



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

December 1, 2019

WORSHIP

An Informal Invitation

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December 1st

First Sunday of Advent (Hope)

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

December 8th

Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

December 15th

Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)

Sanctuary Choir Music

December 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)

Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Carols, Candles, and Communion

December 29th

First Sunday of Christmas

Laura Edgar preaching

For particular events, a formal invitation is mailed. In planning a wedding, an invitation is designed and even framed after the gathering. For a graduation, family members are sent a formal announcement, so everyone can put the date on their calendar. Every now and then for a significant birthday, like the birthdays with a zero in them, an invitation is placed in the mail.

We have to decide what font to use for the letters, and we must remember to write out everyone's full names. We deliberate on the thickness of the paper, or we choose to borrow a template from another invitation. We ask people to reply by a particular date and sometimes to check either chicken or pasta.

Formal invitations mark important events, so we can celebrate with friends and family; but during this time of year, there are sacred gatherings, which do not require any invitation. We will not receive anything in the mail.

I remember as a boy knowing exactly what our plans were every Christmas even though we never received a formal invitation. After the Christmas Eve service, we always gathered with the Martin family because they all lived in Augusta. We never received an invitation in the mail, but we always knew there was a place for us around the table.

We have gatherings with friends and family where there is a standing invitation, and as a family of faith, we have those as well. We will gather for our Christmas Potluck Dinner on Thursday, December 5. There will be a place for us at Family Night at Christmas on December 8. We will also have a seat for us at the Sanctuary Choir's music on December 15. We will worship with one another on Christmas Eve. We will not receive a formal invitation in the mail, but there will be a place for each of us!

We look forward to these informal invitations, as we gather to eat together or to celebrate with the music of Advent and Christmas. We will gather around the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. If we encounter others, who do not know they have a place at the table with us, we can let them know they are welcome. There is enough love around the table for us all!

REMINDERS

Family Night at Christmas and Cookie Fellowship

Sunday, December 8th, 6:15 p.m.

Please bring cookies to share!

No Sunday School

December 22nd & 29th

Christmas Eve Service

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

*All year end gifts for 2019 need to be in the church office by Monday, December 30th 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
Dartie Flynt
Morris & Dawn Driggers
Seekers Past & Present
Our Church Staff
Church Staff
Camryn, Alexis, & Nick
Our Granddaughters, Anna,
Olivia, & Emma Kate
My Granddaughter, Winter
Rowyn Keel

In Memory of:

Laurence Morgan
Paul & Clois Shoffeitt
Mary Virginia Moore
My Parents & Brother
Inez & Walter Sowell
Ralph & Vetra Sherer
Berta & Johann van Santen
Mel Christy
Our Parents
Libby's Brother, David Potts
Stuart Popwell
Curtis Ward
Bonnie Rasmussen
Sarah Nichols
Sarah Nichols

James H. & Mae Moore Flynt
Rev. W. Albert & Annie Grace
Smith
Rev. & Mrs. Wayne & Betty
Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Betty
Cleveland
Granny Essie McInnis &
Granny Alza Hudson
Granny Judy Watkins &
Granny Martha Matthews

Given by:

Milton & Kathy Martin
Pops & Kaki
Wayne Flynt
Sanctuary Choir
Gerald & Nadine Johnson
Libby & Dale Peterson
Marcie Smith
Grandmom

Ned & Delaine Dendy

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Given by:

His Family
Jean, Paul, & Mary
Mary Joe Howard
Mary Ann Dell
Their Family
Gerald & Nadine Johnson
Vicky & Edzard van Santen
Vicky & Edzard van Santen
Libby & Dale Peterson
Libby & Dale Peterson
Penny Popwell & Family
Charlotte Ward
Carol Womer
James O. Nichols
Her Children, Grandchildren
& Great Grandchildren
Wayne & Dartie Flynt

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Jimmy & Cindy Cleveland

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The McInnis Family

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THURSDAYS

Christmas Potluck & Special Called Business Meeting

December 5th, 5:15 p.m., Coleman Fellowship Hall
Final Meeting for December

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 (2020 budgets), recommendation from the By-laws Committee, and election of Deacons.

Thursday Evening Activities

Resumes January 9

We will begin to gather around the table for dinner, fellowship, and prayer on January 9, 2020. Due to the cost of catering dinner, the Stewardship Committee has decided to return to brown bag dinner on Thursdays. We will still plan special events for potlucks and other gatherings throughout the year. We will begin 2020 by talking about "Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives."

On Thursday, January 30, we will have our first quarterly Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

Final meeting December 8. Resumes January 12

December 1 - "Theological Reflections on Advent"
Led by Mike McClanahan

December 8 - "Songs of the Season"
Led by David Peterson

"Poverty in the Bible"
January 12, 26, and February 2, 9
Led by Tripp Martin

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom
Final meeting December 8. Resumes January 12.

Questions regarding Connecting Faith and Family should be directed to Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Senior Adults & Deacons Reception

Sunday, December 15th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Dale & Libby Peterson
2514 Middlebrook Lane, 36830

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 8, 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 15, 11:00 a.m. -

"Mid-winter"

Led by our Sanctuary Choir with First Bells & Youth Choir

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Christmas at Sparkman

Sunday, December 1st

2:30-4:00 p.m.
Sparkman Neighborhood

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 1st, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room



CHILDREN

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 15th, 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.

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 2019 is December 8.

Resumes January 5.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

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

Final meeting of 2019 is December 1. Resumes January 12.

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

December 5th: Mary Joe Howard & Katharine Martin

No other meetings in December. Resumes January 9, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday

Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 1st

Christmas at Sparkman	Sparkman	2:30 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.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Night	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 3rd

Dayfriends.....	Bazilia's	11:45 a.m.
College Bible Study	Randle Farms	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 4th

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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Thursday - 5th

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.

Saturday - 7th

Cookie Walk	Grace UMC	8:00 a.m.
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Sunday - 8th

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.

Followed by The Cookie Fellowship

Monday - 9th

Red Cross Blood Drive	Activities Building	11:00 a.m.
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Tuesday - 10th

Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
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Thursday - 12th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
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No Evening Activities

Sunday - 15th

Birthday Party for Jesus	Fellowship Hall	12:15 p.m.
Sr. Adults & Deacons Rept	Petersons' Home	2:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 17th

Dayfriends.....	Moe's BBQ	11:45 a.m.
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Thursday - 19th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 22nd

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Tuesday - 24th

Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary	5:30 p.m.
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Church Office Closed

Wednesday - 25th

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 26th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 29th

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Tuesday - 31st

Church Office Closed

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, January 5, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Committee Night

Sunday, January 5, 6:15 p.m.

Locations to be announced.



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MISSIONS

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2019

The \$15 covers the contents of the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Grace UMC
Cookies can be donated and delivered to Grace UMC on Friday, December 6th from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Conversational English Class

On Wednesdays during the semester, a volunteer is needed from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. to help with childcare. Please contact Charlotte Ward or the church office if you can help!

COLLEGE

College Graduate Recognition

Sunday, December 1st

College at Randle Farms

Tuesday, December 3rd, 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)

Serving the Month of December

Greeters: Michael Brown & Todd Miller

Serving December 1, 2019

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright

Visitors: Mike & Julie McClanahan

Extended Session: Amanda Oliver, Alex Ritenbaugh, Franklin Randle, Mary Lynn Porter, Terri Wood

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving December 8, 2019

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Visitors: John & Jo Jones

Extended Session: Beth L. Smith, Suzanne Parish, Jay Spiers, Katharine Martin, Leigh Anne Armstrong

Loaves & Fishes: Gwynne Lovelady

Serving December 15, 2019

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Visitors: Fred & Sherry Weaver

Extended Session: Anne Randle, Anna Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Sue Walker

Loaves & Fishes: Terri Wood

Serving December 22, 2019

Counters: Charles Segrest, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Michael Cline

Visitors: John & Jo Jones

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Lynn Eden, Ashley Aston

Serving December 29, 2019

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown

Extended Session: TBA

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*