



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

May 17th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

May 24th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11

May 31st

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Lay Worship Leader for May:

Ashley Aston

REMINDERS

Worship

Our worship service is live streamed on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

We are talking about "Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives." A video is posted on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

Gatherings

Activities such as Round Table, Connecting Faith and Families, Thursday Evening Activities, and others are to be determined until the concerns related to COVID-19 change.

Connections and Community

By: Tripp Martin

With the publication of this newsletter, we will have spent nine Sundays apart, which has included streaming worship, Zoom meetings, recorded reflections, countless phone calls, and even more emails. We are thankful for all the ways we have been able to remain connected as a community of faith!

We are also thankful for the congregation, as it continues the ministry of the church. Many committees are meeting virtually. During this time, the Stewardship Committee has continued to meet each month. The Deacons have met in order to stay up to date on the life of the congregation and to make decisions where important. The Child Development Center Committee has overseen the transitions of the daycare, and the Personnel Committee has met to provide guidance to the staff.

The leaders of Vacation Bible School have shifted gears to plan a virtual VBS and adjustments have been made to support Loaves and Fishes financially. We are thankful for the lay leadership in worship each week in word and in song. Many church members are coordinating caregiving ministries through deliveries, notes, and baking cookies.

We are always thankful for the ministry of the congregation, but particularly during a time such as this. It creates connections between us, while providing leadership and strength to the community of faith.

When we approach the time of gathering again, we will continue to rely on the leadership of the congregation. We do not have a target date for gathering again because it will be determined by our progress in limiting the number of new cases of Covid-19. We will remain patient until we can determine the safety and limit the risk of gathering together.

In determining when to gather again, we will consult the recommendations of medical professionals and the leadership of the congregation, for which we give thanks! We are also aware that our gatherings in the future will look different, and we are making necessary preparations. Our live streaming will continue.

As we await that time, we remain connected by the ministry of the church and the grace of God, which binds all things together!

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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

Sunday School

During this time of social distancing, Sunday School classes are finding ways to remain connected. Teachers are sharing lessons, and classes are meeting virtually. We are thankful for these connections.

MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Each Wednesday, a reflection on “Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives” is posted to our website. We are discussing the sacredness of each day, even in our different circumstances.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

ONLINE GIVING

Our Stewardship Committee and Deacons have been working on an online giving option. It is now available on the website. The primary option is to give to the General Fund via credit card. One aspect of this option is a 3% transaction fee by the company, which handles the secure transaction. Each giver has the option to include the fee in his or her gift. If this option is not chosen, the church will need to cover the fee. The giver can also set up a recurring monthly gift if it is preferable. We hope this will be a helpful option for the congregation, especially during this time we are apart.

A giver can also give through an ACH, entering a bank account number and pertinent information.

This is only an additional option for giving! Everyone can continue to give as they have given in the past. Checks can be mailed to the church. If you have any questions about online giving, please email Kristina Hickman, kristina@auburnfbc.org.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

There will not be a meeting in May. Our schedule remains to be determined.

CBF General Assembly

Virtual Gathering

CBF asks that you hold June 24-26 for a series of virtual gatherings of worship, inspiration, education, fellowship and business. In the coming weeks, CBF will announce a schedule and provide more information.

MISSIONS

Community Market and Food Bank

At this time, when so many people who live paycheck to paycheck are out of work, demands on the Community Market are higher than ever. Food supplies are running low, and so are the funds to replenish them. A check in any amount made out to the Community Market (3810 Pepperell Pkwy, Opelika, AL 36801) or to the Food Bank of East Alabama (375 Industry Drive, Auburn, AL 36832) would help! A check is better than a bag of groceries because the Food Bank can make the money go farther.

Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others during this time by paying for the meals we would normally deliver each week for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class, or individual, would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Teresa Vest or Kristina Hickman. Each week costs about \$75.

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Not Meeting

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner
 5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time
Not Meeting

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
 Choir Room
Not Meeting

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

VBS

Vacation Bible School

Discovering Compassion

The leadership of Vacation Bible School and the Children's Ministry are planning a virtual VBS this year through Zoom for June 1-4 at 6:00 p.m. We will have music and a Bible story each night, while activities and resources will be sent to families to use at home. We will focus on Compassion. We invite you to register at AuburnFBC.org/VBS20.

CHILDREN

Zoom with Pastor Tripp

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 Kindergarten - 5th grade
 Email Tripp for more information.

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

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Not Meeting

Spark Adventure

Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building
Not Meeting

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.

The church office remains closed as our staff is working from home. The email addresses for the staff are found in the newsletter and website. If you need to contact the ministerial staff, Tripp Martin (334-332-4100), Morris Driggers (864-981-0963), or Laura Edgar (334-233-2267).

Social Media

During this time of social distancing, we have been creating connections online. Auburn FBC has several online outlets, which we are using more often during this time. Here is a list below, which you can subscribe to as it works for you. Feel free to share this information with others.

Facebook: [Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/AuburnFBC](https://www.youtube.com/AuburnFBC)

Twitter: [@AuburnFBC](https://twitter.com/AuburnFBC)

Apple Podcasts: [AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/ApplePod)

Google Play: [AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/GooglePod)

RSS: [AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast](https://www.auburnfbc.org/FeedPodcast)

Serving in May

Our Counters, Sound & Light, and Extended Session volunteers remain to be determined.

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*Listen to the service Sunday mornings
 at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*