



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

October 6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12
Psalm 8
Pledge Sunday

October 13

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 104.1-6
Ephesians 2.4-10
Children's Sabbath

October 20

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10.35-45
Isaiah 53.4-12

October 27

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10.46-52
Hebrews 7.23-28

Lay Worship Leader for October
Emily Wilkins

REMINDERS

Pledge Sunday

October 6

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

www.AuburnFBC.org/Give25

Children's Sabbath and Churchwide Picnic

October 13

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

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

October 24

The Agenda items will be the quarterly financial report and recommendation from the Bylaws Committee.

Children's Sabbath

By: Tripp Martin

As we begin the month of October, we look forward to gathering for worship on Pledge Sunday, October 6 as well as for Children's Sabbath, October 13. On Children's Sabbath, our children will lead us in worship, which is always a good reminder of the importance of our commitment to the future of our congregation! We are thankful for the faith formation of our children, and we offer encouragement and care to their families during these important years of development.

The children of the church remind us of the abundance of God's grace. They see the world with different eyes, and they help us see the love of God that surrounds us. They always show us that God is at work, as they see the best in others, raise vital questions, and spark joy inside of us. We recommit our dedication to them each year, as they provide leadership for us in worship.

They also call us to our best! We strive for excellence because we are grateful for them. We are aware that our lives model for them a life of faith. We lean into our calling as we also learn from them about a child-like faith, which Jesus invites us to model.

In recent years, our children's department has grown! Each and every child is a gift. We want to be fully present to them whether it is when we stop them in hallway to ask them about school or whether they are leading us in worship. We will celebrate them on Children's Sabbath, recognizing what they mean to our family of faith!

After worship, we will gather at Town Creek Park for our annual church-wide picnic, which is for all ages in the congregation. We will enjoy a potluck lunch, and there will be activities and games for the children. We will give thanks for their laughter and energy. It will continue our celebration and time together!

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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
Not meeting October 13

“When Missions Get Messy”

Alisha Damron Seruyange, October 6

“Prayer Reflection: May Peace Prevail on Earth”
October 20, Courtyard

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom
Not meeting October 13

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

Thursday Evening Activities

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
“Learning with St. Benedict”
Not meeting October 17 & 31
Led by Tripp Martin
Available on podcast.

We gather for a brown bag dinner 5:15 p.m.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, October 24, 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.

The Agenda items will be the *quarterly financial report and recommendation by the Bylaws Committee about committee descriptions.*

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 6, Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our congregation to prepare for the ministries and mission of 2025. The church has provided copies of the Preliminary Budget around the church. An Estimate of Giving Card was emailed to the congregation on Monday, September 30, and a hard copy is available in the pews of the sanctuary.

We are invited to consider our giving to the church for 2025, and we are grateful for the ongoing commitment of this congregation as we minister together!

The link for this is www.AuburnFBC.org/Give25.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers Gathering

Tuesday, October 15, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

The *PrimeTimers* will gather for a unique opportunity to participate in A Ministry of Arts offered by the First Baptist Church of Huntsville. Using the tiles from their original mosaic of Jesus, we will be guided in making a cross for use as a necklace or ornament. Cost is \$5 per piece. Lunch will also be served. Please RSVP to Teresa at vestter@gmail.com or Marcie at smithmkc@gmail.com.

Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 13

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.

We will also have activities for our children for a Fall Festival at the picnic!

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Activities Building

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mimi Smith, walkford687@gmail.com.

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

Preschool Movie Night

Friday, October 4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Zach & Lyndsay Deal's House

1313 Hickory Lane

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 13, Worship

"For We are God's Masterpiece..."

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

Passport Kids Camp

Montreat Conference Center

Montreat, NC

Students 3rd- 5th grades

June 30 - July 3, 2025

Cost: \$50 deposit, \$400

Email tmartin@auburnfbc.org to sign up.

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

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.

Wednesday - 2nd

First Bells..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

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

Thursday - 3rd

Youth Prayer Breakfast..... Panera Bread 7:00 a.m.

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

Friday - 4th

Preschool Movie Night..... 1313 Hickory Lane 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 6th

Youth Committee Mtg Youth Room 12:00 p.m.

Children's Committee Mtg..... 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.

Wednesday - 9th

First Bells..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Thursday - 10th

Stewardship Committee Mtg..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday - 13th

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

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 15th

Deacons' Meeting..... Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, October 3, 7:00 a.m., Panera Bread



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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, stamps, two pens, one pad of paper, five stamps, five Christmas cards to send, a game book, a deck of playing cards, and candy. If you would rather donate Forever Stamps instead of money, please make sure they are rolled stamps since we must cut them apart. Thank you for your help in this ministry.

Charlotte Sutton
Christmas Project Chair

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering *Sunday, October 13, Worship*

The Auburn Sustenance Project, spearheaded by student leaders, tackles the pressing issue of food insecurity among Auburn City School students. With more than one-third of students reliant on the free and reduced-meal program, this initiative steps in during school breaks to provide vital meals and snacks that would otherwise be missed during school breaks, such as summer break, winter holidays and spring break.

Any individually packaged snacks and food items that are nonperishable are appreciated. Financial gifts can also be placed in the offering plate, writing Auburn Sustenance Project on the memo line.

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Michael Bumgardner, Jeannie Bumgardner, and Dee Williams

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

Visitors: Shirley & Ray Brown

Serving October 6, 2024

Extended Session: Ashley Randle, Zach Deal, Laine Adams

Serving October 13, 2024

Extended Session: Mark Wilson, Betty Tatum

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