



WORSHIP

January 1st

First Sunday of Christmas
Isaiah 63:7-9
Matthew 2:13-23
Laura Edgar Preaching

January 8th

Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15th

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42

Lay Worship Leader for January:
Cathy Summers

REMINDERS

No Sunday School

January 1st

Committee Night

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

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Sunday morning, January 8.

(Childcare will be provided.)

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 27
5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Agenda Items: 2022 Financials,
2023-2024 GMO Budget, 2023
Nominating Committee Members

Resolutions

By: Tripp Martin

With a brand-new year, we are always confronted with New Year's Resolutions, which are usually met by different reactions. We might welcome such an opportunity to start over, or to begin again. We might embrace the chance to make goals or adjust priorities, and there are worthy goals we can make: cook a new recipe each week, pay down our credit card debt, read more books, or declutter our garage.

The other reaction, which is just as common, is a slight mistrust of New Year's Resolutions. Over the years the varnish has rubbed off. We have made the same resolutions more than once, and it has always turned out the same. We begin with great passion, and we end with great disappointment!

We cannot completely discount the benefit of making resolutions, but we can be honest that true change happens slowly and over time. We are prone to create goals for the future, whether it is the beginning of a new year or not.

We can approach this year with the chance to examine our lives and to ponder our opportunities. We can listen for our calling as people of faith. We can consider the ways we can care for each other.

We do not have to call these resolutions. We can simply recognize the chance we have to "share the journey." We could consider our opportunities to support each other through volunteering for Extension Session, contributing our financial gifts, or joining a Sunday School class.

We could also consider less formal opportunities. We could learn the names of people in the church. We could gather for meals together, pray for those in need, or offer encouragement in other ways. There are countless, little opportunities to walk alongside one another!

We might have mixed feelings about New Year's Resolutions, but we are all thankful for the ways in which the congregation cares for one another and supports each other!

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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

Resumes January 8.

“A Reading List for the New Year”

Led by Tripp Martin

January 8

“Biography & Memoir as Witness & Testimony”

Led by Tripp Martin

January 22, 29, & February 12

“Stories of our Congregation’s Calling”

Led by the Life is Calling Committee

February 5

Church members will share stories about how the congregation has lived into its calling.

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Resumes January 8.

We are reading *Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage* by Anne Lamott. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP

Advent De-decorating

Saturday, January 7th, 9:00 a.m.

The Flower Committee will take down and put away all of the Advent decorations and need as many helpers as possible. Please plan to join them if you can.

Building Hope Weekend

February 17-19

Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Together for Hope are partnering with Alabama Rural Ministries for a weekend of serving in Macon County. Together for Hope started with a commitment to the twenty poorest counties in America and has now expanded to include all 301 counties of persistent rural poverty. The Building Hope weekend is an opportunity for us to join with people from around our state to serve our neighboring county. There will be several projects, including: home repair, volunteering with the Macon County Food Pantry, neighborhood clean-up, and more. Our church will host some of the meals and a worship service for all participants. We will continue to share information as we receive it from AL CBF. Please make plans to participate in this exciting weekend!

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Consider the Birds... of the Bible”

Led by Tripp Martin

Begins January 12.

Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 26, 5:45 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 following items will be on the agenda:

2022 Financials, 2023-2024 GMO Budget, and 2023 Nominating Committee Members.

COLLEGE

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 spring, please email Laura at laura@auburnfbc.org or call her at 334-233-2267.

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.

YOUTH

Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Resumes January 8.

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Resumes January 22.

Youth Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 8, 12:00 p.m.
Activities Building

Spring Semester Kickoff!
Sunday, January 15
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15

We'll eat lunch at church, travel to Surge to play, and go get milkshakes!

Deacon Installation

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

Committee Night

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

CHILDREN

PassportKids Camp

July 16-19, 2023

Rock Eagle 4H Center

Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$350 (includes deposit)

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

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

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.

Sunday - 1st

WorshipSanctuary 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Monday - 2nd

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 5th

Mission Committee MeetingLibrary 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 8th

Children's Committee MtgFellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Prime Timers Committee MtgLibrary 12:00 p.m.

Youth Committee MeetingActivities Building 12:00 p.m.

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.

Committee NightTBA 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday - 11th

First BellsChoir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 12th

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 15th

Youth Semester KickoffActivities Building 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

We're excited to announce that Auburn First Baptist Church has entered into a partnership with Lee County Literacy Coalition for 2023 to provide English classes for speakers of other languages at our church on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Literacy Coalition will help recruit students and train volunteers. We need your help! Please know that speaking a foreign language is not required for teaching or assisting in this ministry. What is most important is that you have a heart for helping others.

Publicizing our English classes, recruiting/training teachers, and preparing for students will take place in January. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 8.

If you are interested in teaching, assisting with child-care, or helping in any way, please contact the church office at frontdesk@auburnfbc.org or Karen Day at kdayphd@gmail.com.



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MISSIONS

Missions in 2022

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2022, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. We supported missions locally, regionally, and globally. The numbers do not completely tell the story of the impact of these efforts and service. We pause at the beginning of the year to reflect on these gifts from 2022 and their impact, giving thanks for our opportunity to serve others. We could never name everything that took place through the missions of the church, but we are thankful for this work and everything that took place behind-the-scenes.

Global Ministries Offering, March 2022	\$20,245.00
Benevolence Offering in 2022	\$11,473.22
Loaves & Fishes	\$3,952.00
Brazil Missions	\$1,100.00
Mission Trust Fund	\$35,000.00
Youth Mission Fund	\$2,519.87
Children's Sabbath Mission Offering (Mina and Genneday Podgaisky)	\$1,300.00
CBF Missions	\$39,056.16
Missions in General Fund	\$2,000.00
Total	\$116,646.25

Serving the Month of January

Greeters:

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

Visitors:

Serving January 1, 2023

Extended Session: Mary Ann Potter, Ashley Randle

Serving January 8, 2023

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Jay Spiers, Elaine Ridgway, Anne Randle, Felicia McInnis

Serving January 15, 2023

Extended Session: Suzanne Parish, Kellie Wilson, Kathleen Sabo, Anne Adrian, Lee McInnis

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