



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

October 1, 2023

WORSHIP

Pledge Sunday

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October 1

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.23-32

October 8

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Corinthians 1.18-31
Matthew 5.1-12

Lay Worship Leader for October:
Susan Little

REMINDERS

Pledge Sunday

October 1

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

Children's Sabbath and Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 8

We look forward to the children leading us in worship and to our picnic afterwards.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, October 26

The Agenda items will be the *quarterly financial report*.

On Sunday, October 1, we will celebrate Pledge Sunday in worship! We gather on Pledge Sunday to give thanks for the ongoing dedication of the congregation to its mission and ministries, as well as to anticipate and prepare for the coming year. We are grateful to the congregation for its financial gifts and sacred commitment as we build community and serve community.

We give thanks for the Stewardship Committee as they have prepared the Preliminary Budget for 2024, tending to the needs of our church facilities, while supporting our programs of ministry and leaning into our commitment to serve others locally and globally. We give to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, partnering with other congregations to care for people in other places in the world, while also prioritizing our children, youth, and college students. We also support local ministries in Auburn like the Reach program or the Presbyterian Community Ministry.

The budget builds our community at Auburn First Baptist Church as we are an outpost for ministry, but it also serves community, reaching out to the needs of others. We give thanks for the dedication of the congregation to all of these efforts!

We refer to this support in many different ways. We call them our pledges, as they reflect our dedication. They are our offerings because they reflect our love for God. We refer to them as our gifts because they reflect our love for others. We call them our tithes, as they are a portion of what we have received.

We call them many things, but they are our commitment to God and to one another. They are how we join hands with one another to participate in mission and ministry! We can consider our pledge, our offering, our gifts, our tithe to the church for 2024. We can join with each other as we build community and as we serve community.

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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.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday *Sunday, October 1, Worship*

Pledge Sunday is a time for our congregation to prepare for the ministries and mission of 2024. The church was provided copies of the Preliminary Budget around the church. An Estimate of Giving Card was emailed to the congregation on Monday, September 25, and it is available in the sanctuary. We are invited to consider our giving to the church for 2024, and we are grateful for the ongoing commitment of this congregation as we minister together!

The link for the Estimate of Giving Card is www.auburnfbc.org/give24. Estimate of Giving Cards are also in pews and in display racks.

FELLOWSHIP

Churchwide Picnic *Sunday, October 8*

After Children's Sabbath, we will gather at Town Creek Park for our annual churchwide picnic. The church will provide chicken and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Don't forget a tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain, join us in the Activities Building.

PrimeTimers Gathering
Tuesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
What's my Line?
Getting to know each other.
Soup and the Fixins.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities
5:45 p.m., September 28th, Fellowship Hall
"The Map of Our Faith"
Led by Tripp Martin
Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck
Thursday, October 26, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

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SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table
Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Not meeting October 8

"The Letter of Paul to Philemon"
Led by Ron Little, *October 1*
"Thoughts on Ministry to College Students"
Led by Ron Little, *October 15*

Connecting Faith and Family
Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom
Not meeting October 8

We will be reading *Raising Your Spirited Child* by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka in August. If you would like a book, please 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., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.
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. 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-

ALABAMA CBF

Alabama CBF Fall Gathering
Vestavia Hills Baptist Church
Birmingham, AL
November 2

Alabama CBF will celebrate 30 years!
Follow this link for the schedule and to register:
www.alabamacbf.org/2023fallgathering

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Not Meeting October 8

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Not Meeting October 8

Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 a.m.
Panera Bread

Volunteering at East Alabama Food Bank

Monday, October 16
Meet at AFBC at 12:30 p.m.

Passport

Converse University

Spartanburg, SC

June 30 - July 5, 2024

Cost: \$500

Let Laura know if you'd like to register!

CHILDREN

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 8, 11:00 a.m., Worship
"The Beatitudes"

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

Passport Kids Camp

Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Eatonton, GA

July 14-17, 2024

Students 3rd - 5th grades

\$50 deposit, \$375 total (includes deposit)

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 October 8

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

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

Not meeting October 8

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 - 1st

The Round Table Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & Family Fishers' Classroom 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Night Activities Building 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 3rd.

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

Wednesday - 4th

Conversational English Activities Building 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 5th

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

Sunday - 8th

Churchwide Picnic Town Creek Park 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 10th

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

Wednesday - 11th

Conversational English Activities Building 5:30 p.m.

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 12th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 7:00 a.m.

Stewardship Committee Mtg Library 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday - 15th

The Round Table Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & Family Fishers' Classroom 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Night Activities Building 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

We are so thankful to the congregation for the recognition of our 10-Year Anniversary at the church! We are grateful for the opportunity we had to come to Auburn and for these past ten years. They have truly been a gift to me and to our family! We are thankful for the people of this place and all they have meant to our lives. We find such joy in this milestone because of the kindness and encouragement of the church. I cannot express my gratitude for the anthem that has been commissioned to mark this anniversary. We are grateful to the Personnel Committee, Social Committee, and others for all of their preparation and planning for this celebration.

- Tripp Martin



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CHILDREN'S SABBATH MISSION

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering

Sunday, October 8

Our mission offering will support the Esperanza House. We will collect and donate pantry items, which can be used during snack time, as well as school supplies. Esperanza House strives to improve the quality of life for Hispanic children and families in Auburn. They currently serve about ninety families, providing after school activities and tutoring for many children. In addition to donating snacks and school supplies, monetary donations can be made by placing Children's Sabbath Mission Offering on the memo line of the check.

MISSIONS

Cookie Walk

Fundraiser for WeHelp Coalition
True Deliverance Holiness Church
December 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Gymnasium
936 N. Donahue Drive

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Anne Adrian, Gina Cantrell, Dick Graves

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

Visitors: Gwynne Lovelady

Serving October 1, 2023

Extended Session: Zach Deal, Mary Ann Potter, Ashley Randle

Serving October 8, 2023

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Anne Randle, Anna Thompson

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