



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

November 15, 2025

WORSHIP

November 16
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65.17-25
Luke 21.5-19

November 23
Christ the King
Jeremiah 23.1-6
Luke 23.33-43

November 30
First Sunday of Advent (Hope)
Romans 13.11-14
Isaiah 2.1-5

Lay Worship Leader for November:
Maggie Hudson

REMINDERS

Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

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

RSVP by November 13
frontdesk@auburnfbc.org

Advent Decorating

Sunday, November 23, 3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

The Flower Committee will begin decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and needs as many helpers as possible. Please join them if you can!

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!

A Mast Year

By: Tripp Martin

We are looking forward to gathering on Thursday, November 20 for our annual churchwide Thanksgiving Meal. It is a gift to gather around the table with one another in order to celebrate and to give thanks. We are thankful for many things this year!

In 2023, I noticed tiny tree sprouts popping up all over my yard. It seemed like they were everywhere. I would find one, and it would lead to another, and yet another. Every year I discover them, but this year was different. It was a mast year!

A mast year is when trees produce an exceptionally large crop of seeds and nuts. In Auburn, Alabama, our most recent mast year was 2023. We do not experience a mast year every year, but we have plenty to be thankful for each year.

Whether a specific year is a mast year, we can always name the gifts and surprises for which we are thankful. Even when it is not a mast year, we can start by naming one thing, and it leads us to name another, and yet another. Gratitude has the tendency to grow exponentially!

Gratitude can open our eyes to more than we see at first. By the time we stop naming gifts for which we are thankful, we might discover is has been a mast year.

As we name things for which we are grateful, we can begin with each other. We have witnessed the love of Christ in each other! We have felt the comfort of friendship. We have learned from one another. We have laughed with each other. We have experienced joy with one another. As we begin to name one thing, it can lead us to another, and yet another.

We give thanks for the gift of the community of faith. It enriches our lives, provides us support, and calls us to serve. For all of those things, and many more, we say, "Thanks be to God!"

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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.

THANKSGIVING

Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

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

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ADVENT

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ADA623A0FF2-60076978-2025>

We will gather for dinner and for families to create a craft for the Advent season!

Cookie Walk

*Saturday, December 6, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.
True Deliverance Holiness Church
Fundraiser for WeHelp Coalition*

The address is 936 N. Donahue Drive. It will be in their gymnasium.

A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 7, 6:15 p.m. –

Welcoming Advent in Story & Song

with music from our
*Preschool and Children's Choirs,
and Youth Choir*

Followed by our renowned **Cookie Fellowship**
Bring your favorite cookies on a plate ready to serve!

Sunday morning, December 14, 11:00 a.m. –

“Break Forth”

Led by the AFBC Music Ministry.

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

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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Bearing Witness, Building Community”

Gina Austin

November 16 & 23

“Onward Christian Soldiers?”

Mark Johnston

November 30 & December 7

Connecting Faith and Family

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

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

PRIMETIMERS GATHERING

*Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall*

Join us for coffee and snacks as Mark Johnson shares his experiences with world religions as an Army chaplain.

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.

Not Meeting Thursday 20 & 27

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 18, 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

Not Meeting December 25

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.

Bonfire at The Thompsons

Tuesday, November 18

Meet at Gay Street parking lot at 6:00 p.m.

Study Hours

December 7-11, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Dinner provided at 7:00 p.m.

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 - 16th

Children's Committee Meeting 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 - 18th

Youth Prayer Breakfast..... Panera 7:00 a.m.

PrimeTimers Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting..... Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

College Bonfire..... Thompsons 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 19th

Conversational English Activities Bldg 10:00 a.m.

First Bells..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 20th

Thanksgiving Meal Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 23

Decorate for Advent Sanctuary 3:00 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.

Advent Family Workshop..... Fellowship Hall 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday - 26th

Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday - 27th

Office Closed

Sunday - 30th

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.

Christmas Potluck &

Special-Called Business Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda:

A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2025 budget), and election of Deacons.



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JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BAGS

Once again this year we are distributing Christmas bags to inmates in the East Alabama Justice Center. Please consider a financial donation to support this ministry.

This year we are providing 175 bags. Due to increased costs, we are spending at least \$20 per bag. (Items we are including are Christmas cards and postage stamps, pens and notepads, candy, a deck of cards, and game and devotional books.) Donations can be made to the church office or designated for the Christmas bags and put in the Sunday morning offering plate. Donations can also be made directly to Charlotte Sutton. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Charlotte Sutton
Christmas Project Chair

COOKIE WALK

This year we are offering an opportunity to bake cookies together on Tuesday, December 2, 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite recipe and ingredients (enough to quadruple) to Fellowship Hall. We will have extra hands, Christmas music and someone manning the quick baking oven. If you feel your cookies need to freeze after baking, we can handle that. Please come and share this special holiday experience with us.

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 16, 2025

Extended Session: Emily Wilkins, Ashley Aston

Serving November 23, 2025

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell

Serving November 30, 2025

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, Ronda West, Mark Wilson

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