



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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## WORSHIP

*Days Behind, Days Ahead*

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October 4th

*Eighteenth Sunday After  
Pentecost*  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Philippians 3:4-14

October 11th

*Nineteenth Sunday After  
Pentecost*  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
2 Samuel 7:1-17  
*Children's Sabbath*

Lay Worship Leader for October:  
Stephanie Renuart

As we turn the pages of our calendars, leaving the days of September behind and stepping into October, we might look back to see how many weeks we have been navigating a global pandemic. We might feel an element of shock as we count the days of social distancing and wearing masks. We continue to monitor the case numbers in our area, longing to gather together, but remaining patient, prioritizing everyone's safety.

On October 4, we will celebrate Pledge Sunday. We will give thanks for the commitment of the congregation, as we care for one another and serve the community beyond our walls. Estimate of Giving cards have been sent to the congregation. We are thankful for the collective efforts of our church!

On October 11, we look forward to Children's Sabbath, where our children will lead us in worship. We will celebrate their voices and support their gifts. The theme of this year's Children's Sabbath is *Keep Singing!* During a time when we are not able to sing together, we will remember how important it is to us, giving thanks for its role in our faith.

## REMINDERS

### **Pledge Sunday**

*October 4, 11:00 a.m., Worship*

[AuburnFBC.org/Giving2021](http://AuburnFBC.org/Giving2021)

### **Worship**

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

[AuburnFBC.org/Live](http://AuburnFBC.org/Live)

### **Midweek Reflections**

*Sacred Words: Reclaim, Redefine & Rediscover*

A video is posted on the website each week.

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](http://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

On October 18, the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will celebrate its first virtual Fall Gathering. We will celebrate the twenty-year partnership between Alabama CBF and Sowing Seeds of Hope, a rural development coalition. The special guest will be Dr. Wayne Flynt, one of the original dreamers of Sowing Seeds of Hope. Information about registering for this virtual event is found on the website of Alabama CBF ([www.alabamacbf.org](http://www.alabamacbf.org)).

We give thanks for the lay leadership of the congregation, as it continues to meet the challenges and opportunities of the day. Committees and Deacons continue to meet virtually, planning and discussing the ministry of the church. We give thanks for their efforts and discernment, as we share this journey of faith!

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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.

## 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.

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](http://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

## THANK YOU

Dear family and friends,

Thank you for all the cards of encouragement and appreciation you sent me on my twentieth anniversary. I was overwhelmed by your sentiments, unaware that what I do affects more than a few in the congregation on any given Sunday. Your words have brightened my days and encouraged me to continue to serve in the Sundays ahead. Thank you for truly being a family to me through the years.

God bless you.

Bryan

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church. The giver can set up a recurring monthly gift using this option. If you have any questions about this option, please email Kristina Hickman, [kristina@auburnfbc.org](mailto:kristina@auburnfbc.org).

Checks can be mailed to the church, and we are grateful for the generosity of the congregation.

[AuburnFBC.org/Give](http://AuburnFBC.org/Give)

### **Pledge Sunday**

*October 4, 11:00 a.m., Worship*

Pledge Sunday is a time for our church to prepare for the ministries and mission of our church in 2021. A copy of the Preliminary Budget has been sent out, and Estimate of Giving cards are available at [AuburnFBC.org/Giving2021](http://AuburnFBC.org/Giving2021).

## 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*

“Communion: The Celebrated Sacrament”

Led by Mike McClanahan

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVIJoUEZqeVpsbHlIdz09>

### **Connecting Faith and Family**

*Sundays*

*Location will alternate between AFBC and Zoom.*

We will discuss *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison on the weeks that we meet at AFBC. The weeks that we meet via Zoom, we will chat about parent/faith related topics. Contact Leah Duzy at [aduzyofalife@gmail.com](mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com) for more information.

October 4th: AFBC Gay St. Lot; 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October 11th: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE

### **Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

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](mailto:laura@auburnfbc.org) or call her at 334-233-2267.

### **Bible Study & Breakfast**

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

### **College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*7:00 p.m. in the AFBC Courtyard*

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.

*Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard  
and Zoom.*

October 4th: AFBC Courtyard

October 11th: Zoom

## CHILDREN

### Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 11th, 11:00 a.m., Worship  
*"Keep Singing"*

Special offering for CBF field personnel, Jon and Tanya  
Parks, serving in Slovakia.

Please put Children's Sabbath in the memo line.

We look forward to the children of the church leading us  
in worship!

### PassportKids Camp

*July 17-20, 2020*

Rock Eagle 4H Center

Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email [kristina@auburnfbc.org](mailto:kristina@auburnfbc.org) to sign up!

### Children's Bible Study

Each week we will post a weekly Children's Bible  
Study, which will be compiled by several church mem-  
bers. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon,  
or even during the week.

[AuburnFBC.org/CBS](http://AuburnFBC.org/CBS)

### Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter

*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 work-  
ing 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 Ed-  
gar (334-233-2267).

## Social Media

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 October

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

### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Tripp Martin  
Pastor

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### Support Staff

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





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## FELLOWSHIP

### **Alabama CBF** *Virtual Fall Gathering* *Sunday, October 18*

Alabama CBF will host its first ever *Virtual Fall Gathering: Sowing Hope*, which will premiere on Sunday, October 18th. During this event, Alabama CBF will celebrate its 20-year partnership with *Sowing Seeds of Hope*, its rural development coalition. The special guest will be Dr. Wayne Flynt, author, professor, Alabama historian, and one of the original dreamers of *Sowing Seeds of Hope*.

We hope you will save October 18th on your calendar and register for the event! Your registration with your email will provide you with announcements about the release, copies of the new budget, and an opportunity to affirm the Nominating Committee report.

Register at [www.alabamacbf.org/](http://www.alabamacbf.org/).

### ***PrimeTimers on the Move***

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

## MISSIONS

### **Children's Sabbath Mission Offering**

On Sunday, October 11, our children will lead us in worship for Children's Sabbath. The theme of Children's Sabbath will be "*Keep Singing*." They will invite us to participate in a special offering supporting the CBF field personnel, Jon and Tanya Parks, serving in Slovakia. The gifts can be mailed to the church office, or given online at [AuburnFBC.org/Give](http://AuburnFBC.org/Give). Please write Children's Sabbath on the memo line.

### **Global Ministries Offering Update**

March 2020 - March 2021

**Goal: \$23,500.00**

**Pledged: \$9,720.00**

**Given toward pledge: \$7,410.00**

**Given unpledged: 5,322.00**

**Total given: \$12,732.00**