



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

November 1, 2025

WORSHIP

November 2
All Saints' Day
Luke 6.20-31
Ephesians 1.11-23

November 9
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21
Luke 20.27-38

Lay Worship Leader for November:
Maggie Hudson

REMINDERS

All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 2, 11:00 a.m.
Worship

**Blessed Are Those
Who Mourn**
Thursday, November 6, 5:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Service for Grief and
Hope Near the Holidays

**Annual Churchwide
Thanksgiving Meal**
Thursday, November 20, 5:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
RSVP by November 13
frontdesk@auburnfbc.org

Advent Family Workshop
Sunday, November 23, 6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
We will gather for dinner and for
families to create a craft for the
Advent season!

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

By: Tripp Martin

The Sermon on the Mount is challenging, hopeful, and life-giving; but it does not translate easily into our lives. One of the more difficult statements to understand and to embrace is when Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn." We are left speechless, trying to comprehend what this means for us.

Mourning does not feel like a blessing. It feels like something to avoid. We want to run from it. We do not want to embrace it. A blessing is not supposed to feel painful. It is supposed to feel joyful and fulfilling, not overwhelming and debilitating.

When we are children riding our bike in the driveway, we inevitably have a crash on the pavement. We cry out for help because we skinned our knee! A parent overhears us from inside and comes running outside to check on us. Our parent scoops us up and takes us inside.

Sitting on the kitchen counter, our parent says, "Let me see it." We clutch our knee, covering it up, refusing to let our parent see it. We fear it will hurt more if we expose it. But the only way to heal is to let our parent clean it and bandage it.

We mourn so we can allow healing to take place. We express our sadness and speak of our pain because it permits love to hold us and strengthen us.

We will gather on Thursday, November 6 at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Blessed Are Those Who Mourn service. Before the holidays, when families will gather, we often times feel the weight of grief. We will acknowledge the grief that lingers and the hope in front of us.

We will gather with others, acknowledging our grief and gaining strength from our solidarity. We will speak of grief and hope, so we can experience the love of God again.

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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.

Deacon Biographies

Deacon Elections will be held at the Special Called Business Meeting, December 4th, 5:00 p.m.

Anne Mims Adrian joined Auburn First Baptist Church in the late 80s and later volunteered with preschool children in Sunday School. After a 20-year break, she returned to AFBC during COVID, specifically joining the Travelers Intergenerational Women's Sunday School class. Currently, she serves on several church committees, including as Chair of the Flower Committee. She regularly volunteers at the Christian Care Ministries Community Kitchen in Opelika and serves as its treasurer. Anne retired from Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in 2018. She has three adult children and two grandchildren.

Zach Deal, along with his wife, Lyndsay, and daughter, Mimi, have been members of Auburn First Baptist since 2022 after moving from Statesboro, Georgia for Lyndsay to obtain her PhD at Auburn University. He has previously chaired the Building Committee and Committee on Committees as well as serving on several other committees and volunteering with the Preschool Choir and VBS. Zach is a Senior Estimator for Ace Electric, Inc. based out of Valdosta, GA.

Michael McClanahan and his wife, Julie, have been members of AFBC for 17 years. He has served as a Deacon, is on multiple committees, and is a member of the Pilgrims' Sunday School class. He is a coordinator of Round Table, a group that meets during the academic year on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. He and Julie have two adult sons, Thomas and Matthew. Mike is an adjunct instructor and consultant with Auburn University, and he maintains a private practice with his son, Matthew, where they serve as vocational consultants and disability analysts in litigated cases.

elaine ridgway has attended Auburn First Baptist Church since 1973 and has been a member for almost fifty years. She has served as an active Deacon, Church Clerk, a member (and chair) of numerous church committees, and as a Sunday School teacher. She is a current member of the Pilgrims Sunday School class. elaine enjoyed serving as Youth Minister at AFBC from 1987 to 1989. Her daughter, Spenser Keel, and granddaughters, Winter and Wilder, actively participate in many aspects of the church. elaine retired from Auburn University in 2005 after a 25 year career in the College of Engineering

Jason Summers is originally from Alabaster, AL and came to Auburn in 1998 to study Mechanical Engineering. He was actively involved in the College Ministry while earning his degree. Jason is a member of the Sojourners Sunday School class and Sanctuary Choir. He serves on the Grounds, Van and Building and Maintenance Committees. You will often find Jason changing light bulbs, planting flowers, and doing various maintenance jobs around the church. He is Head Engineer at Curb Technologies and enjoys working in the yard and playing computer games in his free time. Jason and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Elizabeth (17) and Jonathan (11) and two cats (Lexie and Julia).

Ronda West, and husband, Randy, have been members of Auburn First Baptist since 2003. During these years, Ronda has served as an active Deacon, Co-Chaired a Search Committee, and served on the Personnel, Stewardship, Hospitality, Greeters, and Life is Calling Committees. They have 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren. Ronda enjoys temp work for AU's Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, traveling with Randy, and time spent with grandchildren.

Kellie Wilson and her husband, Mark, have been members of Auburn First Baptist since 2000. She has served as an active Deacon, on numerous church committees, as church Treasurer, and as a leader of Preschool Choir. Kellie and Mark have two children, Benjamin and Elizabeth. Killie is the Director of research Program Development in the college of Education at Auburn University.

THANKSGIVING

Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

*Thursday, November 20, 5:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall*

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to email frontdesk@auburnfbc.org or call the church office to RSVP no later than *Thursday, November 13* to make your reservation.
(No charge for this meal.)

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one by completing the information below and returning it to the church office with your check by November 15th. The cost per plant is \$15.00. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

YOUTH

Youth Choir

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

Youth Sunday Nights

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room*

Youth Prayer Breakfast

*Tuesday, November 4th, 7:00 a.m.
Panera*

Passport Missions

*Lees-McRae College
Banner Elk, North Carolina
June 7-11, 2026*

Cost: \$525, Deposit: \$50

Email financials@auburnfbc.org to sign up. Email carolinempurvis@gmail.com with questions.

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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Seeds, Wells, Trees: Leaving a Legacy In This Life For Those Who Follow Us”

Dr. Jody Long

Office of Advancement, Middle Georgia State

November 2 & 9

Connecting Faith and Family

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

All are welcome! Contact Leah Duzy at

lmduzy@gmail.com.

CHILDREN

Passport Kids Camp

Rock Eagle

Eatonton, Georgia

July 12-15, 2026

Students 3rd-5th grades

Cost: \$425, Deposit: \$50

Email financials@auburnfbc.org to sign up. Email tmartin@auburnfbc.org with questions.

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

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 - 2nd

Youth Committee Meeting	Youth Room	12:00 p.m.
College Committee Meeting.....	Activities Bldg	12:00 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 - 4th

Youth Prayer Breakfast.....	Panera	7:00 a.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Bldg	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 5th

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

Thursday - 6th

Service of Grief & Hope.....	Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 9th

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 - 11th

College Bible Study.....	Activities Bldg	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 12th

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

Thursday - 13th

Stewardship Committee	Library	5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

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

“Seven Events that Shaped the New Testament World”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast.

ADVENT DECORATING

Advent Family Workshop

Sunday, November 23, 6:15 p.m.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

30th Annual Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 6

True Deliverance Holiness Church

Many cookies are needed but cakes, pies, breads, and homemade “doggie” treats can be donated for sale! There are volunteer opportunities on December 5th & 6th helping with set-up, clean-up, receipt of donations, assembling boxes, etc. You can receive a receipt for your baked goods if you plan to itemize on your taxes. There is also a form to record your volunteer time .

Donations can be dropped off on Friday, December 5 between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. or before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th. Please contact Stephanie Renuart with questions at swrenuart@msn.com or 404-538-1175.

Serving the Month of November

Greeters: Mike Aston, Jeannie B, Mike Baumgartner

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

Visitors: Jo and John Jones

Serving November 2, 2025

Extended Session: Ryan Thompson, Ronda West, Charlotte Sutton

Serving November 9, 2025

Extended Session: Ryan Thompson, Zach Deal, Betty Tatum

SERVICE OF GRIEF

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Service for Grief and Hope Near the Holidays

Thursday, November 6, 5:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

As we anticipate the holidays, we remember the grief that can surround them. We gather to find comfort in the presence of God, and in the support of others, remembering the hope we find in the steadfast love of God.

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