

## WORSHIP

### Table Fellowship

By: Tripp Martin

December 2nd

*First Sunday of Advent (Hope)*

Jeremiah 33:13-16

Psalms 25:1-10

Over the course of the next several weeks, we will gather around various tables. People will pull up a chair to the table that we know and that we are meeting for the first time. Tables will be adorned at parties, homes, and church. We will celebrate, eat, and fellowship with others!

December 9th

*Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)*

Sanctuary Choir Music

Fellowship is engrained in the wood of tables. Tables have not only gathered people together, but also connected them to one another. Stories are shared, bonds are created, and community is formed. It is the gift of table fellowship!

December 16th

*Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)*

Luke 3:7-18

Philippians 4:4-7

When we glance down at our calendars for December, we see all of the tables around which we will sit. We will give thanks around the table of communion in worship. We will celebrate Christmas at a party with our Sunday School class. We will welcome family around our tables at home. We will share a meal and also our lives!

December 23rd

*Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)*

Luke 1:39-55

Micah 5:2-5

The table of communion defines our table fellowship, reminding us that we are bound to each other by God's mercy and calling. When Jesus struggled to explain the character of the kingdom of God and the qualities of God's steadfast love, Jesus used a meal—the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Our meals are marked by the grace of God, which is experienced in table fellowship.

December 24th

*Christmas Eve*

Carols, Candles, and Communion

December 30th

*First Sunday of Christmas*

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Around these tables, we receive support for our loneliness, belonging for our brokenness, and peace for our chaos. When we gather around a table, let us connect with those around us. Let us also remember those who need a seat at the table, who do not have one.

## REMINDERS

### ***Christmas Potluck & Special Called Business Meeting***

December 6th, 5:15 p.m.

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Table fellowship sends us out to embrace others, offering the same love we find in the meal we share with each other.

### ***Christmas Eve Service***

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

***The email addresses for the church staff have changed. The new email addresses are on the back of the newsletter.***

### ***No Sunday School***

December 23rd & 30th

\*All year end gifts for 2018 need to be in the church office by Friday, December 28th 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:

James Nichols  
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James Nichols

Dartie Flynt  
Wayne & Dartie Flynt  
Tripp, Katharine, J.D.,  
& Hunter Martin

Morris & Dawn Driggears  
Laura Edgar & Seth Kochera  
Kristina Hickman  
Lavaughn & Peggy Johnson  
Warren & Brenda McCord  
Tripp & Katharine Martin  
J.D. & Hunter Martin  
Laura Edgar  
Camryn, Alexis,  
& Nicholas Renuart

### In Memory of:

Inez & Walter Sowell  
Margaret & Jimmy Dunn  
Shine & Gladys Pemberton  
Sarah Nichols  
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Walter Porter  
Carl Hill  
Dr. & Mrs. W. Albert Smith  
James H. & Mae Ellis Flynt  
Lamar & Grace Casey  
Virgil Starks, III  
Sarah Nichols  
My Parents & Brother  
Johann & Berta van Santen  
Melvin Christy  
J.W. Bearden  
Charles Potter  
Johnie Crance  
Fred O'Brien  
Paul & Clois Shoffeitt  
Jonnie Dee Riley Little  
Oxford Smith  
Virgil Starks  
Camilla & Jim Lowry  
Our Papa, Joseph Clyde Dowdle  
Our Grandmother, Faye Thornton  
Curtis Ward  
Walter Porter  
Mary Virginia Moore  
Oxford Smith  
Dr. John Jeffers  
Libby's Brother, Dr. David Potts  
Connie Kiteley  
Gil, Fran, & Doug Rollins

### Given by:

Greg and Lynn Nichols & Family  
Robert & Pam Nichols Mayes &  
Family

Steve and Penni Nichols  
Steverson & Family

Wayne Flynt  
Donna Starks  
Wallace & Barbara Baldwin

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Milton & Kathy Martin  
Pops & Kaki  
John & Matthew Thornton  
Grandmom

### Given by:

Their Family  
The Ledbetter-Dunn Family  
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Greg and Lynn Nichols & Family  
Robert & Pam Nichols Mayes &  
Family

Steve and Penni Nichols  
Steverson & Family

Mary Lynn Porter  
Neda Hill  
Wayne & Dartie Flynt  
Wayne & Dartie Flynt  
Candy Enkeboll  
Donna Starks  
James Nichols  
Mary Ann Dell  
Edzard & Vicky van Santen  
Edzard & Vicky van Santen  
His Family  
Mary Ann Potter  
The Crance Family  
Laura O'Brien  
Jean, Paul, & Mary  
The Ted Little Family  
The Thornton Family  
The Thornton Family  
Jan Thornton  
John & Matthew Thornton  
John & Matthew Thornton  
Charlotte Ward  
Libby & Dale Peterson  
Libby & Dale Peterson  
Libby & Dale Peterson  
Libby & Dale Peterson  
Libby Potts & Dale Peterson  
Gary Kiteley  
Marcia King

## Committee Night

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

STUDY

## Round Table

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

Mike McClanahan

December 2

Final meeting. Resumes January 13.

## Connecting Faith and Family

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

Final meeting. Resumes January 13.

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will discuss *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* by Dr. Kara E Powell and Dr. Chap Clark. All are welcome!

## Christmas Potluck &

### Special Called Business Meeting

*December 6th, 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 (2019 budgets), election of deacons, recommendation for Child Protection Policy Addendum, and recommendation for the Jail Ministry.

## Deacon Ordination

*Sunday, January 27, 11:00 a.m., Worship*

## A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 2, 6:15 p.m. –

### Family Night at Christmas

with music from our

*Preschool and Children's Choirs, and Youth Choir*

Followed by our renowned **Cookie Fellowship**

*Bring your favorite cookies to share!*

Sunday morning, December 9, 11:00 a.m. –

### The Newborn King

led by our Sanctuary Choir with First Bells, Youth Choir, and Brass Ensemble

Monday evening, December 24, 5:30 p.m. –

### Carols, Candles, and Communion

Christmas Eve Service

THURSDAYS

**Thursday Evening Activities**

Last meeting will be December 6, Christmas Potluck.  
Resumes January 10

*“Living Hospitality”*  
*January 10, 17, and 24*  
*Led by Tripp Martin*

On Thursday, January 31, we will have our first quarterly Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

**Birthday Party for Jesus**

*Sunday, December 9th, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*  
The Preschool Committee would like to invite all preschool age children and their families for lunch, birthday cake, and hot chocolate in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. After lunch, we will go outside to watch the City of Auburn Christmas Parade.

**Children’s Choirs (3\* year olds – 5th Grade)**

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building*

*\*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.*

Final meeting of 2018 is December 6. Resumes January 6 for Bring Your Parent to Choir Night.

**Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)**

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

Final meeting of 2018 is December 6. Resumes January 13.

**Spark Adventure**

*Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building*

**Helpers:**

*December 6th: Julie McClanahan*

*No other meetings in December*

*Resumes January 10, 2019*

COLLEGE

**College Graduate Recognition**

*Sunday, December 2nd*

**College Christmas Party**

*Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30 p.m., Randle Farms*

We will be traveling to Randle Farms to wrap up the semester with dinner and s’mores.

Please pray for students as they finish the semester, take finals, and travel home for the holidays.

**Bible Study & Breakfast**

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Dinner	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday - 1st</b>			
Cookie Walk .....	Grace UMC		8:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday - 2nd</b>			
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.
Family Night at Christmas .....	Sanctuary		6:15 p.m.
<i>Followed by The Cookie Fellowship</i>			
<b>Tuesday - 4th</b>			
TNBS .....	College Room		7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday - 5th</b>			
Conversational English .....	Education Building		9:00 a.m.
<b>Thursday - 6th</b>			
First Bells.....	Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Potluck/Business Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall		5:15 p.m.
Spark Adventures.....	Education Building		5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room		6:45 p.m.
<b>Sunday - 9th</b>			
Birthday Party for Jesus .....	Fellowship Hall		12:30 p.m.
Youth Christmas Party.....	TBA		5:00 p.m.
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Tuesday - 11th</b>			
Dayfriends .....	Bazilia’s Café		11:45 a.m.
Caring Hands .....	Fellowship Hall		5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday - 13th</b>			
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Sunday - 16th</b>			
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Tuesday - 18th</b>			
Senior Adult Luncheon.....	Fellowship Hall		11:00 a.m.
<b>Thursday - 20th</b>			
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Sunday - 23rd</b>			
<i>No Sunday School or Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Monday - 24th</b>			
Christmas Eve Service .....	Sanctuary		5:30 p.m.
<i>Church Office Closed</i>			
<b>Tuesday - 25th</b>			
<i>Church Office Closed</i>			
<b>Thursday - 27th</b>			
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			
<b>Sunday - 30th</b>			
<i>No Sunday School or Evening Activities</i>			

YOUTH

**BigHouse**

We are collecting donations of toys and gift cards for The BigHouse Foundation’s Santa’s Workshop. We’ll collect from now until December 2.

**Christmas at Sparkman**

*Sunday, December 9th*

*2:30-4:00 p.m.*

*Sparkman Neighborhood*

**Youth Christmas Party**

*Sunday, December 9th*

*5:00-7:00 p.m.*

*1201 Morris Avenue, Opelika*



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MISSIONS

**Cookie Walk**

*Saturday, December 1st, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Grace UMC*

We are invited to donate cookies to support Habitat for Humanity. Deliver cookies to Grace UMC on Friday, November 30th from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

**Community Market - Baby Items**

At the Community Market, the baby closet offers *infant dry cereal, baby food (jars), baby wipes, and diapers or pull-ups (all sizes)*. These are needs that are ongoing. The Mission Committee would like to focus on collecting these items for the Community Market. There is a basket outside of the church office, where these items can be placed. Thank you for caring for the youngest amongst us and supporting families in our community, as they care for their children!

Serving the Month of December

**Greeters:** Dee Williams & Todd Miller

**Visitors:** Randy and Ronda West

Serving December 2, 2018

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

**Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini

**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Patrick White, Carole Zugazaga, Anna Coxwell, Lindsay Crosby, Sue Walker

**Loaves & Fishes:** Pilgrims

Serving December 9, 2018

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby

**Extended Session:** Carole Zugazaga, Cindy Cleveland, Lesley Odom, Joan Layne, Amanda Oliver, Cynthia Smithart, Mark Wilson

**Loaves & Fishes:** Penny Popwell

Serving December 16, 2018

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, and Hazel Lee

**Sound & Light:** Lynli Cantrell-Wright

**Extended Session:** Betty Tatum, Kelly Meeks, Marcie Smith, Lynn Eden, Amelia White, Gina Cantrell, Sue Walker

**Loaves & Fishes:** Intergenerational Women

Serving December 23, 2018

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

**Sound & Light:** David Sutton

**Extended Session:** Pooie Cantrell, Ruthie Spiers, Anna Coxwell, Cathy Summers, Patrick White, Spenser Keel, Leigh Anne Armstrong

Serving December 30, 2018

**Counters:** Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Jeannie Bumgardner, Jay Spiers, Beth Smith, Jason Summers, Chad Parish, Leah Duzy

THANK YOU

**Pulpit Banners**

We are thankful for our pulpit banners, which we will begin to use this Advent. The artist, Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity, lives in North Carolina and was commissioned by the Memorial Committee to create these banners. Reverend Garrity came to Auburn FBC a couple years ago and created a live painting for us during worship. There are six pulpit banners that will punctuate the different seasons of the Church Year, calling our attention to the seasons of the life of Jesus and the rhythms of the Church.

The banner for Advent draws our attention to the star in the sky above Bethlehem, as we draw near to God. It marks the journey of Advent, as we travel each year to witness the birth of Christ. The banner sharpens our awareness of God's hope, peace, joy, and love, as we await the arrival of Emmanuel, or "God with us."

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