



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

September 1, 2025

WORSHIP

September 7
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18.1-11
Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18

September 14
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
John 6: 3-15
Dr. Luke Powery Preaching

Lay Worship Leader for September:
Archie Simpson

REMINDERS

Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture Series

Sunday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
with Dr. Luke Powery

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 financials@auburnfbc.org to
submit names and requests.

Search Committee

By: Tripp Martin

On Thursday, September 4 at 5:30 p.m., we will gather for a Special-Called Business Meeting to vote on the recommendation from the Church Council, forming a Search Committee for an Associate Pastor for Youth & Children.

At its Quarterly Business Meeting in August, the congregation approved the job description for an Associate Pastor for Youth & Children. The minister in this role will build relationships and plan activities for the youth and provide resources and lead the children's ministry, while also serving the congregation. The job description is weighted sixty percent for the youth ministry and forty percent for the children's ministry. The minister will cultivate an arc of faith formation from preschool to graduation from high school.

Since the meeting in August, the Church Council has gathered to recommend church members to serve on a Search Committee for this position:

Suzanne Parish, Co-Chair
Mark Wilson, Co-Chair
Ashley Aston
Zach Deal
Sophia Duzy
Warren McCord
Clay Ritenbaugh
Kathleen Sabo
Wesley Sabo
Emily Wilkins

The Deacons have approved this leadership, and the congregation will vote on this Search Committee on September 4. The Search Committee will then begin its important work!

The congregation also approved a job description for a Director of College Ministry. This will be a part-time position, serving the needs of our college ministry. The Director will plan activities for our college students and foster relationships between church members and college students. It is not a ministerial position, so the Personnel Committee will begin the search for candidates.

At the Special-Called Business Meeting on September 4, the congregation will also hear the Trust Fund Report as well as recommendations from the Trustees and the Mission Committee on spendable earnings for this year. We continue to plan for needs for our facilities and to fund future missions and ministries!

We look forward to hearing more about these opportunities, as we pray for the next chapter of our ministries!

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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

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!

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, September 2, 7:00 a.m., Panera

Winter Youth Summit

January 16-18, 2026

Huntsville, AL

Cost: \$190

Email financials@auburnfbc.org to sign up or caro-linempurvis@gmail.com with questions. The youth can use their parking lot funds for this retreat!

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 E209, 2nd floor, Education Building

Sojourners

Chad Parish & Mark Wilson

Room E210, 2nd floor, Education Building

Travelers (Intergenerational Women's Class)

Leigh Anne Armstrong & Spenser Ridgway Keel

Room S208, 2nd floor, Education Building

Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2026 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by email at financials@auburnfbc.org by September 15.

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box by September 15. You can recommend up to seven names. *Names can be submitted by email to financials@auburnfbc.org.*

Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by September 15. *A copy of this form is available outside the church office. You can submit your request by email to financials@auburnfbc.org.*

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

☐ Aesthetics	☐ Building Maint.	☐ College
☐ Counters	☐ Crisis	☐ Flowers
☐ Food Service	☐ Greeters	☐ Grounds
☐ Health	☐ Library	☐ Lights & Sound
☐ Memorials	☐ Missions	☐ Music
☐ Ordinance	☐ Preschool/Children	☐ PrimeTimers
☐ Social	☐ Stewardship	☐ Trustees
☐ Ushers	☐ Van	☐ Visitation
☐ Youth		
☐ I will serve wherever you need me.		

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

"Rebuilding Ruins & Future Peace:
The Justice of Micah"
*Led by Tripp Martin,
September 7*

"The Ministry of REACH"
*Led by Sarah Jones,
REACH Respite Director, AUMC
September 14*

Connecting Faith and Family

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

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

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

Monday - 1st

Office Closed

Tuesday - 2nd

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 7:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday - 3rd

Conversational English Activities Bldg 10:00 a.m.

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 4th

Special-Called Business Mtg.....Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 7th

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 - 9th

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

Wednesday - 10th

Conversational English Activities Bldg 10:00 a.m.

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 11th

Stewardship Committee Mtg.....Seekers Room 5:00 p.m.

Except Foundation Tailgate Except Fndn 5:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 14th

Moore Lecture Series Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.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 Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

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.



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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.

Serving the Month of August

Greeters: Julia Morgan, Carole Zugazaga, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Julia Morgan

Serving September 7 2025

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Anna Coxwell, Lee Spiers

Serving September 14, 2025

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell

EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION

Tailgate with the Exceptional Foundation

*Thursday, September 11, 5:00 p.m.,
Exceptional Foundation*

We will host our annual tailgate for the Exceptional Foundation, making crafts and visiting with our friends.

We will meet at the Exceptional Foundation (1171 Gatewood Dr, 36830) at 5:00 p.m. and the tailgate begins at 5:30 p.m. It will finish around 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please email John Jones, john.jones@mstechnology.com.

We will not have Thursday Night Bible Study at Auburn FBC on this night.

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