



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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*Building Community, Serving Community*

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## WORSHIP

November 20th

*Christ the King Sunday*  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 23:33-43

November 27th

*First Sunday of Advent (Hope)*  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14

Lay Worship Leader for November:  
Ray Brown

## REMINDERS

### **Advent Decorating**

*Sunday, November 20th, 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 20th, 6:15 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

### **Welcoming Advent and Cookie Fellowship**

*Sunday, December 4th*  
*6:15 p.m.*

Please bring cookies in snack-sized bags to share!

## *From Generation to Generation*

*By: Tripp Martin*

On Sunday, November 27, we will begin another Church Year! It will be the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time where we begin to anticipate the coming of Christ. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. It is a time to reflect and ponder. It is a time to focus on the heart of our faith!

Our theme for Advent this year is *From Generation to Generation*. As in years past, it is also the theme of our Advent devotional from Sanctified Art, which is available outside the sanctuary. The theme comes from the gospel of Luke, where Mary says, "God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation." (Luke 1:50)

The fear, which the gospel of Luke mentions, is a word, which means awe or reverence! Throughout the stories of Advent, we hear about awe and wonder. We also hear repeatedly, "Do not be afraid!" There is a fine line between reverence and feeling afraid. We embrace God's steadfast love through awe and reverence, allowing it to speak to our lives and to change our world!

We pass down what we find at the heart of our faith from generation to generation. It is God's steadfast love, which draws near to us, forgiving us and sustaining us. It also calls us to love our neighbor as ourself, as we lean into God's hope, peace, joy, and love for the world!

We look forward to waiting and preparing together, as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. On Sunday evening, November 27 at 6:15 p.m., we will celebrate with our Advent Family Workshop. Our families and church members will gather to make an Advent craft, which can be used during this season.

We also anticipate *Welcoming Advent with Story and Song* on Sunday evening, December 4 at 6:15 p.m., where our Preschool, Children's, and Youth Choirs will sing and we will decorate the Chrismon Trees. On Sunday morning, December 11, our Sanctuary Choir will share its music with us as we worship.

We will gather on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. for *Carols, Candles, and Communion*. We will also worship together on Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m. We will not have Sunday School on December 25. We will celebrate the traditions and good news of Christmas, which have been passed down from generation to generation!

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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.

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*Fellowship Hall*

RSVP by November 17th

Our theme for Advent this year is “From Generation to Generation.” Enjoy dinner and create a craft with your family that you can take home and enjoy during the Advent season!

Please RSVP by signing up to bring a food item by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ADA623A0FF2-advent1>

## *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.

**Round Table**

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

“When Baptists Disagreed”

Led by Mark Wilson

*November 20, 27, & December 4*

**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. All are welcome!

## THURSDAYS

**Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal**

*November 17, 5:15 p.m.*

*Coleman Fellowship Hall*

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal.  
*(No charge for this meal.)*

**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), and election of Deacons.*

## THANK YOU

**Memorial Garden**

We are grateful to Leslie Stone for working on the Memorial Garden at Auburn First Baptist. Leslie has worked with others on her Eagle Scout Project, renewing and replanting our Memorial Garden. Please take an opportunity to walk through it along Tichenor Avenue. We are grateful she chose this as her project as well as for her team of helpers!

## 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

## COLLEGE

**Bonfire at Randle Farms**  
*Tuesday, November 29*  
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., Activities Building*

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

## CHILDREN

### Children Invited to Make Cookies for the Cookie Walk

On Sunday, November 27, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and then from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall, children in K-5, and preschoolers joined by a parent, are invited to bake cookies for the annual Cookie Walk. The WeHelp Coalition Cookie Walk fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 3 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Several recipes of our late church member, Charlotte Ward, and longtime supporter of the Cookie Walk will be made by the children.

## 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.

### Tuesday - 15th

Deacons' Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study.....	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday - 16th

First Bells .....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
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### Thursday - 17th

Thanksgiving Meal.....	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

### Sunday - 20th

Youth Committee Meeting .....	Activities Building	12:00 p.m.
Advent Decorating.....	Sanctuary	3:00 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.
Advent Family Workshop .....	Fellowship Hall	6:15 p.m.

### Wednesday - 23rd

*Church Office Closes at Noon*

### Thursday - 24th

*Church Office Closed*

*No Evening Activities*

### Friday - 25th

*Church Office Closed*

### Sunday - 27th

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.....	Activities Building	6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday - 29th

College Bonfire .....	Randle Farms	7:00 p.m.
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### Wednesday - 30th

First Bells .....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
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### 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.

### 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*



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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 to 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 November

**Greeters:** Michael Aston, Dick Graves, Dee Williams

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

**Visitors:**

### Serving November 20, 2022

**Extended Session:** Marcie Smith, Anna Coxwell, Ashley Randle

### Serving November 27, 2022

**Extended Session:**

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