



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

December 1, 2025

WORSHIP

December 7

Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

Romans 15.4-13

Isaiah 11.1-10

December 14

Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)

Sanctuary Choir Music

December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)

Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19

Matthew 1.18-25

December 24

Christmas Eve

Carols, Communion, & Candlelight

December 28

First Sunday After Christmas

Mark Wilson preaching

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

The Light Has a Name

By: Tripp Martin

The season of Advent is upon us! It is always in contrast to our experience. When we are speeding up, Advent wants us to slow down. When we are acquiring more, Advent invites us to hold onto less. When we are rushing to get things done, Advent reminds us of what God is doing.

Along with this contrast, there are also parallels to our experience. Advent is about preparation. It is about waiting. It is about anticipation. We are all busy preparing and waiting for the arrival of Christmas. Advent simply invites us to prepare differently.

Advent includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas, where we anticipate and prepare for the birth of Jesus. We are awaiting the arrival of the light! It is why we light the candles of the Advent wreath. It is why we picture the star in the sky.

Our theme for Advent is *The Light Has a Name*. In a world, where we confront darkness, we look for the light. We look for the light that shines in the darkness, where the darkness does not overcome it. We are afraid of the darkness, but we walk into the light with great assurance.

The Light has a name! It goes by more than one name, but it is the same Light. The name of the Light is hope, peace, joy, and love. We are seeking the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. It comforts, heals, and redeems!

The Light also has a name . . . Christ. We await the birth of Jesus. We anticipate the birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us. We long for the coming of Christ, or the Light of the World. Christ brings hope, peace, joy, and love!

During Advent, we open ourselves up to the Light. We open our eyes, hearts, and souls to the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. We look for the light of Christ as it leads us, changes us, and illuminates the darkness of this world. The Light has a name!

REMINDERS

Welcoming Advent and Cookie Fellowship

Saturday, December 7, 6:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Please bring cookies to share!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 5:30 p.m., Worship

No Sunday School

December 21 & December 28

*All year end gifts for 2025 need to be in the church office by Tuesday, December 30th or postmarked by December 31st.

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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.

Poinsettias

The poinsettias placed in our sanctuary and throughout the church for Christmas are placed in memory or honor of those listed.

In Honor of:

Merle Bass
Anna Coxwell
Ray & Shirley Brown
Morris & Dawn Driggers
Brian and Shane Ledbetter - Dunn
Mark & Kellie Wilson
Gwynne Lovelady
Bryan King
Tripp & Katharine Martin
Julie McClanahan
Marcie Smith
Ryan & Anna Thompson
All Children Fighting
Pediatric Cancer
All Children Who Are
Hungry or Homeless
Tripp & Katharine Martin
Julia Morgan
Gwynne Lovelady
Tripp & Katherine Martin
J.D. & Hunter Martin
Mrs. Betty Peters
Mrs. Betty Patterson
Erma Biler

Given by:

A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
A Church Member
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Milton & Kathy Martin
Norm & Alice Martin
Norm & Alice Martin
Dale & Libby Peterson
Pops & Kaki
Teresa Vest
Teresa Vest
The Alan Walker Family

In Loving Memory of:

Candy Enkeboll
Lois Graves
Ellis Austin
J.W. Bearden
James Dunn

Margaret Dunn

Lula Mae Holmes

Gladys Pemberton

Shine Pemberton

Elizabeth Wingard

Gail Evans
Joel Hunter
William Fautot
Dartie Flynt
Homer and Mae Flynt
Rev. & Mrs. Albert Smith
Lewis Grimes
Tom Grimes
Martha Compton
Allen & Mary Vann Johnston
Granny Wood - Billie Ruth Wood
Ellis Austin
Candy Enkeboll
Greg McCord
Delaine Dendy

John and Jeanette Jeffers
Charles & Louise Peterson
Earl & Louise Potts
Jackson Dean Purvis

Charles Potter

Our Parents
Clois Shoffeitt
Paul Shoffeitt
Inez & Walter Sowell
Jean & Wayne Shell
Ellis Austin
Candy Enkeboll
My Robert
Fred & Ola Walker
Joe Biler

Given by:

A Church Member
A Church Member
Gina Austin
Helen Bearden
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Shane, Brian, Liam,
& Weslyn Ledbetter-Dunn
Glenn & Martha Evans
Glenn & Martha Evans
Ellen Fautot
Wayne Flynt
Wayne Flynt
Wayne Flynt
Carolyn Grimes
Carolyn Grimes
Lisa & Mark Johnston
Lisa & Mark Johnston
Elaine Ridgway & Spenser Keel
The McClanahans
The McClanahans
Warren & Brenda McCord
Chad & Suzanne Parish,
Anna, Olivia, & Emma Kate
Dale & Libby Peterson
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Dewayne, Caroline, Kennedy,
Grant, & Carter Purvis
Mary Ann, Cliff, & Charlann
Potter
Laura & Keith Reinstetle
Jean, Paul, & Mary
Jean, Paul, & Mary
Their Family
Ben Shell
Tommy & Marcie Smith
Tommy & Marcie Smith
Lois Taylor
The Alan Walker Family
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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

Caroling for the Children

Friday, December 5, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Gay Street Parking Lot

We will depart at 5:30 p.m. in the church bus to go caroling, visiting church members and assisted living facilities in Auburn. We will come back to the Activities Building for pizza. Pick up will be at the church.

ADVENT

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 6, 8:00 - 12:00 a.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.

Deacon Installation

Sunday, January 11, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Committee Night

Sunday, January 11, 6:15 p.m.
Locations to be announced.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Final Meeting December 7*

“Onward Christian Soldiers?”
Mark Johnston

Connecting Faith and Family

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom
Final Meeting December 7*

YOUTH

Youth Choir

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

Youth Sunday Nights

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

Youth Prayer Breakfast

*Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 a.m., Panera
Final Meeting*

Youth Progressive Dinner

Sunday, December 14, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We are starting a new Christmas tradition for the youth - a progressive dinner. We are planning five stops - appetizers, soup/salad, main course, dessert, and gift exchange. Currently we have two stops accounted for but we need three more hosts. We will provide a timing schedule once we have the locations confirmed.

Please let me know if you would like to be a host for one of the three remaining stops. My email is carolinempurvis@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
Final Meeting, December 2*

Finals Study Hours

*December 7 - 11, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Activities Building
Dinner provided, 7:00 p.m.*

We pray for our college students as they finish the semester and take final exams.

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.

Tuesday - 2nd

Youth Prayer Breakfast Panera 7:00 a.m.
Cookie Baking.....Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.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

Christmas Potluck & Business Mtg Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Friday - 5th

Caroling.....Gay Street Lot 5:30 p.m.

Saturday - 6th

Cookie Walk.....True Deliverance 8:00 a.m.

Sunday - 7th

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.
Welcoming Advent.....Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.
Cookie Fellowship.....Fellowship Hall 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday - 10th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 11th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 14th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 21st

Worship Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Wednesday - 24th

Christmas Eve Service..... Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 25th

Church Office Closed

Sunday - 28th

Worship Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Wednesday - 31st

Church Office Closed

Office Closes at 12:00 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

This year we are providing 175 bags. Due to increased costs, we are spending at least \$20 per bag. (Items include 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!

If you are interested in visiting the jail for a weekly Bible Study, there is a planning meeting at First Methodist Church of Opelika on January 5 at 1:30 p.m. We are partnering with First Methodist. If you have questions, contact Laine Adams, laine.b.adams@gmail.com.

Serving the Month of December

Greeters: Zach Deal, Anne Adrian, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Ray and Shirley Brown

Serving December 7, 2025

Extended Session: Jay Spiers, Lyndsay Deal, Katharine Martin

Serving December 14, 2025

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Caroline Purvis, Felicia McInnis

Serving December 21, 2025

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, DeWayne Purvis, Anna Coxwell

Serving December 28, 2025

Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, Anna Thompson, Lee McInnis

COOKIE WALK

We are offering an opportunity to bake cookies on Tuesday, December 2 at 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. RSVP to Charlotte Sutton (suttocd@auburn.edu).

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