



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

August 15, 2024

WORSHIP

August 18

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 34.9-13
Proverbs 9.1-6
Ephesians 5.15-20
Laura Edgar preaching

August 25

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6.10-20

Lay Worship Leader for August:
Laine Adams

REMINDERS

Passport Report

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

Our youth and children will share!

Sabbath Study Leave

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

Morris will share about his
experience from his Sabbath Study
Leave.

Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture Series

Sunday, September 15, 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

with Rev Suzii Paynter March
Please bring your favorite brunch
dish to share!
Brunch is at 9:15 a.m.

A Centering Prayer

By: Tripp Martin

Centering prayer is an ancient practice of the church, which continues to be a gift for us today! Perhaps we would say that all prayer is centering, connecting us with God, which it is. But centering prayer is also a particular practice, anchoring us deeply in God's grace. It helps return us to our center, which is God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

The practice invites us to spend a few minutes in stillness and silence, where we can be present to God's presence. It does not promise dramatic results or unmistakable outcomes. It is simply an invitation into God's gracious presence, which is always around us.

In the quiet of centering prayer, we embrace stillness, listening for God's goodness and grace. As our thoughts begin to wander, we can choose a word or phrase, which we can return to as we focus on God. We can pray, "I am thankful for God's love," or we can say, "God is good." It returns us to our center, which is God.

We can practice centering prayer each and every day, especially in the midst of the busy seasons of life. We can pause for a few minutes in the morning, or in the evening, or even in the middle of the day to re-center ourselves.

As we consider the practice of centering prayer for each day, we can also give thanks for the gathering of worship each week, which serves like a centering prayer. We pause to worship as we begin each week, and we come together to say, "I am thankful for God's love," or "Good is good," which re-centers our lives.

We return again to what is central, re-orienting our lives around God. It is a subtle gift and a life-giving practice particularly in a busy season of our lives. The fall is full of excitement, and we are thankful to gather for worship, as it centers our lives around God's goodness and grace.

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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, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“The Gospel of Luke”

Led by Tripp Martin

Connecting Faith and Family

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

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!

THURSDAYS

Sabbath Study Leave

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

Morris will share about his experience from his Sabbath Study Leave.

Thursday Evening Activities

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“Learning with St. Benedict”

Led by Tripp Martin

Resumes August 29

Tailgate with the Exceptional Foundation

Thursday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.,

Exceptional Foundation

We will not meet for Thursday evening activities at church because of this event.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Resumes August 18

Passport Report

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

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 long-time 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, grandparents 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

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

COLLEGE

Welcome Lunch

Sunday, August 18, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

College Lake Day

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 a.m.

Gay Street lot

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 - 15th

Passport Report Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

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

Sunday - 18th

College Welcome Lunch Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.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.

Youth Sunday Nights..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 20th

PrimeTimers Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m.

Deacon's Meeting..... Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday- 22nd

Sabbath Study Report Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

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

Saturday - 24th

College Lake Day Gay Street lot 10:00 a.m.

Sunday - 25th

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.

Youth Sunday Nights..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 27th

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

Wednesday - 28th

Missions Committee Mtg..... Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 29th

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



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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers Gathering

Tuesday, August 20, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Please mark your calendars for our next *PrimeTimers* event, Pizza and Games! The *Primetimers* will meet for food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a friend!

GMO

Global Ministries Offering Update

March 2024 - March 2025

Goal: \$25,000

Pledged: \$11,180

Given toward pledge: \$10,011

Given unpledged: \$7,869

Total given: \$17,880

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 18, 2024

Extended Session: Betty Tatum, Mark Wilson, Leah Duzy

Serving August 25, 2024

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, Anna Coxwell, Katharine Martin

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