during worship. The First Bells will play on Sunday, December 18.

We will continue to sing on Christmas Eve and in worship on Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m., celebrating the joy of Jesus' birth!

***All year end gifts for 2022 need to be in the church office by Thursday, December 29th 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
Scarlett Sheils
Camryn, Alexis, & Nicholas
Wallace & Barbara Baldwin
Merle Bass
Our Pastor, Tripp Martin & Family

Given by:

Milton & Kathy Martin
Pops & Kaki
Candy Enkeboll
Stephanie Renuart
Margaret Wood & Tim Johnson
Margaret Wood & Tim Johnson
Dale & Libby Peterson

In Memory of:

Tom Grimes
Dr. Paul & Clois Shoffeitt
Lamar & Grace Casey
Gail Evans & Joel Hunter
Inez & Walter Sowell
Edna & Robert Earl Christmas
My Parents & Brother
Greg McCord
Greg McCord
Rose & Sam Rosenblatt
Billie Ruth Wood
Charlotte Ward
Jonnie Dee Riley Little
Jane B. Moore
Charles Potter
Elsie Derting
Jerry Summers
John & Jeanette Jeffers
Our Parents, Earl & Louise Potts
and Charles & Louise Peterson
My Brother, David Potts & Judson College

Given by:

Carolyn Grimes
Jean, Paul, & Mary
Candy Enkeboll
Glenn & Martha Evans
Their Family
Edna Earl Christmas
Mary Ann Dell
Brenda & Warren McCord
Norm & Alice Martin
David & Connie Rosenblatt
Margaret Wood & Tim Johnson
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The Ted Little Family
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Cliff, Charlann, & Mary Ann Potter
Cathy, Jason, Elizabeth, & Jonathan Summers
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CHILDREN

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 11th, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
The Preschool Committee would like to invite all pre-school age children and their families for lunch, birthday cake, and hot chocolate in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Caroling for the Children

*Sunday, December 18, Gay Street Parking Lot
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

We will depart at 4:30 p.m. in the church bus to go caroling, visiting church members and assisted living facilities in Auburn. We will return to the church for dinner.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Final Meeting December 4. Resumes January 8.

“When Baptists Disagreed”

Led by Mark Wilson
December 4

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers Classroom
Final Meeting December 4. Resumes January 8.

We are discussing *Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength* by Kat Armas. All are welcome!

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 4, 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 on a plate ready to serve!

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

“Handel’s MESSIAH”

Led by the AFBC Music Ministry.

THURSDAYS

Christmas Potluck & Special-Called Business Meeting

December 1, 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 (2023 budgets), a recommendation for a partnership with Lee County Literacy Coalition, and election of Deacons.

YOUTH

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

Christmas at Sparkman
 Sunday, December 11, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
 Sparkman Neighborhood

Youth Christmas Party
 Sunday, December 11, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Activities Building

Caroling
 Sunday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.

We're excited to partner with the children of AFBC to go caroling! We'll visit church members' homes and assisted living facilities. After caroling, we'll walk to Little Italy for dinner together.

COLLEGE

College Graduate Recognition
Sunday, December 4

Finals Study Hours
December 4 - December 8, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Activities Building

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
7:00 p.m., Activities Building
 Resumes January 17.

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<i>Every Sunday</i>	<i>Every Thursday</i>
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.

Thursday - 1st
 Potluck/Business MeetingFellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 3rd
 WeHelp Cookie Walk.....Grace UMC 8:00 a.m.

Sunday - 4th
 Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.
 Youth ChoirChoir 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

Wednesday - 7th
 First BellsChoir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8th
 Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 11th
 Birthday Party for Jesus.....Fellowship Hall 12:15 p.m.
 Christmas at SparkmanSparkman 2:30 p.m.
 Youth Christmas Party.....Activities Building 4:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Wednesday - 14th
 First BellsChoir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 15th
No Evening Activities

Sunday - 18th
 Caroling for the Children.....Gay Street lot 4:30 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Thursday - 22nd
No Evening Activities

Friday - 23rd
Church Office Closed

Saturday - 24th
 Christmas Eve Service.....Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 25th
 WorshipSanctuary 11:00 a.m.
No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Monday - 26th
Church Office Closed

Thursday - 29th
No Evening Activities

Friday - 30th
Church Office Closed

Deacon Installation

Sunday, January 8, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Committee Night

Sunday, January 8, 6:15 p.m.
Locations to be announced.



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MISSIONS

Cookie Walk

December 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Baking Cookies

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 for Humanity.

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2022

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 December

Greeters: Felicia McInnis, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors:

Serving December 4, 2022

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Zach Deal, Lynn Eden, Ashley Aston, Ronda West

Serving December 11, 2022

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Lyndsay Deal, Charlotte Sutton, Ryan Thompson, Mark Wilson

Serving December 18, 2022

Extended Session: Alison Crosby, Anna Thompson, Alex Ritenbaugh, Katharine Martin, Spenser Keel

Childcare

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

December 25 - Childcare not provided.

January 1 - Combined nursery of babies through K/1.

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