



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

January 5
Second Sunday of Christmas
Isaiah 60.1-6
Matthew 2.1-12

January 11
Baptism of the Lord
Deacon Ordination
Isaiah 42.1-9

Lay Worship Leader for January:
Patrick White

REMINDERS

Committee Night

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

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Sunday morning, January 11.

(Childcare will be provided.)

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 29
Fellowship Hall
Dinner at 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Agenda Items: 2025 Financials,
2026-2027 GMO Budget, 2026
Nominating Committee Members

What is New This Year?

By: Tripp Martin

As we begin another year this New Year's Day, we are thankful for new beginnings! We bid farewell to 2025 with gratitude and thanksgiving, but we also embrace 2026 as a fresh start.

But what is new in this year?

As we begin again, we cannot always anticipate what will be new. When we begin to write a story on a blank piece of paper, we might have an ending in mind, but we never know where the story will take us until we start writing. Our resolutions need to keep this in mind. We do not need to assume where the year will lead as we begin!

In any beginning, we need to be mindful of God's presence, so that we are listening for God's wisdom and grace. We invite God to become a co-writer of our story. The plot and the events of our story benefit from God's wisdom and grace. There will be conflict and resolution as well as twists and turns in the story. But we are do not write alone! We find assurance in this as we begin again.

As we imagine what might be new this year, we can learn from the past. God has a track record of grace, hope, and love! There is a precedent for God's renewal, redemption, restoration! We can anticipate God doing a new thing because God has done new things in the past. We are not sure what they will be, but we can listen for them.

We already have meetings and appointments on our calendar for 2026. We can begin again by remaining open to what is not on the calendar—the friendships, the opportunities, the lessons, the gifts of grace. It might be on Committee Night. It could be at work. It might happen at a meeting. It could be in worship. We might encounter God's grace in a new way!

We cannot always anticipate what will be new, but we can remain open to it. We give thanks for the new things of 2025 as we also anticipate what will be new in 2026.

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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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

"5 Books for the Year"

January 11, Tripp Martin

"Sacred Wonder: Awakened by the Awe of God"

January 25; February 1, 8, & 15

Tripp Martin

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Resumes January 11

JAIL MINISTRY

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.

Deacon Installation

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

Committee Night

Sunday, January 11, 6:15 p.m.

Locations to be announced.

MARGARET & DAVID PERRY FOUNDATION

We continue to be grateful for the Margaret & David Perry Foundation! In the past, they have awarded the church grants for building our accessibility ramp in the Courtyard and the accessible bathrooms in the Activities Building.

This year the foundation has awarded the church \$20,000 to renovate and enhance our Children's Ministry areas. Sue Walker, as our Sunday School Director, and others, have been working to create plans for this area after the closing of the CDC. We appreciate Sue Walker submitting this grant for this opportunity. She will work with the Preschool and Children's Committee on this project. This is an exciting opportunity as we plan for the future! We are grateful for the foundation's generosity and for Betsy Jordan and her family for connecting us with this foundation's work.

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.*

Resumes January 11

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

Resumes January 11

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.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

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

Resumes January 8

"Faithful Footsteps: A Baptist Legacy"

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 29, 5:45 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:
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YOUTH

Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Resumes January 25

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Resumes January 11

Youth Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday, January 6, 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.

Winter Youth Retreat
Callaway Gardens
January 16-18, 2026

COLLEGE

Bible Study & Breakfast
Sundays, 10:15 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)

Tuesday Night Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Activities Building
Resumes January 13

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Thank you for always supporting our college ministry. This important mission and ministry of our church could not happen without the support of our entire congregation. One of the most meaningful things we do is offer students a meal and opportunity for fellowship to begin each Tuesday night. If you are interested in sponsoring a dinner or preparing a home-cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this spring, please email college@auburnfbc.org

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 6:00p.m.

Thursday - 1st
Church Office Closed

Sunday - 4th
No Evening Activities

Thursday - 8th
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 11th
Children's Committee Mtg Fellowship Hall 12:15 p.m.
College Committee Mtg Activities Bldg 12:15 p.m.
Youth Committee Mtg Youth Room 12:15 p.m.
Children's Choirs..... Education Bldg 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.
Committee Night TBD 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 13th
College Bible Study Activities Bldg 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 14th
Conversational English Activities Bldg 10:00 a.m.
First Bells..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 15th
Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP

Advent De-decorating
Sunday, January 4, 3:00 p.m.

The Flower Committee will take down and put away all of the Advent decorations and need as many helpers as possible. Please plan to join them if you can!

PrimeTimers
Tuesday, January 20, 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
We'd love to have you join us. More details will be shared soon!



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MISSIONS

Missions in 2026

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2026, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. We supported missions locally, regionally, and globally.

The numbers do not completely tell the story of the impact of these efforts and service. We pause at the beginning of the year to reflect on these gifts from 2025 and their impact, giving thanks for our opportunity to serve others! We could never name everything that took place through the missions of the church, but we are thankful for this work as well as everything that took place behind-the-scenes.

CBF Missions	\$38,165.87
Global Ministries Offering, March 2025	\$23,920.00
Community Market, Baby Shower	\$1,022.08
VBS, Offering for Eddie Aldape	\$306.09
Children's Sabbath Mission Offering	\$150.00
Building Together, Accessible Ramps	\$500.00
Benevolence Offering in 2025	\$16,510.00
Missions in General Fund	\$2,000.40
Youth Missions, Parking Lot Fund	\$14,100.00
Encourager Church	\$5,000.00
Community Market, Capital Campaign	\$10,000.00
Total	\$111,674.44

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Zach Deal, Anne Adrian, Kellie Wilson

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

Visitors: Ray and Shirley Brown

Serving January 4, 2026

Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, Marcie Smith

Serving January 11, 2026

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell

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