



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

September 15, 2024

WORSHIP

September 15

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 John 4.19-21
Moore Lecture Series
Suzii Paynter March preaching

September 22

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9.30-37
James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

September 29

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9.38-50
James 5.13-20

Lay Worship Leader for September
David Sutton

REMINDERS

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.

Deacon Nominations & Committee on Committees Requests

Deadline is September 15

Email angela@auburnfbc.org to
submit names and requests.

Pledge Sunday October 6

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

Giving & Community

By: Tripp Martin

One reason we give our offerings to the church is that it is one concrete way that we can join our lives with others. In a similar way, we join our lives together through prayer, worship, study, and service. These practices draw us together, and they draw us closer to God; but one of the most tangible ways we join our lives together for the practice of our faith is through giving to the church.

On Sunday, October 6, we will celebrate Pledge Sunday! We will have an opportunity to reflect on our giving and to make a commitment to the church for 2025. This is not a contract, but a way to practice our faith together.

The mission and ministry of the church continues to expand and adapt to current needs, and so does our giving. We consider prayerfully our practice of giving as it joins us with others through building community and serving community.

Estimate of Giving Cards will be available in the pews a couple weeks before October 6. An Estimate of Giving Card will be emailed on Monday, September 30. The Preliminary Budget will also be available around the church, which anticipates our financial needs for 2025. It indicates that our financial needs will be higher next year. We have seen increases in our property insurance, utilities, and facility repairs.

Our giving is rooted in our theology of community. We partner with others as we partner with God. We respond to God's calling by joining our lives together as a church. We join our hearts with others because it is how we practice the solidarity and faithfulness of God's love.

When we look at the light bill, the plumber's invoice, the receipt for a churchwide meal, the price of gas for the church bus, we see the shared life of community and ministry. We see concrete ways we can come together to partner with others and with God!

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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 Ordination of Leland Cooper”

Wayne Flynt, September 15

“Documentary: Midwives of a Movement”

Cliff Vaughn and Nikki Hardeman, September 22

Childcare is provided until 7:00 p.m.

“When Missions Get Messy”

Alisha Damron Seruyange, September 29 & October 6

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

Thursday Evening Activities

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

“Learning with St. Benedict”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast.

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

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Youth Surge

Wednesday, September 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet in the Gay Street lot at 5:30 p.m. to ride together.

Bring money for dinner. We will return to

AFBC at 7:30. p.m.

Youth Parent's Night

Sunday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

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 will provide copies of the Preliminary Budget

around the church towards the end of September. An

Estimate of Giving Card will be emailed to the congregation on Monday, September 30, and a hard copy will be available in the pews of the sanctuary the prior Sunday.

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, September 17, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Calling All PrimeTimers!!! Please join us to hear Dr. Wayne Flynt talk about "The Most Famous Member of Auburn First Baptist Church You Never Heard Of!"

We will be serving coffee and breakfast pastries.

(Wonder who that famous member is??!!)

Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 22

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

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!

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

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.

Sunday - 15th

Moore Lecture Series	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.
Youth Sunday Nights.....	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 17th

PrimeTimers	Fellowship Hall	10:00 a.m.
Deacon's Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 18th

First Bells.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Mission Committee.....	Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Conversational English.....	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 19th

Sanctuary Choir.....	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
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Sunday - 22nd

Children's Choirs	Education Building	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 - 25th

First Bells.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Youth Surge.....	Gay St Lot	5:30 p.m.
Conversational English.....	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 26th

Sanctuary Choir.....	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
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Sunday - 29th

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 Parent's Night.....	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights.....	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.



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MOORE LECTURE SERIES

Claude H. and Mary Virginia 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. 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 be our guest preacher.

Rev. Suzii Paynter March is the retired Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a long-time leader in Baptist life.

Serving the Month of September

Greeters: Kellie Wilson, Julia Morgan, Anne Adrian

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

Visitors: Melissa & Kyle Willian

Serving September 15, 2024

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Anna Randle, Lee Mcinnis

Serving September 22, 2024

Extended Session: Jay Spiers, Kathy Sabo



Online Giving

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.

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