



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

February 1, 2025

WORSHIP

February 2

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
1 Corinthians 13.1-13
Luke 4.21-30

February 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
GMO Sunday
Luke 5.1-11
Psalm 138

Lay Worship Leader for February:
Connor Racelis

Giving Thanks

By: Tripp Martin

At our recent Business Meeting, we celebrated the report about our year-end financial statement. We give thanks as we finished the year with a balance of \$16,040! We had accrued a significant deficit of about - \$72,000 before the fourth quarter of the year. This was due to unforeseen increases in our property insurance and building maintenance needs. We are thankful for the collective effort to address this concern, and we are also grateful to the congregation as we lean into our budget for this year, knowing that these expenses will remain a need.

As we collectively tend to the needs of this place, we are also thankful for the commitment to the needs of others! At the Business Meeting, we voted to make a three-year commitment of \$10,000 each year to the Community Market Capital Campaign. The Community Market is building a larger facility to serve the needs of food insecurity in our community. Auburn First Baptist was a part of the original effort to create the Community Market years ago, and we remain committed to its work. If you would like to make an individual contribution to the Capital Campaign, it can be made through the church!

We also voted to become an Encourager Church to Eddie Adalpe, a field personnel, or missionary, through the Cooperative Baptist Church in Spain. We made a three-year commitment to offer encouragement and support for this ministry. This might involve a group in the congregation sending cards of encouragement, a yearly financial contribution, or sending a group to Spain on a mission trip. We give thanks for Eddie's ministry in Spain and our opportunity to participate in it.

Finally, we look forward to Global Ministries Offering Sunday. We approved the GMO Budget for the coming year, and we will start making pledges and gifts to it on February 9. A pledge card will be emailed the week prior. This budget serves needs locally, regionally, and globally. We will also sign the covenant as an Encourager Church on February 9 in worship!

REMINDERS

Global Ministries 2024 - 2025 Offering Update

Goal: \$25,000
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College Sunday

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

Preschool Valentine's Dance Party

*Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

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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

“Traditions of Spirituality”

Led by Tripp Martin

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

<i>February 2</i>	<i>Charismatic Tradition</i>
<i>February 9</i>	<i>Evangelical Tradition</i>
<i>February 16</i>	<i>Incarnational Tradition</i>
<i>February 23</i>	<i>Holiness Tradition</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>Social Justice Tradition</i>

Connecting Faith and Family

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

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

by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

*Tuesday, February 18, 11:00 a.m.,
Museum of East Alabama*

PrimeTimers will meet Tuesday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m. at the Museum of East Alabama in Opelika. Following the museum tour, we will have a Dutch-treat lunch in downtown Opelika. Anyone who is interested in carpooling, meet in the Gay Street parking lot at 10:40 a.m.

Please note also that our March meeting will be held with the Senior Adults of True Deliverance Holiness Church on March 4 at their church. More details to follow!

AFBC Weekday Parking

As a reminder, weekday parking for Auburn FBC is found in the Gay Street parking lot. The church leases the College Street parking lot to the city during the week. The employees of City Hall use it, and this generates helpful financial resources for our congregation. The parking lot is leased from 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. during the week. There are signs posted, and the city does issue tickets. The church office is unable to negotiate with the city for tickets issued to church members. Remember to park in the Gay Street parking lot during the week. If a church member has a handicapped sticker, he or she can park in the handicap spots in the College Street parking lot during the week. Also, the city vacates the lot when we have funerals, so it is available for general parking during those services.

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.

COLLEGE

Super Bowl Party

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

College Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 16, 12:00 p.m., College Room

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

Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, February 6, 7:00 a.m.
Panera, 1550 Opelika Rd, 36830

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 9, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sabo's Home, 737 Carpenter Way, 36830

CHILDREN



Preschool Dance Party

Saturday, February 15
10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for pizza, dancing, and crafts! All preschool children and their families are invited - friends are welcome!

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

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.

Sunday - 2nd

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- 4th

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

Wednesday - 5th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 6th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 7:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 9th

Youth Committee Mtg Activities Building 12:00 p.m.

Children's Committee Mtg Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.

The Round Table Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Connecting Faith & Family Seekers' Room 5:00 p.m.

Youth Super Bowl Party 737 Carpenter Way 5:00 p.m.

College Super Bowl Party 2200 Herndon St. 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 11th

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

Wednesday - 12th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Conversational English Activities Building 5:30 p.m.

CDC Committee Mtg Library 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 13th

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

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 15th

Preschool Dance Party Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.



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*Gifts can be made by check or online,
www.AuburnFBC.org/GMO25.*

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.

Serving the Month of February

Greeters: Dale Peterson, Belinda Wright, Mike Aston

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

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving February 2, 2025

Extended Session: Ashley Aston, Anne Randle, Betty Tatum

Serving February 9, 2025

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell

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