



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

January 15, 2025

WORSHIP

January 19

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 2:1-11

Psalm 36:5-10

January 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4:14-21

Lay Worship Leader for January:

Jay Spiers

REMINDERS

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 30, 5:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Classroom

Round Table

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

Pay Attention

By: Tripp Martin

During these early days and first weeks of 2025, I have been thinking about the practice of attentiveness. The line by the poet, Mary Oliver, keeps grabbing my attention, "This is the first, wildest, and wisest thing I know, that the soul exists, and that it is built entirely out of attentiveness." It is wild and wise to know that the soul exists and that we shape and form it out of our attentiveness.

Before inertia takes over, the beginning of a year marks a time of self-reflection, where we can take stock of how we pay attention. How we pay attention, and what we pay attention to, builds our souls! We can pay attention to the deepest joy and hardest pain of people's lives. We can pay attention to the needs of others and the gift of community. Our attentiveness shapes who we are, and it is born out of our attentiveness to God.

We can begin with what God pays attention to as we pay attention to the life of Jesus. Through the words and actions of Jesus, we catch a glimpse of God's attentiveness. God is attentive to the joys and pains of life. God pays attention to the hurting and the sick, the poor and the grieving.

We can also learn to pay attention through our family of faith. The rhythms of worship, the study of scripture, the service of mission, the care of each other, and the gathering around the table teach us to pay attention. They shape and form our souls collectively through paying attention to what matters the most!

As we continue in these early days and first weeks of the year, we can consider how we pay attention. We might participate in a new study or find ways to serve through the church, or we might approach our participation in worship anew. We might consider how it calls us to pay attention to God, or to the needs of others, in new ways! We can discover again how our attentiveness towards others, born out of our attentiveness to God, can renew our souls and form our lives.

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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 January 19*

“Traditions of Spirituality”

Led by Tripp Martin

January 26 ; February 2, 9, 16, & 23; March 2

Connecting Faith and Family

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom
Not Meeting January 19*

*Sacred Self Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing our
Whole Selves*

by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Touching Miami with Love

June 15-21, 2025

Deposit: \$100

(Adults and ages 14+)

Deadline to Sign Up: *February 1*

TML serves children, youth, and their families. Due to the size of the classes, we will take a group of 13-15 church members. 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

Costs includes everything, but dinner each night, day off activities, and incidentals. If you would like to sign up, or have any questions, please contact

tmartin@auburnfbc.org.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

Tuesday, January 21, 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Join the PrimeTimers (Senior Adults) for a 2025 kick-off potluck lunch meeting on January 21 at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to share. We will discuss upcoming events in the new year for both the PrimeTimers and for the Church.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

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

“Faith and Art: What Do We See?”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

*Thursday, January 30, 5:45 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:

2025-2026 GMO Budget, 2024 Financials, and 2025 Nominating Committee Members

COLLEGE

Super Bowl Party

*Sunday, February 9, 5:00 p.m., 2200 Herndon
Street, 36830*

College Sunday

Sunday, February 23, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

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 spring, please email Laura at laura@auburnfbc.org or call her at 334-233-2267.

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.

YOUTH

Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Resumes January 26

Winter Youth Retreat
Callaway Gardens
January 17-19, 2025
Depart on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Super Bowl Party
Activities Building
February 9, 2025
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

Children's Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building
*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.
Not Meeting January 19

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)
Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Not Meeting January 19

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful for the Margaret and David Perry Foundation awarding Auburn First Baptist Church a \$6,000 grant to help complete its Library Renovation. The renovation has been funded by the Life is Calling grant, but there were a few items, which did not fit within the budget. The grant from the Margaret and David Perry Foundation will help the Life is Calling Committee purchase new chairs for the table, rug, and piece of artwork for the wall. We are thankful for the generosity of the Margaret and David Perry Foundation as well as the support of Betsy Jordan and her family, who have been our connection to the foundation.

LIBRARY

We are grateful to the Life is Calling Committee for the renovation of the Library. There are a few items left to complete, but committees can begin to meet again in the Library!

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 - 15th	
First Bells.....	Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.
Thursday - 16th	
Stewardship Comm. Meeting. .	Library 5:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room 6:45 p.m.
Friday - 17th	
Winter Youth Retreat.....	Gay Street Lot 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 19th	
<i>No Evening Activities</i>	
Tuesday- 21st	
Deacons' Meeting.....	Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study.....	Activities Building 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 22nd	
First Bells.....	Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Thursday - 23rd	
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room 6:45 p.m.
Sunday - 26th	
Mission Committee Meeting ...	Library 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	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 Night	Activities Building 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 28th	
College Bible Study.....	Activities Building 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 29th	
First Bells.....	Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Thursday - 30th	
Business Meeting & Potluck ...	Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room 6:45 p.m.



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MISSIONS

Missions in 2024

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2024, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. We supported missions locally, regionally, and globally. The numbers do not completely tell the story of the impact of these efforts and service. We pause at the beginning of the year to reflect on these gifts from 2024 and their impact, giving thanks for our opportunity to serve others! We could never name everything that took place through the missions of the church, but we are thankful for this work as well as everything that took place behind-the-scenes.

CBF Missions	\$42,200.00
Global Ministries Offering, March 2024	\$17,574.00
Community Market, Baby Shower	\$1,392.91
VBS, Offering for Our House	\$485.86
Children's Sabbath Mission Offering	\$620.00
Brotherhood, Accessible Ramps	\$809.33
Benevolence Offering in 2024	\$5,490.18
Brazil Missions, Building a Church	\$5,000.00
Missions in General Fund	\$8,000.00
Youth Missions, Parking Lot Fund	\$9,850.00
Total	\$91,422.28

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Dee Williams, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown

Serving January 21, 2024

Extended Session: Lyndsay Deal, Mary Ann Potter, Katharine Martin

Serving January 28, 2024

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Emily Wilkins, Anna Thompson

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