



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

November 15, 2024

WORSHIP

November 17
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 16
Mark 13.1-8

November 24
Christ the King
Revelation 1.4b-8
John 18.33-37

Lay Worship Leader for November
Jeremy Stokes

REMINDERS

Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

*Thursday, November 21, 5:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall*

Advent Decorating

*Sunday, November 24, 3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary*

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can!

Advent Family Workshop

*Sunday, November 24, 6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall*

We will gather for dinner and for families to create a craft for the Advent season!

Welcoming Advent and Cookie Fellowship

*Sunday, December 8, 6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall*

Please bring cookies to share!

Words for the Beginning

By: Tripp Martin

We will begin the season of Advent soon! Advent is the four Sundays prior to Christmas when we will welcome and celebrate the arrival of Jesus. During the season of Advent, we anticipate the coming of the Light of the World! Our anticipation builds throughout these four Sundays, and it opens us up to the light of God's grace.

We normally approach these weeks as the end of the year. December is the final month on the calendar. We look towards January as a new beginning, but on the Church's Calendar, the first day of the new year is the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. The Church's Calendar revolves around the life of Jesus, so it begins with anticipating his birth.

Our theme for Advent this year is *Words for the Beginning*. We begin this new year with words, which the Church has focused upon for generations: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. These words help us begin again, and they point us towards the Light of the World.

These words foster in us what they exemplify, as we ponder them and lean into them throughout Advent. We not only talk about hope, but we also start to experience it. We not only yearn for peace, but we also practice it. We not only long for joy, but we also give thanks for it. We not only receive love, but we also express it. These words cultivate in us what they exemplify!

We ponder and anticipate the birth of Jesus, so that hope, peace, joy, and love are born in us. It is the coming of the Light of the World! We are thankful for this season, which is not an ending, but a beginning. We are thankful that we begin again with the hope, peace, joy, and love of 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.

THANKSGIVING

Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

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Fellowship Hall

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ADA623A0FF2-53017312-2024>

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Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

True Deliverance Holiness Church

Fundraiser for WeHelp Coalition

The address is 936 N. Donahue Drive. It will be in their gymnasium.

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 8, 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 15, 11:00 a.m. –

“The Work of Christmas”

Led by the AFBC Music Ministry.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Reading Scripture: Inclusion, Jesus, and the Church”

November 17, Tripp Martin

“Nurture the Living, Care for the Wounded, Honor the Fallen:
U.S. Army Chaplain Ministry in the Context of the First
Amendment.”

November 24

Mark Johnston, Chaplain in the Army

Endorsed by CBF

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!

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

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.

Caroling for the Children

Thursday, December 19, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.,

Gay Street Parking Lot

We will depart at 5:30 p.m. in the church bus to go caroling, visiting church members and assisted living facilities in Auburn. We will come back to the Activities Building for pizza. Pick up will be at the church.

YOUTH

Youth Choir **Youth Sunday Nights**
Sundays, 5:00 p.m. *Sundays, 6:00 p.m.*
 Choir Room Youth Room

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.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Summer Mission Trip
Touching Miami with Love
June 15-21, 2025
 Deposit: \$100

Touching Miami with Love serves children, youth, and their families. We will drive the church bus to Miami on Sunday, June 15, and teach classes Monday through Friday, driving home on Saturday. Families are welcome to participate with children who are at least 14 years old. Due to the size of the classes and programmatic needs, we will take a group of 13-15 church members. The deadline to sign up will be February 1. The cost depends on occupancy in the hotel room.

Single occupancy	\$1500/person
Double occupancy	\$875/person
Family of 3 in a room	\$675/person
Family of 4 in a room	\$575/person

This cost includes two meals per day, lodging, travel, and supplies. Each person will pay for dinner each day, incidentals, or additional activities on our day off. We will meet in the Spring to plan our lessons and organize our work. If you would like to sign up, or have any questions, please contact tmartin@auburnfbc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday	Every Thursday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 17th

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- 19th

PrimeTimers Gathering	Fellowship Hall	10:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 20th

First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Conversational English	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 21st

Thanksgiving Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
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Sunday - 24th

Decorate for Advent	Sanctuary	3:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 27th

Office Closed

Thursday - 28th

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Friday - 29th

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THURSDAYS

**Christmas Potluck &
 Special-Called Business Meeting**
Thursday, December 5, 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 (2025 budgets), and election of Deacons.



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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers Gathering

***Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall***

The Senior Adults at Auburn First Baptist Church want to extend an invitation to join us for coffee and breakfast pastries. We will be hosting local writers, Katie Jackson and Jay Lamar, to discuss their new book, "Old Enough: Southern Women Artists and Writers on Creativity." We hope you can join us with our neighboring churches in our community. (Parking is available in the parking lot on the corner of Gay/Glenn. To avoid being towed by the city, please do not park in the parking lot bordering College Street unless you have a handicap parking sticker.)

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

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Dee Williams, Dale Peterson, and Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving November 17, 2024

Extended Session: Anna Thompson, Jay Spiers, Kelly Meeks

Serving November 24, 2024

Extended Session: Emily Wilkins, Anne Randle, Laine Adams

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