



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Singing in Advent and Christmas

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December 3

First Sunday of Advent (Hope)
Isaiah 64.1-9
Mark 13.24-37

When we gather as a congregation, we always sing! When we gather for Advent and Christmas, we sing about the Light of the World and the birth of Jesus. Singing is the language of faith and community. It is the expression of hope, peace, joy, and love!

December 10

Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)
Sanctuary Choir Music

On Sunday evening, December 3, we will gather to celebrate the singing of our Preschool, Children, and Youth Choirs at our *Welcoming Advent in Story and Song* service. We will also decorate the Chrismon Trees and light them for the first time! Afterwards, we will enjoy our annual Cookie Fellowship.

December 17

Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
Luke 1.47-55

The following week on Sunday, December 10, our Sanctuary Choir will present their music for Advent and Christmas. We will hear the hope, peace, joy, and love of God expressed beautifully in song, as we envision new creation through the Light of the World. We will give thanks for the music, which renews us as we rejoice during this time of year!

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

Music and singing are gifts of God's grace. Don Saliers writes, "If music is the language of the soul made audible, then human voices, raised in concert in human gatherings, are primary instruments of the soul." These gifts of grace allow us to express our deepest hopes and prayers, which we hold inside of us. We do not have to muster enough strength to express them by ourselves, we can join others in song.

December 24

Christmas Eve
Carols, Candles, and Communion

We find strength in singing with others! We sing more during Advent and Christmas because we need strength to anticipate and expect the coming of Christ. We need this added strength to seek hope in the face of despair, peace in the face of conflict, joy in the face of heartache, and love in the face of fear.

December 31

First Sunday after Christmas
Gina Austin, preaching

We sing from our souls as we seek the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas for our lives, and for this world!

REMINDERS

Welcoming Advent and Cookie Fellowship

Sunday, December 3
6:15 p.m.

Please bring cookies in snack-sized bags to share!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 5:30 p.m., Worship

No Sunday School

December 24 & December 31

*All year end gifts for 2023 need to be in the church office by Friday, December 29th or postmarked by December 31st.

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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.

Poinsettias

The poinsettias placed in our sanctuary and throughout the church for Christmas are placed in memory or honor of those listed.

In Honor of:

Tripp & Katharine Martin
J.D. & Hunter Martin
Julie McClanahan
Leigh Anne Armstrong
Dr. Wayne Flynt
Our Pastor, Tripp Martin & Family
Children battling pediatric cancer this Christmas

Given by:

Milton & Kathy Martin
Pops & Kaki
elaine h. ridgway
elaine h. ridgway
Rick & Cheryl Hulsey
Dale & Libby Peterson
Brian & Shane Ledbetter-Dunn

In Memory of:

Tom Grimes
Dr. Paul & Clois Shoffeitt
Lamar & Grace Casey
Inez & Walter Sowell
Jonnie Dee Riley Little
Jane B. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Dendy
Mr. & Mrs. Jay McCreless
Judie C. Brown
Dartie Flynt
Mae Ellis Flynt
David Potts
Earl & Louise Potts & Charles & Louise Peterson
Rodney Renfroe
Charles Porter
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry B. Hulsey
Mr. & Mrs. James Dillard Wilson
Margaret Elizabeth Dunn
James Wesley Dunn
Lula Mae Holmes
Charles Potter

Given by:

Carolyn Grimes
Jean, Paul, & Mary
Candy Enkeboll
Their Family
The Ted Little Family
The Ted Little Family
Ned & Delaine Dendy
Ned & Delaine Dendy
elaine h. ridgway
Wayne Flynt
Wayne Flynt
Libby Potts
Libby Potts & Dale Peterson
elaine h. ridgway
Mary Lynn Porter
Rick & Cheryl Hulsey
Rick & Cheryl Hulsey
Brian & Shane Ledbetter-Dunn
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Cliff, Charlann, & Mary Ann Potter

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.*

Final Meeting, December 3

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

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

Not Meeting, December 3

Caroling for the Children

Sunday, December 17, Gay Street Parking Lot, 4:30 – 6:45 p.m.

We will depart at 4:30 p.m. in the church bus to go caroling, visiting church members and assisted living facilities in Auburn. We will go to Cicis Pizza for dinner. Bring \$5.00 for dinner. Pick up will be at the church.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

Final Meeting, December 3

“The Road Scott Peck Traveled:

Psychiatrist to Exorcist”

Led by Mike McClanahan

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Final Meeting, December 3

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!

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.

THURSDAYS

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.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Final Meeting, December 3

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Resumes January 21

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., Activities Building for dinner and fellowship

Passport

Converse University, Spartanburg, SC

June 30 - July 5, 2024

Cost: \$500

COLLEGE

College Graduate Recognition

Sunday, December 3

Finals Study Hours

December 3 - December 7, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Activities Building

We pray for our college students as they finish the semester and take final exams.

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Resumes January 16

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.

Saturday - 2nd

WeHelp Cookie Walk True Deliverance 8:00 a.m.

Sunday - 3rd

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

Connecting Faith & Family Seekers Classroom 5:00 p.m.

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

Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

Welcoming Advent Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.

Followed by the Cookie Fellowship

Tuesday - 5th

PrimeTimers Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 6th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 7th

Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday - 10th

Youth Christmas Party Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 14th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 17th

Caroling for the Children Gay St. Lot 4:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 21st

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 24th

Worship Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Monday - 25th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday - 26th

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 28th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 31st

Worship Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Deacon Ordination & Installation

Sunday, January 7, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Committee Night

Sunday, January 7, 6:15 p.m.

Locations to be announced.



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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 December

Greeters: Candy Enkeboll, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Jo and John Jones

Serving December 3, 2023

Extended Session: Ronda West, Ashley Randle, Leah Duzy, Alison Crosby

Serving December 10, 2023

Extended Session: Emily Wilkins, Mary Ann Potter, Alex Ritenbaugh

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