



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

November 15, 2023

WORSHIP

November 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Judges 4.1-7
Matthew 25.14-30

November 26

Christ the King
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25.31-46

Lay Worship Leader for November:
John Jones

REMINDERS

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 26th, 3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can!

Advent Family Workshop

Sunday, November 26, 6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ADA623A0FF2-45961015-advent>

We will gather for dinner and for families to create a craft for the Advent season!

Welcoming Advent and Cookie Fellowship

Sunday, December 3, 6:15 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

Please bring cookies to share!

That We May Have Light

By: Tripp Martin

On Sunday, November 26, we will celebrate *Christ the King Sunday*, which is the last Sunday of the Church Year. At 6:15 p.m. that day, we will gather for our Advent Family Workshop, creating an Advent craft as we prepare for the Advent season. The first Sunday of Advent will be December 3.

Advent is the four Sundays prior to the celebration of Christmas. It is a season, where we prepare ourselves for the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. Our theme for Advent this year will be *That We May Have Light*. This theme comes from a piece of music, which our Sanctuary Choir will present, entitled, *He Came Down*, by Marty Haugen.

When we look back at the first verses of scripture, God said, "Let there be light." Creation is made possible because of the light! It causes plants to grow and allows us to see. It gives us life in so many ways!

During Advent, we anticipate and expect the arrival of the Light of the World. We not only need light to grow plants and to see, but also to foster hope, broker peace, cultivate joy, and spread love. We prepare ourselves to receive this light, opening ourselves up to it and looking at the world anew through it.

Throughout the days of Advent, we can receive this light. The season of Advent is meant to increase our expectation and to stir up our anticipation. It wakes us up to the Light of the World!

When we notice the heartache and suffering of this world, Advent invites us to seek the hope of God. When we are dismayed by violence and conflict, Advent encourages us to work for peace. When despair threatens our lives, or the lives of our loved ones, Advent insists there is joy to be experienced. When hate or apathy seems rampant, Advent sings about God's steadfast love.

We are invited into the season of Advent, so that we may have light!

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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.

COLLEGE

Bonfire at Randle Farms

Tuesday, November 28
Meet in Gay Street lot at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building
Not meeting, November 21

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

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A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 3, 6:15 p.m. –

Welcoming Advent in Story & Song

with music from our
Preschool and Children's Choirs,
and Youth Choir

Followed by our renowned **Cookie Fellowship**
Bring your favorite cookies on a plate ready to serve!

Sunday morning, December 10, 11:00 a.m. –

“That We May Have LIGHT”

Led by the AFBC Music Ministry.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Having a Heart Filled with Gratitude”

Led by James Q. Smith, Hospice Chaplain
November 19

“The Road Scott Peck Traveled:

Psychiatrist to Exorcist”

Led by Mike McClanahan
November 26 & December 3

Connecting Faith and Family

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

We are reading *Raising Your Spirited Child* by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka. If you would like a book, please email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

THURSDAYS

Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 16, 5:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal!
(No charge for this meal.)

Christmas Potluck & Special-Called Business Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 5:00 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.

The following items will be on the agenda:

A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2024 budgets), and election of Deacons.

FOOD DRIVE

Our church is a collection site for food donations for the annual Beat Bama Food Drive! This is one of the biggest drives of the year for the Food Bank of East Alabama. Please bring nonperishable items and place them in the barrel near the church office anytime between now and *November 19*.

YOUTH

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

Dinner Out

Wednesday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.
Barberito's on Glenn Ave.

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10
5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall to pack Christmas bags for
the Lee County Detention Center
6:00 p.m., Kathleen Sabo's house for dinner and
fellowship

Winter Youth Summit

January 12-14, 2024, FBC Huntsville

CHILDREN

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.*

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

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

Children Invited to Make Cookies for the Cookie Walk

Sunday, November 19, Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, November 19th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and then from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, children in K-5 and preschoolers joined by a parent, are invited to bake cookies for the annual Cookie Walk. The We Help Coalition Cookie Walk fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will be held at True Deliverance Holiness Church on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Several recipes of late church member Charlotte Ward and longtime supporter of the Cookie Walk will be made by the children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<i>Every Sunday</i>	<i>Every Thursday</i>
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 15th

Conversational English.....Activities Building 5:30 p.m..

Thursday - 16th

Thanksgiving Meal.....Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 19th

Youth Committee MeetingActivities Building 12:00 p.m.

Children Baking CookiesFellowship Hall 4:00 p.m.

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

Connecting Faith & FamilySeekers Classroom 5:00 p.m.

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

Youth Choir.....Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

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

Children Baking CookiesFellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 23rd

Church Office Closed

Friday - 24th

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Sunday - 26th

Advent DecoratingSanctuary 3:00 p.m.

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

Youth Choir.....Choir Room 5:00 p.m..

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

Advent Family WorkshopFellowship Hall 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 28th

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

Wednesday - 29th

Exceptional Foundation.....Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m.

Conversational English.....Activities Building 5:30 p.m.

Youth Dinner Out.....Barberito's 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 30th

Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____



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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*

JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT

It is time to turn our attention once again to the Christmas bags for the jail ministry. Donations of \$15 are welcomed to cover the cost of items in the bags. The \$15 covers the cost of a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, one pad of paper, five stamps, five Christmas cards to send, a game book, a deck of playing cards, and candy.

Charlotte Sutton
Christmas Project Chair

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Mike Aston, Candy Enkeboll, Dee Williams

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

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving November 19, 2023

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, Ryan Thompson, Anne Randle

Serving November 26, 2023

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell, Anna Thompson, Zach Deal

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