

## WORSHIP

### *Promotion Sunday*

*By: Tripp Martin*

August 6th

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Matthew 14:13-21  
Isaiah 55:1-5

August 13th

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Promotion Sunday*  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

Lay Worship Leader for August:  
Zach Deal

On Sunday, August 13, we will celebrate Promotion Sunday and the beginning of another school year! We will gather at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Pancake Breakfast. We will enjoy time around the table with one another and then we will disperse to Sunday School, where our children and youth will go to their new classes!

In worship, we will celebrate with our first graders by giving them a Bible and with our youth, who are starting the sixth grade. The school year is a wonderful new beginning, where we prepare for another year of learning in Sunday School and as a community of faith. These milestones are important to our children and youth, so they are important to all of us.

During the worship service, we will also participate in the Blessing of Our Backpacks. This includes backpacks for school as well as anyone who wants to bring a bag they use for work. We will offer our support, affirmation, and blessing on those who will carry these backpacks during the year, so they will know they are never alone. It is a beautiful act of solidarity at the beginning of the school year!

We are thankful for these days of celebration, remembering what is good around us and leaning on the community of faith during the transitions of life. These transitions offer new possibilities as well as new concerns. As our children and youth navigate these transitions, we want them to feel the encouragement of their family of faith.

New beginnings give us an opportunity to engage in new possibilities! We can engage a new practice or make a new commitment. These opportunities are a gift, so we give thanks for them as we ponder how we might use them. This newsletter includes many opportunities for fellowship, study, and service. As a congregation, we begin again this school year by celebrating milestones and giving thanks for new commitments.

## REMINDERS

### **Promotion Sunday** *August 13*

**Pancake Breakfast**  
*9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

**Bibles & Backpacks**  
*11:00 a.m., Worship Service*  
***Bring your backpacks.***

**Passport Reflections**  
*August 17, 5:30 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*

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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*  
“People of the Way: Spiritual Formation in Acts”  
Begins August 13  
Led by Tripp Martin

### **Connecting Faith and Family**

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom*  
Begins August 13

We will be reading *Raising Your Spirited Child* by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka in August. If you would like a book to start reading over summer please email Leah Duzy at [aduzyofalife@gmail.com](mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com). All are welcome!

## FELLOWSHIP

### **PrimeTimers on the Move**

*August 15, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Get Ready for Football Season!  
Chad Gibbs will discuss his book “God and Football: Faith and Fanaticism in the SEC.”

### **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

*Resumes on August 3*

## CHILDREN

### **Preschool Back-to-School Pool Party**

*August 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

*Grove Hill Pool*

Hosted by: Katharine Martin

### **Children's Committee Meeting**

*August 20, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

### **Children's Choirs**

#### **(3\* year olds – 5th Grade)**

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building*

\*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

*Resumes August 13*

### **Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)**

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building*

*Resumes August 13*

## THURSDAYS

### **Information Meeting**

*Ad Hoc Committee for Cultivating Safety*  
*Thursday, August 3, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

During the fall of 2022, the Deacons invited the Auburn Police Department to present its active attacker training to our congregation. Following this training, an Ad Hoc Committee for Cultivating Safety, which was formed by the Deacons, has been reviewing options for various safety measures. They have consulted other congregations as well as the police department, developing practical recommendations for our congregation. In the Business Meeting on August 10, the congregation will vote on these recommendations. In order to allow enough time to present them, they will share them in this information meeting. We do not have any current concerns about safety, but we are practicing an abundance of caution as we care for our congregation.

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

*Thursday, August 10, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

*Dinner at 5:15 p.m.*

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert). The drinks and paper products will be provided. The Agenda items will be the *Nominating Committee Report, recommendation from the Ordination Council for Leigh Anne Armstrong, Trust Fund Report and recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee for Cultivating Safety.*

### **Thursday Evening Activities**

*5:45 p.m., August 24, Fellowship Hall*

“The Map of Our Faith”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

We will explore the places we find in scripture and consider where we are on the map of our faith.

YOUTH

**Youth Choir**

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

*Will resume August 20*

**Youth Sunday Nights**

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

*Will resume August 20*

**Launch Retreat and Parent Dinner**

*August 12*

Cost: \$15

**Passport Reflections**

*August 17, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

We will hear from our children and youth about Passport Camp.

COLLEGE

**Bible Study & Breakfast**

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*7:00 p.m., Activities Building*

Resumes August 15

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

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

**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 - 3rd**

Information Meeting.....Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ...Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Sunday - 6th**

*No Evening Activities*

**Wednesday - 9th**

CDC Meeting .....Library 5:45 p.m.

**Thursday - 10th**

Stewardship Meeting.....Library 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting .....Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ...Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday - 12th**

Preschool Pool Party .....Grove Hill Pool TBA

Launch Retreat & Dinner .....Activities Building All Day

**Sunday - 13th**

Pancake Breakfast .....Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m.

Bibles & Backpacks .....Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Children's 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.

**Tuesday - 15th**

PrimeTimers .....Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting .....Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

College Bible Study .....Activities Building 7:00 p.m.



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MOORE LECTURE SERIES

**Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore  
Lecture Series**  
*Sunday, September 10, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*  
with Dr. Mary Foskett

During the Sunday school hour, all youth, college and adult classes will be invited to join together to hear Dr. Mary Foskett teach in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Foskett will also join us during the worship service as our guest preacher.

Dr. Mary Foskett is the Wake Forest Professor of Religious Studies and Albritton Fellow as well as the Chair of the Department for the Study of Religions at Wake Forest University

*Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share as we gather.*

WEEKDAY PARKING

**AFBC Weekday Parking**

As a reminder, weekday parking for Auburn FBC is found in the Gay Street parking lot. The church leases the College Street parking lot to the city during the week. The employees of City Hall use it, and this generates helpful financial resources for our congregation. The parking lot is leased from 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. during the week. There are signs posted, and the city does issue tickets. The church office is unable to negotiate with the city for tickets issued to church members. Remember to park in the Gay Street parking lot during the week. If a church member has a handicapped sticker, he or she can park in the handicap spots in the College Street parking lot during the week. Also, the city vacates the lot when we have funerals, so it is available for general parking during those services.

**Serving the Month of August**

**Greeters:** Mike Aston and Dee Williams  
**Sound & Light:** David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini  
**Visitors:** Lisa and Ken Stone

**Serving August 6th, 2023**

**Extended Session:** Ashley Randle

**Serving August 13th, 2023**

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