



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

August 17
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrews 11: 29 - 12:2
Luke 12: 49-56

August 24
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Luke 13: 10-17

August 31
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Lay Worship Leader for August:
Lindsay Deal

REMINDERS

College Welcome Back Lunch

*Sunday, August 17, 12:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

Passport Reflections

*Thursday, August 21, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

Mission Trip Reflections

*Touching Miami with Love
Thursday, August 28, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

PrimeTimers

August 19, Jule Collins Smith Museum, 10:30 a.m.

Rhythm and Roots

By: Tripp Martin

The first day of class is over, the semester has started, and after-school activities have begun! It is an exciting and stressful time when the rhythm of each week takes on a quick pace, or even a demanding march. The time for preparation has passed, and now we are trying to keep up with the tasks of each week.

Often times, we see each activity as part of this rhythm, an ongoing routine of each week, but we might also consider certain regular activities as interruptions to this pace. It is not just because they feel different. It is because we use time differently in them.

When we gather at Auburn First Baptist for worship, fellowship, or study, it is meant to interrupt the fast-paced rhythm of each week. It can slow us down and bend time towards a different use. It is not another task on our to-do list. It gathers us together, so we are rooted in something greater!

As we worship, pray, and grow together, we focus on the steadfast love of God, which anchors us. It gives us time to grow our roots, which hold us steady as the pace of each week exceeds our intentions, or we are taken aback by a storm in our lives.

Roots grow slowly, and over time. We do not see them growing, but we can cultivate time for them to grow. The strength of a tree is found in its roots. The root system has to grow wider than its branches. The root system of multiple trees might even grow together, providing extra strength!

As we begin this academic year, we can gather with the church in various ways. We can gather with others in worship. We can connect with a Sunday School class. We can join Round Table or Connecting Faith & Family. We can put Sunday Night Youth Group on our calendar or stay for Bible Encounter. We can meet a friend from church for coffee or ask about mission opportunities. We can find ways to interrupt the fast-paced rhythm of each week for our roots to grow.

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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.

CHILDREN

Preschool and 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

Teddy Bear Sleepover

*Saturday, August 23, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

Pizza will be served. Bring your favorite stuffed animals!

Extended Session

We are looking to add a few more people to the Extended Session rotation. If you would be interested in keeping children in the nursery during the worship service, please contact Anna Coxwell at coxwella@gmail.com. Thank you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you are looking for a Sunday School class, we have many options!

Seekers Class

Gerald Johnson

Room S101, 1st Floor, Education Building

Pilgrims Class

Wayne Flynt

Activities Building

Companions in Christ

Charlotte Sutton & Pooie Cantrell-Wright

Room S108, 1st floor, Education Building

Sojourners

Chad Parish & Mark Wilson

Room S302, 3rd floor, Education Building

Travelers (Intergenerational Women's Class)

Leigh Anne Armstrong & Spenser Ridgway
Keel

Room S204, 2nd floor, Education Building

MOORE LECTURE SERIES

Moore Lecture Series

with Dr. Luke Powery,

Dean, Duke University Chapel

“The Gospel and the Gift of Tears”

*Sunday, September 14, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite dish to share. Brunch at 9:15 a.m.*

Dr. Luke A. Powery is the Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics and African and African American Studies. He was ordained by the Progressive National Baptist Convention and has served in an ecumenical capacity in churches throughout Switzerland, Canada and the United States. He received a Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in vocal performance from Stanford University, Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Not Meeting August 31

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Not Meeting August 31

Prayer Breakfast

*Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 a.m., Panera
The first and third Tuesday of each month.*

Passport Reflections

*Thursday, August 21, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Rebuilding Ruins & Future Peace:

The Justice of Micah”

Led by Tripp Martin,

August 17, 24, & September 7

Connecting Faith and Family

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

All are welcome! Contact Leah Duzy at
lmduzy@gmail.com

LIFE IS CALLING

OLLI Course on Religion and the First Amendment

The AFBC Life is Calling Committee is partnering with Dr. Gary Furr, Pastor Emeritus of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, to offer an OLLI course titled "Religion and the First Amendment: Separation of Church and State in Historical Perspective."

This course will meet on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., September 9 through October 28 at Pebble Hill. Dr. Wayne Flynt will lead the opening session on September 9.

An OLLI membership (\$50) and the \$40 course fee are typically required. However, as a special preview, the \$40 course fee will be waived for AFBC members, who will only need to join OLLI to participate.

If you'd simply like to try out a single session, please contact Mark Wilson at mwilson@auburn.edu for a complimentary one-week pass.

To view the full course description visit www.auburn.edu/olli.

To register: www.auburnfbc.org/olli.

COLLEGE

Welcome Back Lunch

Sunday, August 17, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Lake Day

Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m.

Leave from church parking lot on Gay Street.

We will return by 6:00 p.m.

Email college@auburnfbc.org to sign up

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Resumes August 19

If church members would like to sign up to provide a meal or contribute to its cost, please email college@auburnfbc.org or call the front desk.

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

Sunday - 17th

Children's Committee Meeting.....Library	12:00 p.m.
College Welcome Lunch.....Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir.....Education Bldg	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 Bldg	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Night.....Activities Bldg	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 19th

Youth Prayer Breakfast.....Panera	7:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting.....Library	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 20th

First Bells.....Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
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Thursday - 21st

Passport Reflections.....Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 23rd

College Lake Day.....Glenn Lot	9:00 a.m.
Teddy Bear Sleepover.....Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 24th

Youth Committee Mtg Library	12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir.....Education Bldg	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 Bldg	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Night.....Activities Bldg	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 27th

Conversational English.....Activities Bldg	10:00 a.m.
First Bells.....Choir Room	12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 28th

TML Reflection.....Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 31st

No Evening Activities

THURSDAYS

Mission Trip Reflections

Touching Miami with Love

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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

August 19, Jule Collins Smith Museum, 10:30 a.m.

The Primetimers will meet at Jule Collins Smith Museum for a group tour on the OPENING DAY of the new exhibit, "Being and Belonging in American Art:1946/2026". We will go to Fratellis, a nearby Italian restaurant for lunch. A RSVP is not required but would be appreciated to let the restaurant know an approximate number to expect. They have promised us they could provide a gluten-free option for anyone needing that alternative. Please contact Teresa, 333-444-9394, or Marcie, 334-444-1052, if you would like transportation or more details.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Please pray for this ministry as it continues to grow. Classes will start August 27. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Mimi Smith (walkford687@gmail.com).

Serving the Month of August

Greeters: Candy Enkebol, Zach Deal, Annie Adrian

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

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving August 17, 2025

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, Emily Wilkins, Leah Duzy

Serving August 24, 2025

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Anna Thompson, Caroline Purvis

Serving August 31, 2025

Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, Anna Coxwell

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