



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

September 15, 2025

WORSHIP

September 21
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 16:1-13
Amos 8:4-7

September 28
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Lay Worship Leader for September:
Archie Simpson

A Season of Stewardship

By: Tripp Martin

We are entering a season of stewardship as a congregation. Leading up to Pledge Sunday on October 5, we will hear from church members in worship about the meaning of stewardship in their lives. We will reflect on our gratitude for God's grace and our giving to the life of the congregation.

When we enter a new season, we usually look for signs like hot afternoons or cool evenings. We anticipate the leaves changing colors or falling off the trees. We hope for new blooms or rain showers. The season of stewardship is marked by the signs of grace and gratitude!

We are thankful for every gift of stewardship. It is meaningful because it is the practice of gratitude for God's grace. During this season of stewardship, we can begin by noticing and pay attention to God's grace in our lives as well as in the life of our congregation. We can look for the noticed and unnoticed gifts of grace!

We find them in worship, service, and fellowship. Each time we are surprised by God's presence, humbled by God's love, or overjoyed by God's goodness, we can give thanks! Many times, these experiences take place in the church and through the congregation. We are also thankful for how these experiences lead us to serve others outside the church.

When we discover the presence of Christ outside the walls of the church, our faith is renewed and our hope is restored. We give thanks that our faith is not limited or bound by the confines of the church. The life of the congregation helps us to see God's presence everywhere!

As we give thanks for these experiences, we can respond to God's grace through the stewardship of our lives. We come together specifically as a congregation to serve, celebrate, and grow. Our collective stewardship is an expression of our gratitude.

We give thanks for every gift of stewardship because it sustains the church! It is our response to God's grace, and it is how we participate in God's ongoing goodness. We can also consider the meaning of stewardship in our lives. We can reflect on our giving to the church over the next year. We are thankful for this season and what it means for our congregation.

REMINDERS

Deacon Nominations & Committee on Committees Requests

Deadline is September 15

Email financials@auburnfbc.org to submit names and requests.

Pledge Sunday

October 5

As Pledge Sunday approaches, we reflect on our gifts to the church.

An online pledge card will be emailed September 29.

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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!

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 12, Worship

"Finding Your Voice . . . To Be Like Jesus"

We look forward to the children of the church leading us in worship!

Passport Kids Camp

Rock Eagle

Eatonton, Georgia

July 12-15, 2026

Save the Date!

The children are going to Rock Eagle next summer!

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 5, Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our congregation to prepare for the ministries and mission of 2026. The church will provide copies of the Preliminary Budget around the church towards the end of September. An Estimate of Giving Card will be emailed to the congregation on Monday, September 29, and a hard copy will be available in the pews of the sanctuary the prior Sunday.

We are invited to consider our giving to the church for 2026, and we are grateful for the ongoing commitment of this congregation as we minister together!

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 a.m., Panera

Winter Youth Summit

January 16-18, 2026

Huntsville, AL

Cost: \$190

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

Passport Missions

Lees-McRae College

Banner Elk, North Carolina

June 7-11, 2026

Save the Date!

The youth are going to Passport Missions next summer!

GMO

Global Ministries Offering Update

March 2025 - March 2026

Goal: \$25,000

Pledged: \$12,605

Given toward pledge: \$7,640

Given unpledged: \$6,980

Total given: \$14,620

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

Wednesdays, 10:0 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Activities Building

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mimi Smith, walkford687@gmail.com.

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.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

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

“Seven Events that Shaped the New Testament World”
Led by Tripp Martin
Begins September 18

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Hebrews : A Story of Three Joshuas”

Led by Dr. Bryan Whitfield,

Professor of Religion, Mercer University

September 21, 28 & October 5

Connecting Faith and Family

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

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

Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, October 12

MLK Park (190 Byrd Street)

After Children’s Sabbath, we will gather at Martin Luther King Park for our annual churchwide picnic. The church will provide chicken and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Don’t forget a tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain, join us in the Activities Building.

We will also have activities for our children for a Fall Festival at the picnic!

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

Tuesday - 16th

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 7:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday - 17th

Conversational English Activities Bldg 10:00 a.m.

PrimeTimers Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 18th

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 21st

Gathering Moment Courtyard 12:15 p.m.

Children’s Committee Fellowship Hall 12:15 p.m.

Children’s Choirs 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 - 23rd

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

Wednesday - 24th

Conversational English Activities Bldg 10:00 a.m.

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 25th

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 28th

Youth Committee Activities Bldg 12:15 p.m.

Children’s Choirs Education Bldg 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.

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Bible Encounter Education Bldg 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers Gathering

Wednesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We will gather at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, September 17 for coffee and snacks and a discussion on Artificial Intelligence. We will have several subject-matter experts, who will lead us in a lively and entertaining discussion about Artificial Intelligence.



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TOGETHER WE BUILD

Building Ramps *Marion, Alabama* *October 23-25*

Together We Build (AFBC), in partnership with Trinity Baptist in Madison, Alabama, will build accessible ramps in Marion, Alabama on October 23-25. Anyone interested in participating in this wonderful mission opportunity, please contact Mike Bumgardner either by email at auburnnow@yahoo.com or cell phone 334-329-8025.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Children's Sabbath Mission Offering *Sunday, October 12, Worship*

The Auburn Sustainance Project, spearheaded by student leaders, tackles the pressing issue of food insecurity among Auburn City School students. With more than one-third of students reliant on the free and reduced-meal program, this initiative steps in during school breaks to provide vital meals and snacks that would otherwise be missed during school breaks, such as summer break, winter holidays and spring break.

Any individually packaged snacks and food items that are nonperishable are appreciated. Financial gifts can also be placed in the offering plate, writing Auburn Sustainance Project on the memo line.

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 21, 2025

Extended Session: Felicia McInnis, Emily Wilkins, Laine Adams

Serving September 28, 2025

Extended Session: Michael Aston, Jay Spiers, Lyndsay Deal

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