Auburn First Baptist
Church

128 E Glenn Ave.

Auburn, AL 36830

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

Please mark your calendars for our next *PrimeTimers* event, August Pizza and Games! The *Primetimers* will meet in the fellowship hall on August 20 at 11:30 am for food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a friend!

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

All are invited and welcome!

Resumes on August 8

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
"The Gospel of Luke"
Led by Tripp Martin
Resumes August 11

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom
Resumes August 11

We will be reading *Now What?: How to Move Forward When We're Divided (About Basically Everything)* by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers.
All are welcome!

Serving the Month of August

Greeters: Dee Williams, Mike Aston, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Gwynne Lovelady

Serving August 4, 2024

Extended Session: Ashley Randle, Jay Spiers, Marcie Smith

Serving August 11, 2024

Extended Session: Emily Wilkins, Anna Coxwell, Lynn Eden

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WORSHIP

August 4
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15
John 6.24-35

August 11
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 4.25-5.2
John 6.35, 41-51
Promotion Sunday

Lay Worship Leader for August:
Laine Adams

REMINDERS

Promotion Sunday

August 11

Pancake Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, August 8, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite dish to share!

Passport Report

Thursday, August 15, 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Our youth and children will share.

Promotion

By: Tripp Martin

With the first day of classes on the horizon, we look forward to Promotion Sunday on August 11. We will celebrate with a churchwide Pancake Breakfast and then our children and youth will promote to their next Sunday School class!

In worship, we will give our first graders Bibles, recognize our sixth graders, and bless everyone's backpacks. We prayerfully celebrate and mark this time of year, supporting our children and youth as we focus our attention on the life of our congregation.

There are different meanings and emotions tied to the word, *promotion.* We cannot wait to get home and tell our family we have received a promotion at work, but we question the motives of the event promoter because it is all about ticket sales. We want to promote giving to cancer research, but we do not want to promote our nosey neighbor to the director of the Home Owners Association. We can hold onto the best meaning of promotion, as we give attention to what we value!

We promote our children and young people to the next Sunday School class, as they move up to a higher grade; but we also promote their spiritual development, as we support their growth. We promote the study of scripture, the formation of their faith, and the development of community around them. We celebrate Promotion Sunday for all of these reasons!

We look forward to the weekly routine and rhythms of the church as they begin again this semester. On August 11, our Sunday evening opportunities for study and formation will begin as Round Table and Connecting Faith and Family start. Our children will gather for choir and Bible Encounter, and our youth will have their Launch Retreat. Soon, college students will arrive to town and gather on Tuesdays.

We promote these opportunities for community and faith formation throughout the life of our congregation!

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.

THURSDAYS

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, August 8, 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.

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting will be Thursday, August 8th. The Agenda items will be the *Quarterly Financial Report, Nominating Committee Report, and Trust Fund Report.*

Passport Report

August 15, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

Sabbath Study Leave

Thursday, August 22, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Morris will share about his experience on Sabbath Study Leave.

Thursday Evening Activities

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
"Learning with St. Benedict"
Led by Tripp Martin
Resumes August 29

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Resumes August 11

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Resumes August 18

Launch Retreat and Parent Dinner

August 10
The cost will be $25. Please email Laura at laura@auburnfbc.org if you wish to attend.

The Youth Launch Retreat will meet in the AFBC Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

MOORE LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, September 15, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
with Rev. Suzii Paynter March

"Women: Finding God's Light in Leadership and Faith"

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

Brunch is at 9:15 a.m.

For our Lecture Series this year, we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Leland Cooper at Auburn First Baptist Church. During the Sunday school hour, all youth, college and adult classes will be invited to join together to hear Rev. Suzii Paynter March teach in the Fellowship Hall. She will also join us during the worship service as the guest preacher.

Rev. Suzii Paynter March is the retired Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a longtime leader in Baptist life. She is a graduate of Baylor University, with decades of experience in ministry, church and organizational leadership, and public advocacy.

While leading CBF she expanded mission service to thirty countries and increased Hispanic and African American churches and their leadership in the Fellowship. She has often been the "first woman to…" First as a lobbyist and then first on the Executive Team of the Texas Baptist Convention. At BGCT she headed the Christian Life Commission, division of chaplains, counseling, ethics, public policy and community ministries. She has a passion for missions, ministries and religious liberty. She has been an active leader in the Baptist World Alliance and the 21 Wilberforce Center for Religious Liberty. She has been a supporter of Baptist Women in Ministry throughout her career. She worked as an advocate and policy expert on issues ranging from hunger, poverty, education, human trafficking, to chaplaincy and prison reform. Suzii was awarded the NonProfit Lobbyist of the Year at the Texas Legislature several times for her continued work at the intersection of faith and policy.

Suzii has been honored as a distinguished alumnus of Baylor University by the Baylor Line Foundation and holds an honorary doctorate from Dallas Baptist University. Her personal honors include the J.M. Dawson Award for Religious Liberty, TB Maston Ethics Award, Mi Familia Award for cross-cultural missions impact and several awards for women's leadership.

She is married to another outstanding Baylor alumnus, Ben March. They are parents to 4, grant parents to 7. They are at home in Kerrville, Texas and they keep a home in the Waco area where a grandson is a 5th generation student. Sic 'em

CHILDREN

Preschool Pool Party

Friday, August 2, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Front Grove Hill Pool on Grove Hill Road

Pizza and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring something to share!

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 11

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)
Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Resumes August 11

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 20
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

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 or call her at 334-233-2267.

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 - 1st

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 4th

Children's Committee Mtg..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 8th

Stewardship Committee Mtg..... Library 5:00 p.m.
Quarterly Business Meeting..... Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday- 10th

Youth Launch Retreat..... Gay Street Lot 9:00 a. m.

Sunday - 11th

Pancake Breakfast..... Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m.
Children's Choirs..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir..... Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
The Round Table..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family..... Seekers Room 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 14th

CDC Committee Mtg..... Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.

Thursday-15th

Passport Report..... Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.