

Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Life is Calling

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November 3rd

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31 All Saints' Day

November 10th

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Luke 20:27-38 Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Lay Worship Leader for November: Kyle Willian

REMINDERS

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 3rd
Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour!

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 24th, 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 24th, 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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

Every year, we look forward to the gatherings of Thanksgiving. We gather with family, and we gather with the family of faith, which we will do again on Thursday, November 21. We will enjoy a meal with one another around the table, sharing time for fellowship and gratitude.

We are thankful in many ways for the community of faith at Auburn First Baptist. It is life-giving to us! We celebrate it with one another because it is a gift. The story of our family of faith enriches our lives and the community in which we live.

After our Thanksgiving meal, we will celebrate the meal of the Lord's Table, serving communion to one another. It reminds us how the Lord's Table shapes all of the other tables in our lives. It proclaims the grace of God, which binds us together as a family of faith. It is one of those moments where Auburn First Baptist is at its best!

For this year's Thanksgiving meal, we will also hear from the Life is Calling Committee. They have spent this year meeting with one another and reflecting on the shared calling of our family of faith. They have thought about the story of this community of faith and how we can lean into it and share it with others.

At our meal, the Life is Calling Committee will present its grant proposal to the congregation before it is submitted to the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University. Before submitting it, they want to present it and seek the affirmation of the church.

The title of the grant proposal is A Place at the Table: Building and Serving Community. It speaks of the grace and community we find around the table of communion and how this table sends us out to share this grace with others. We are thankful for the community we find around the table of communion, as we gather around the table at the corner of College Street and Glenn Avenue; and we extend an invitation to others to find a place at this table as well.

Living fully into our calling as a congregation is a sacred journey. The Lord's Table is the place where we find this calling and keep rediscovering it along the way. It is like the disciples on their way to Emmaus, where they did not realize it was Jesus traveling with them until they sat down to break bread together. Their eyes were opened, and they were sent out to care for others. We give thanks for the family of faith at Auburn First Baptist and the Lord's Table, which shapes all our other tables.

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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.

Deacon Biographies

Deacon Elections will be held at the Special Called Business Meeting, December 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Chris Boylen is retired from UAB as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She and her husband, Bob, moved to Auburn from Childersburg thirteen years ago to be near their daughter and her family. Chris has two sons, one who lives in Montevallo and the other lives here. She and Bob joined AFBC before they finished packing. Bob passed away four years ago. She has helped with VBS, Conversational English, Loaves & Fishes, and Caring Hands. She has served as Lay Worship Leader. On Sunday mornings, she has called together the Pilgrims class to prepare them to study God's Word.

Cindy Cleveland has been a member of AFBC since 1989. In the past, she has served as VBS Director and Preschool Director, taught GAs, Mission Friends, and Sunday School in the 3 year olds, 1st grade, 6th grade, and Youth. She has served on several committees in the past and presently serves on the Personnel, Children's, Youth, College, Social, and Food Service committees. She also participates in the Jail Ministry. Cindy was ordained as a deacon 5 years ago. Her husband, Jimmy, and she have 3 grown children, Jake, Anna, and Julie, all baptized here at AFBC.

Martha Jo Evans has been a member of AFBC since 1987. Martha is a member of First Bells and the Pilgrims Sunday School class. She has served as Secretary of the Stewardship Committee. She currently serves on the Flower Committee and as chairman of the Memorials Committee. She is married to Glenn V. Evans. She and Glenn have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Glenn and Martha were members of the singles Sunday School class when they met and were married at AFBC by Dr. Glenn Turner.

Michael McClanahan and his wife, Julie, have been members of AFBC for eleven years. He attends the Pilgrims Sunday School class and serves on multiple committees. He has been actively engaged in the development of Round Table, a class that meets on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. He and Julie have two adult sons, Thomas and Matthew. Mike maintains a private practice with his son, Matthew, where they serve as vocational consultants and disability analysts.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service

| In Memory of: |
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| In Honor of: |
| Ву: |

Julia Morgan became a member of Auburn First Baptist Church in 2011 and has served on the Music Committee, the Search Committee for an Associate Pastor for Music, and was a member of the Helen Brown Jail Ministry team. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama, majoring in music. She taught piano for 40 years, the last 25 in the Department of Music at Auburn University, and was a church organist for 47 years, the last 25 at Auburn United Methodist Church. The Morgans were married 62 years and have three children. Laurence passed away in January 2019.

Beth L. Smith joined AFBC as a college student in 1984 and has been actively involved in the church for 35 years. She and her husband, Drew, have a married son, Andrew, who lives in Nashville, and a daughter, Katherine, who is a junior studying engineering at Auburn University. Beth has served as a deacon and a trustee previously, and as a member of the Long-Range Planning, Living the Vision and R&R committees. Beth currently serves on the Life is Calling Committee and various other committees. She has spent her professional career at Auburn University, currently serving as the Director of Communications and Marketing for the Office of Development.

Sherry Weaver and her husband, Fred, joined Auburn First Baptist Church in 2004. They retired to Lake Martin in 2003 from Atlanta. Both served in many capacities in their church, Smoke Rise Baptist in Stone Mountain, Georgia. They are the very blessed parents of two children and four wonderful grandchildren. They are active members of the Pilgrims Class. Sherry is currently serving on the Committee on Committees, Social Committee, Ordinance Committee and Visitation Committee.

Kellie Wilson has been a member of AFBC since 2000. She is married to Mark and they have two children, Benjamin and Elizabeth. Kellie has served as the Preschool & Children's Sunday School Director and on the Preschool, Children, Stewardship, CDC, Ordination and Social Committees. Kellie is also currently serving as a Trustee. Kellie is an accounting manager in Contracts & Grants Accounting at Auburn University.

SUNDAY ACTVITIES

Round Table

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

"John, the 'Other' Gospel - The Book of Signs"
Led by Gerald Johnson
November 3, 10, &17

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We are discussing *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile. Questions regarding Connecting Faith and Family should be directed to Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

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

Youth Choir

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 5:00 p.m. Choir Room Sundays, 6:00 p.m. Youth Room

Youth Dinner Out

Thursday, November 7th, 6:00 p.m. Downtown Auburn



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Cost: \$150

CHILDREN

Advent Family Workshop

Sunday, November 24th, 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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

Passport Kids Camp

July 21 - 24, 2020

Rock Eagle 4H Center in Eatonton, Georgia Students 3rd-5th grade, Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email church office to sign up!

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering \$395.00

Thank you for the support of the congregation!

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

Spark Adventure

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

November 7th: Cathy Summers & Julie McClanahan November 14th: Stephanie Renuart & Leigh Anne Armstrong

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

| Every Sunday Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. | Every Thursday Dinner Prayer & Bible St | 5:15 p.m. tudy 6:00 p.m. |
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| Sunday - 3rd | | |
| Youth Committee Meeting | Youth Room | 12:00 p.m. |
| Children's Cookie Bake | Fellowship Hall | 4:00 p.m. |
| Children's Choir | | 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 | Fellowship Hall | 6:00 p.m. |
| Youth Sunday Night | Youth Room | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday - 5th | | |
| Dayfriends | | 11:45 a.m. |
| College Bible Study | College Room | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday - 6th | | |
| Conversational English | Education Building | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday - 7th | | |
| Spark Adventure | Education Building | 5:50 p.m. |
| Youth Dinner Out | Downtown Auburn | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | 6:45 p.m. |
| Sunday - 10th | | |
| Children's Choir | Education Building | 5:00 p.m. |
| Youth Choir | | 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 - 12th | | |
| Caring Hands | .Fellowship Hall | 5:30 p.m. |
| College Bible Study | College Room | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday - 13th | | |
| Conversational English | Education Building | 9:00 a.m. |
| CDC Committee Meeting | .Library | 5:45 p.m. |
| Thursday - 14th | | |
| First Bells | Choir Room | 12:30 p.m. |
| Stewardship Committee Mtg | Library. | 5:00 p.m. |
| Youth Hang Out Time | Youth Room | 5:45 p.m. |
| Spark Adventure | | 5:50 p.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | | 6:45 p.m. |
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COLLEGE

Friendsgiving

Tuesday, November 19th, 7:00 p.m. Activities Building

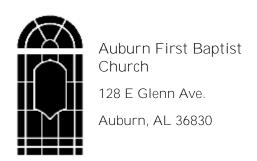
Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.



THURSDAYS

Thursday Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Remember to RSVP for dinner by noon on Tuesday of each week.



Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

November 21st 5:15 p.m. Coleman Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to email or call the church office to RSVP no later than *Thursday, November 14th*, to make your reservation. (No charge for this meal.)

At our Thanksgiving meal, our Life is Calling Committee will share its report and recommendation for its grant proposal.

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Tricia Ridgway & Gina Cantrell

Offering: Seekers & Sojourners Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving November 3, 2019

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Chad Parish **Visitors:** John & Jo Jones

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Jeannie Bumgardner,

Amelia White, Mark Wilson, Cynthia Smithart

Serving November 10, 2019

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

Sound & Light: Michael Cline **Visitors:** Fred & Sherry Weaver

Extended Session: Lee McInnis, Amber Berry-Moore,

Lesley Odom, Felicia McInnis, Jason Summers

MISSIONS

Children and the Habitat for Humanity Cookie Walk

Sunday, November 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

The Mission Committee invites children in Kindergarten through 5th grade to make cookies for the We-Help Coalition's Annual Cookie Walk on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. Children will prepare cookies from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and then return to bag cookies from 6:00-6:30 p.m. The Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 7.

Habitat for Humanity Cookie Bake

Caring Hands would like to invite *all church members* to join us for a Habitat for Humanity cookie bake in Coleman Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cookie supplies will be provided, but anyone with a "special" recipe is welcome to bring "fixings" as well. Contact Charlotte Sutton (suttocd@auburn.edu) with any questions.

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