



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

January 15, 2023

WORSHIP

January 15th

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

January 22nd

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Matthew 4:12-23

January 29th

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12

Lay Worship Leader for January:
Cathy Summers

Twenty Years!

By: Tripp Martin

On January 21, 2003, Jada Butler joined the staff of Auburn First Baptist Church, tending to our facilities and preparing our spaces, so we can gather for worship and fellowship with one another. This year we celebrate her twentieth anniversary at the church! It is a remarkable gift, working at a place for two decades.

We cannot express our gratitude enough for everything Jada does during the week! She prepares our Sunday School rooms and tends to the sanctuary, so they are ready for us to gather. She makes sure everything is clean and welcoming for our guests. She makes cookies for Thursday evenings, and she responds to particular needs that arise.

Jada is such a valuable member of the church staff and our congregation! We never want to overlook the behind-the-scenes preparation that takes place every week before we come to church. Whether it is preparing the sanctuary for worship after a wedding on Saturday evening or arranging the tables in the Fellowship Hall for a special event, Jada's work is essential to our community of faith.

She is dependable and kind, dedicated and meticulous! We are grateful for all the ways in which she serves this congregation. We want to express our appreciation for her twenty years of service, so I invite you to write notes of gratitude to her and to mail them to the church office.

Much of Jada's work takes place in the background, which is the place where ministry always happens. We would not be able to gather and worship, study and fellowship, without her essential work. We celebrate her dedication and service to the church for twenty years!

REMINDERS

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, January 24, 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Join us for a social potluck!

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 26
Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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

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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
Not Meeting January 15.

“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
(Potluck with soup, salad, & bread.)
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
Not Meeting January 15.

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

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. 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 need volunteers to help with our hosting responsibilities – contact Laura Edgar if you’d like to help. We also need volunteers from our church to register for the event. Here’s the link to register: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Form/316e0d7f-2988-424e-864e-e5e0f2852750>.

Please contact Laura@auburnfbc.org with any questions.

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, January 24, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for the first meeting of 2023! We will have a social potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your ideas for speakers, events, and activities for this year. The Prime-Timers Committee will meet immediately following.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Consider the Birds... of the Bible”

Led by Tripp Martin
Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 26, Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m., Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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

College Sunday

February 12, 11:00 a.m.

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

<p>Youth Choir Sundays, 5:00 p.m. Choir Room Not Meeting January 15.</p>	<p>Youth Sunday Nights Sundays, 6:00 p.m. Youth Room Not Meeting January 15.</p>
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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!

Youth Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, January 26, 7:00 a.m.
Panera Bread Company

Building Hope Weekend

February 17-19

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.

Not Meeting on January 15.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

Not Meeting on January 15.

Margaret and David Perry Foundation

Thank You!

In 2022, as we discussed renovating the bathrooms in the Activities Building, we started a conversation with the Perry Foundation, which contributed to the construction of our accessible walkway in the courtyard. Right before the end of 2022, the Perry Foundation awarded Auburn First Baptist a \$20,000 grant to provide for the cost of our bathroom renovation. We are deeply thankful for the Perry Foundation and for Betsy Jordan and her family for connecting us to them! We will place a plaque in the Activities Building to recognize their contribution.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<p><i>Every Sunday</i> Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Every Thursday</i> Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p>	
Sunday - 15th		
Youth Semester Kickoff.....Activities Building		12:00 p.m.
<i>No Evening Activities</i>		
Monday - 16th		
<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
Tuesday - 17th		
Tuesday Night Bible Study.....Activities Building		7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 18th		
First Bells		12:30 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting		5:45 p.m.
Thursday - 19th		
Stewardship Committee Mtg		5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal		6:45 p.m.
Sunday - 22nd		
Children's Choir		5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir		5:00 p.m.
The Round Table		5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family		5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter		6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Night		6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 24th		
PrimeTimers Potluck		12:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting.....		6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study.....		7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 25th		
First Bells		12:30 p.m.
Thursday - 26th		
Business Meeting & Potluck		5:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal		6:45 p.m.
Sunday - 29th		
Children's Choir		5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir		5:00 p.m.
The Round Table		5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family		5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter		6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Night		6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 31st		
Tuesday Night Bible Study.....		7:00 p.m.

LIFE IS CALLING

In 2019, Auburn First Baptist received a \$30,000 grant from the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University for participating in its Life is Calling Initiative, inviting churches in Alabama to reflect on their calling and to create projects associated with it. With this grant, we commissioned a custom built communion table for our sanctuary, created a graphic identity for "A Place at the Table," hosted a panel discussion on Medical Debt Forgiveness, and dedicated the Peace Pole in our Courtyard.

Recently, the Center for Congregational Resources invited Auburn First Baptist to participate in the next phase of its Life is Calling Initiative, which will allow the church to receive another grant to expand its projects for our "A Place at the Table: Building and Serving Community" initiatives. We are grateful to the members of the Life is Calling Committee, serving this year: Leah Duzy, Beth Smith, Ryan Thompson, Ronda West, and Mark Wilson.



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CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

Begins Wednesday, February 15.

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 at our church for speakers of other languages on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 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. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 15th.

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

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: TBA

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

Visitors: TBA

Serving January 15, 2023

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

Serving January 22, 2023

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Abi Alawode, Ruthie Spiers, Leigh Anne Armstrong, Leah Duzy

Serving January 29, 2023

Extended Session: TBA

MISSIONS

Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others by paying for the meals for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class, or individual, would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Gina Austin (865-654-5774) or Kristina Hickman (334-887-8506). Each week costs \$76.

Counters Needed!

Each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., two members of the Counters Committee meet in the Library to count the cash from the offering plate. The meeting takes about 15 minutes. We need church members who are willing to help with this committee. Please email kristina@auburnfbc.org if you are interested.

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