



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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## WORSHIP

April 16th

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Luke 24:13-35

*Youth Sunday*

April 23rd

*Third Sunday of Easter*

John 20:19-31

1 Peter 1:3-9

April 30th

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

John 10:1-10

Psalm 23

Lay Worship Leader for April:

Elizabeth Wilson

## *Thirty-Five Years!*

*By: Tripp Martin*

On May 1, Gwen Echols will celebrate her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Auburn First Baptist Church. We cannot express our gratitude enough for all that Gwen has meant to our congregation! She has been instrumental in the life of the church and in the lives of our families.

Many of us can remember the first Sunday we brought our newborn to church. We checked the diaper bag three times to make sure we had everything we might need. We worried because we had not spent much time away from our child yet. We had a difficult time thinking about leaving him or her in the nursery as we attended worship.

When we walked into the nursery, we were so thankful for Gwen! She received our child with kindness, reassurance, and love. We felt the embrace of the church through Gwen's welcome, and our child felt the embrace of God's love, as he or she was held in the nursery.

We have entrusted Gwen with the children of the church for 35 years. She has encouraged and nurtured them. She has tended to the most vulnerable among us. We give thanks for her faithfulness and commitment!

We are thankful for Gwen's leadership, coordinating all of our childcare as well as taking care of our children on Sunday morning and evening, and during the week. She is dependable and reliable, while also filling our lives with such joy and warmth. She has been such a gift to our family of faith!

On Sunday, April 30, we will recognize Gwen in worship, and we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a reception in her honor after worship. In the meantime, I invite you to write notes of gratitude, which can be mailed to the church. We will express our gratitude in personal ways by thanking her for her attentiveness and kindness.

## REMINDERS

### **Youth Sunday**

*April 16*

### **Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck**

Thursday, April 27, Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

### **Choir Recognition and Dessert Fellowship**

*Sunday, April 30, 6:15 p.m.*

*Sanctuary*

Please bring your families' favorite  
dessert to share!

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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

### Round Table

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

“The ABCDs of Hope”

Led by Jason Coker, Together for Hope

*April 16*

“Reconsidering Traditional Views of Scripture”

Led by Mike McClanahan

*April 23*

“How to Be a Campbellite without Really Trying”

Led by Jeff Damron

*April 30*

### Connecting Faith and Family

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

We are reading *Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage* by Anne Lamott. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at [aduzyofalife@gmail.com](mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com). All are welcome!

## BRAZIL

### 2023 Brazil Mission Trip

The 2023 mission trip to Brazil this summer is scheduled for July 1-14. Currently, four persons are representing AFBC on this trip. If you are interested in going, it is not too late. The cost estimated is \$2600-2700 for the two weeks. This includes airfare plus food and lodging while there. There is a one week option if that is what your schedule permits. Attendees will work in one of three areas: construction, Bible School, eyeglass distribution. You do not need a particular skill level, but it is hoped you will be enthusiastic about helping where needed.

Wallace Baldwin who led the Brazil trip for a number of years has relocated to Pensacola, FL. Stephanie Renuart has agreed to be the local POC for the effort. You may contact her at 256-825-5952 or [swrenuart@msn.com](mailto:swrenuart@msn.com). She can answer questions that you might have. If the cost of the trip is what is keeping you away, please check with Stephanie as there are some church members willing to provide assistance.

For those of you who wish to help from home, we are once more collecting: baseball caps, t-shirts, and school supplies for distribution. We can also accept other donations that travel well such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, and hard candy.

## THURSDAYS

### Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Prayers in Scripture (That Are Not the Lord's Prayer)”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

### Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, April 27, Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m., Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda:

Recommendation of members to the Deacon Nominating Committee and the Committee on Committees, recommendation from the By-laws Committee, and recommendations from the Trustees.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Choir Recognition and Dessert Fellowship

*Sunday, April 30, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary*

Our Children and Youth choirs will share the music they have been preparing.

*Please bring your families' favorite dessert to share!*

## COLLEGE

### Bonfire at Randle Farms

*Tuesday, April 25*

Meet in the Gay Street lot at 6:30 p.m.

### College Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, April 30*

### 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.

## YOUTH

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

**Youth Sunday**  
*Sunday, April 16*

**Youth Committee Meeting**  
*Sunday, April 23, 12:00 p.m., Activities Building*

**Senior Recognition**  
*May 7*  
*7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard*

**Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
*Thursday, May 10, 7:00 a.m.*  
Panera Bread Company

## CHILDREN



**Earth Day Cookout**  
*Saturday, April 22*  
*4:00 p.m., McInnis' house*  
*2214 Diane Ct, Opelika, 36801*  
*All preschool, children, and*  
*their families are invited!*

Join us for a cookout! The meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share!

**PassportKids Camp**  
*July 16-19, 2023*  
Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia  
Students 3rd-5th grade  
Total: \$350

**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*

## 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.

### Sunday - 16th

|                                 |                     |            |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Children's Committee Mtg .....  | Library             | 12:00 p.m. |
| Children's Choir .....          | Education Building  | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Youth Choir .....               | Education Building  | 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 .....        | Activities Building | 6:00 p.m.  |

### Tuesday - 18th

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| Deacons' Meeting .....          | Fellowship Hall     | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday Night Bible Study ..... | Activities Building | 7:00 p.m. |

### Wednesday - 19th

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|------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Conversational English ..... | Activities Building | 9:00 a.m.  |
| First Bells .....            | Choir Room          | 12:30 p.m. |
| Conversational English ..... | Activities Building | 5:30 p.m.  |

### Thursday - 20th

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| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... | Choir Room | 6:45 p.m. |
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### Saturday - 22nd

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| Children's Cookout ..... | 2214 Diane Ct, 36801 | 4:00 p.m. |
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### Sunday - 23rd

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| Youth Committee Meeting .....   | Activities Building | 12:00 p.m. |
| Children's Choir .....          | Education Building  | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Youth Choir .....               | Education Building  | 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 .....        | Activities Building | 6:00 p.m.  |

### Tuesday - 25th

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| College Bonfire ..... | Gay Street Lot | 6:30 p.m. |
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### Wednesday - 26th

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| Conversational English ..... | Activities Building | 9:00 a.m.  |
| First Bells .....            | Choir Room          | 12:30 p.m. |
| Conversational English ..... | Activities Building | 5:30 p.m.  |

### Thursday - 27th

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| Business Meeting/Potluck .....  | Fellowship Hall | 5:15 p.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... | Choir Room      | 6:45 p.m. |

### Sunday - 30th

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| Reception Honoring Gwen .....   | Fellowship Hall    | 12:00 p.m. |
| Children's Choir .....          | Education Building | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Youth Choir .....               | Education Building | 5:00 p.m.  |
| The Round Table .....           | Fellowship Hall    | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Connecting Faith & Family ..... | Fishers' Room      | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Choir Recognition .....         | Sanctuary          | 6:15 p.m.  |

**CBF General Assembly Registration**  
Atlanta, GA  
June 28 - 30  
Registration: [www.cbf.net/assembly](http://www.cbf.net/assembly)



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## VBS



### Vacation Bible School

“God’s Superheroes”

June 5-8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Children ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
(3-year-olds must be potty trained)

[www.AuburnFBC.org/VBS23](http://www.AuburnFBC.org/VBS23)

Registration will close on May 1 or as soon as classes are full! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, contact Katie Murrah ([kmurrah@auburndayschool.com](mailto:kmurrah@auburndayschool.com)), Laine Adams ([laine.b.adams@gmail.com](mailto:laine.b.adams@gmail.com)), Gwynne Lovelady ([gslovelady@bellsouth.net](mailto:gslovelady@bellsouth.net)).

## MISSIONS

### IT’S A BABY SHOWER!!

*Sunday, May 14, 12:00 p.m.*

*AFBC Courtyard*

The Community Market always needs baby food and cereal, diapers, wipes, lotion, baby wash, baby oil and any other baby items. Financial gifts are also welcome. This event will be moved to the Coleman Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather. **This will be a gathering moment after worship.**

### Serving the Month of April

**Greeters:** Dale Peterson, Gina Cantrell, Dick Graves

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

**Visitors:** Ray & Shirley Brown

### Serving April 16, 2023

**Extended Session:** Alison Crosby, Alex Ritenbaugh, Mark Wilson, Lee McInnis

### Serving April 23, 2023

**Extended Session:** Marcie Smith, Kathleen Sabo, Ashley Aston, Anne Randle

### Serving April 30, 2023

**Extended Session:** Kelly Meeks, Ruthie Spiers, Lynn Eden, Anna Coxwell, Ashley Randle

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