



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Remember and Imagine

By: Tripp Martin

September 19th

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

At its recent meeting, the Stewardship Committee approved the Preliminary Budget for 2022. The Deacons will review the Preliminary Budget this month and then distribute it to the congregation. This is the first step in the budget process each year.

September 26th

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Mark 9:38-50

On Sunday, October 10, we will have Pledge Sunday, where we have the opportunity to share our commitment for giving in 2022. This information, along with reviewing the giving from 2021, helps the Stewardship Committee create a Proposed Budget for 2022. We vote on the Proposed Budget at our Special-Called Business Meeting in December.

Lay Worship Leader for September:
Carolyn Grimes

I used to think the budget process was solely practical and necessary. It was like math in elementary school, memorizing our multiplication tables. We spent time each day reviewing our flash cards, motivated only by duty and our parents. But like the possibilities of math, including grand engineering feats or rockets to the moon, the budget process allows us to create!

Stewardship is an opportunity to remember and to imagine. We remember the grace of God, both seen and unseen, throughout our lives. During a time when anxiety has been high and grief has been deep, the practice of remembering and giving thanks is quite powerful.

REMINDERS

Deacon Nominations & Committee on Committees Requests

Deadline is September 16

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to submit names and requests.

After we remember, we can imagine! We can imagine the possibility of our gifts creating something good, as they participate in God's grace throughout this world. They create a place at the corner of College and Glenn, which can serve an outpost for hope, mercy, and kindness.

In reflecting on the practice of stewardship, we see evidence of what binds us together. We are connected by ministry and community, joining together in ways that are tangible and spiritual. We are thankful for our shared commitment, as we participate in God's love, imagining more of God's goodness throughout this world!

Pledge Sunday October 10

As Pledge Sunday approaches, we reflect on our gifts to the church.

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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 Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2022 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at kristina@auburnfbc.org by September 16th.

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box by September 16th. **Names can submitted by email to kristina@auburnfbc.org.**

Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by September 16th. *A copy of this form is available outside the church office. You can submit your request by email to kristina@auburnfbc.org.*

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> College | <input type="checkbox"/> Counters |
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I will serve wherever you need me.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Love Your Neighbor: The Life and Ministry of Fred Rogers”

Led by Tripp Martin

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“How Then Shall We Live?”

Led by Gina Austin

September 19 & 26

Connecting Faith and Family

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

We are reading *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Courtyard

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

The fall semester at Auburn University is fast approaching, and that means college Tuesday night Bible study will be starting soon! 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. If you are interested in sponsoring a dinner or preparing a home-cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at laura@auburnfbc.org or call her at 334-233-2267.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

Pizza & Games

September 16th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Activities Building

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Winter Youth Summit
 January 14-16, 2022
 FBC Huntsville
 Cost: \$150

Contact Laura to sign up!

CHILDREN



Teddy Bear Sleepover!

Join us in celebrating the start of the new school year by bringing your favorite stuffed animal to church for cookies and milk! Afterwards, the stuffed animals will have a sleepover at church and will be picked up the next morning. *Light supper provided.*

Location: Fellowship Hall

Time: Saturday, September 18th, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m., Worship

"Short Stories, Tall Truths"

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

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:

September 16th: Stephanie Renuart

September 23rd: Lee McInnis & Carolyn Grimes

September 30th: Katharine Martin & Mike Aston

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.

Thursday - 16th

Youth Pizza & GamesActivities Building 5:30 p.m.

Spark AdventureEducation Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 18th

Teddy Bear SleepoverFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 19th

Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth ChoirChoir Room 5:00 p.m.

The Round TableFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & FamilyFishers' Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible EncounterEducation Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday NightYouth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 21st

Prime TimersFellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.

Deacons' MeetingFellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

College Bible StudyCourtyard 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - 23rd

Spark AdventureEducation Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 26th

Children's ChoirEducation Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth ChoirChoir Room 5:00 p.m.

The Round TableFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & FamilyFishers' Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible EncounterEducation Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday NightYouth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 28th

Day Friends1200 Ferndale Dr. 11:45 a.m.

College Bible StudyCourtyard 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - 30th

Spark AdventureEducation Building 5:50 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Celebration and Thanksgiving

Earlier this summer, Bryan King concluded his tenure at Auburn First Baptist Church as our organist. We celebrate Bryan's retirement with him, as we give thanks for his twenty-one years of ministry with us! On Sunday, September 26, we will formally recognize Bryan's beloved tenure and give thanks for his gifts of ministry.



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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, September 21st, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Guest speaker: Dan Tillotson

Day Friends

Every other Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.

Sept 28: 1200 Ferndale Dr., 36832 - Under the Veranda

If you need childcare (which will be at church), let the front office know by noon on Monday!

On our October 25 meeting, we will evaluate the Covid situation, and figure out where we feel comfortable going from there.

Serving the Month of September

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitors: Charlie & Sybil Gross

Serving September 19, 2021

Extended Session: Mark Coxwell, Felicia McInnis, Spenser Keel

Serving September 26, 2021

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Katharine Martin, Cynthia Smithart

Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 17

After Children's Sabbath, we will gather at Town Creek Park for our annual churchwide picnic. Box lunches and bottled water will be provided. Don't forget your tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain join us in the Activities Building.

Alabama CBF Fall Gathering: Renew and ReShape

Sunday, October 17 & Monday, October 18, 2021
Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Terri Byrd will be honored at a reception on Sunday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m., as she moves to Georgia, taking a ministerial position at Johns Creek Baptist Church in Atlanta.

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*

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