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WORSHIP

Expectations

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August 2nd

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Lay Worship Leader for August:
Kellie Wilson

During this time of year, we usually lean into our expectations for the fall semester. We would expect the return of various church programs, the festivities of Saturdays, the return of our weekly rhythm; but for this fall, our expectations are in a holding pattern. We are not sure what to expect! We are trying to decide what are realistic expectations and what are not. We are not sure what the coming weeks will entail.

Our assumptions and intentions have an asterisk by them, where we qualify everything we say. We preface so much by saying, "If we are able, then we will . . ." It is hard to say what the academic year will look like, but we will adapt and remain flexible.

We are thankful for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings, as they have been assessing the possibilities and discerning the best course of action. They have prioritized the safety of the congregation as well as our community. Even though we do not know what to expect, we will adjust together.

Our schedule might look different. We might have virtual options, where in the past we have gathered in the same room.

We long for the opportunity to be together, but we remain committed to one another. Even though we are not sure what to expect, there are certain things we can predict.

- We can expect the church to say we are loved and forgiven.
- We can expect the church to say we are welcomed and supported.
- We can expect the church to say we are called and connected to others.
- We can expect the church to help us to love God and to love our neighbor.

Even if we are not sure what the calendar will look like, we can expect the church to say those things to us. The church will say we are bound to one another by the grace of God, which continues to be at work in us and in this world!

REMINDERS

Promotion Sunday

August 9th

Bibles & Backpacks

11:00 a.m., Worship Service

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

Sacred Words: Reclaim, Redefine & Rediscover

A video is posted on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Sacred

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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!

The Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom
Begins August 9

“The Letter to the Philippians”
Led by Tripp Martin

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918
Passcode: 009937

Our planning will take place as the fall unfolds, but we will begin to gather over Zoom on Sunday, August 9. We will start with a 6-week study of Philippians. It is a small letter with a great deal to say! After our study and discussion of Philippians, Mike McClanahan will lead a discussion, *Communion: The Celebrated Sacrament*.

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 8:30 p.m., via Zoom

We are reading *Permission to Feel: Unlocking the Power of Emotions to Help our Kids, Ourselves, and Our Society Thrive* by Marc Brackett.

We will meet virtually at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday nights. Contact Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com for more information.

Staff Anniversary

On August 24, 2020, Bryan King will celebrate his 20th anniversary as the organist at Auburn FBC. It is a momentous day for Bryan and our congregation. Bryan has gifted this congregation with beautiful music for two decades. We are thankful for his ministry. Words could never express our depth of gratitude, but the Personnel Committee invites the congregation to send Bryan letters and cards expressing our thanksgiving. These notes can be sent to the church office (128 E Glenn Avenue, 36830).

BUSINESS MEETING

As we continue the ministry of the church during this season of life, committees and the Deacons have presented Business Meeting agenda items to the congregation. An email was sent to the congregation, presenting these items. An opportunity for questions will take place over Zoom, or on a conference call.

After those opportunities this week, the business items will be emailed to the church in a survey-style format in order to vote. For church members, who do not have an access to email, a hard copy of the agenda items was mailed to them, and they are able to call to ask questions and to vote.

MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Sacred Words: Reclaim, Redefine & Rediscover
Each Wednesday, posted at 12:00 p.m.
Led by Tripp Martin

We have sacred words, which belong to our faith. Over time, we need to reclaim, redefine, and rediscover them in order for them to remain meaningful. We will talk about these words and what they mean to our lives.

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COLLEGE

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. In these unprecedented times, keeping students connected in safe ways is vitally important. We are planning to meet outside and to purchase meals during the fall semester in order to minimize contact while still promoting a sense of community.

If you are interested in sponsoring a meal or preparing a dessert for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, 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)
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

Launch Retreat

Saturday, August 8th at AFBC
Cost: \$15.00

Launch Dinner

Saturday, August 8th, 6:00 p.m.
AFBC Courtyard
Youth and parents are invited.

CHILDREN

Children's Bible Study

This Wednesday we will have our final Zoom gathering for the summer. We will then start posting a weekly Children's Bible Study, which will be compiled by several church members. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon, or even during the week.

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

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

Facebook: Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist
YouTube: YouTube.com/AuburnFBC
Twitter: @AuburnFBC

Apple Podcasts: AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod
Google Play: AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod
RSS: AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast

Serving in August

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*



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Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

Greetings from the Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings! As we continue to meet and discuss our fall worship schedule, we thought it might be helpful to provide everyone with an update on our discussions and plans for moving forward. As our community continues to respond to the emerging challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain in thoughtful prayer and contemplation of how to safely plan for worship and gatherings this fall. In considering guidelines, protocols, and criteria for a return to in-person worship, we have adopted a data-driven approach that relies heavily on the information and recommendations set forth by medical professionals in our region. Based on the current state of the pandemic and associated medical guidelines, we have encouraged the ministerial staff to plan events virtually as we begin the fall semester. Moving forward, we are compiling the findings of our research and plan to make a presentation to the Deacons in August. It is our hope that we are able to find ways for our congregation to remain connected through worship, while also ensuring everyone's safety as much as possible. The committee asks for your prayers of wisdom and discernment as we carry out this important work.

Patrick White (Chair), Gwynne Lovelady, Pat Randle,
Drew Smith, Jan Thornton, and Mark Wilson

ONLINE GIVING

As an additional option for giving, we have online giving on our website. There is a 3% transaction fee by the company, which handles the secure transaction. Each giver has the option to uncheck the box, which includes this 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 using this option.

Checks can be mailed to the church, and we are grateful for the generosity of the congregation during this time. If you have any questions about this option, please email Kristina Hickman, kristina@auburnfbc.org.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

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