



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

June 7
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 12:1-9
Gary Furr preaching

June 14
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Lay Worship Leader for June:
Chad Parish

REMINDERS

Vacation Bible School
June 1-4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Day of Service
*Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.,
Community Market*

Email tmartin@auburnfbc.org
to participate.

Making Ourselves Available

By: Tripp Martin

The first principal of Regents College at Oxford University was Dr. James Houston. The college grew out of the root system of the Baptist movement in England. The nonconformists (Baptists) could not obtain a degree without signing the doctrines of the Church of England, so a school, or education society, was started for these dissenters (Baptists). It eventually became a part of Oxford University.

Dr. Houston passed away earlier this year at the age of 103. He spent his career teaching spiritual theology, or what we call, spiritual formation. It is how our lives, and souls, are formed and shaped by the steadfast love of God. In looking back at his life, and all the years he experienced, we know that he experienced the highs and lows, and chaos, of life. There is not a life, which is untouched by these experiences, especially over the course of 103 years.

Knowing that life is always swirling around us with such force, even during the slower tempo of summer, we crave insights about spiritual formation. We want to know how to gather strength, develop wisdom, and foster clarity! Dr. Houston once wrote about spiritual formation, "Our job is mostly to make ourselves available."

On the surface, it does not seem remarkable until we consider what it does not mean. It does not mean we have to achieve or accomplish something. We do not have to keep adding to our lives or increasing our effort until we perfect them. We only have to make ourselves available to God's steadfast love!

The posture of making ourselves available is different from increasing our effort. It is making room and creating margin in our lives, so we can listen and pray, worship and serve, love and be loved. As we enter the heart of summer, may we seek opportunities to make ourselves available to God's steadfast love.

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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

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 9

Round Table

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

Resumes August 9

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Resumes August 9

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

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

Resumes August 6

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Our next PrimeTimers will be on June 16th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear from Dr. Lane Sauser discussing her book, "Practicing War: Love Letters from a GI", a sweet love story about her parents' courtship during World War II. We will serve coffee and breakfast type goodies for all to enjoy. Please come and bring a friend!!

TRANSPORTATION

We are currently gauging the need for transportation on Sunday. If you need transportation to attend Sunday School and worship on Sunday mornings, please email krmwilson6797@gmail.com.

AFBC INSTAGRAM

We have launched an Instagram page for Auburn FBC. Follow along for updates!

Follow us here: @auburnfirstbaptist



VBS



VBS 2026

"Snowball Mountain Challenge"

June 1-4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

YOUTH

Youth Bowling

Sunday, June 14, 5:00 p.m., Good Times

Hosted by the Martins

We will meet at Good Times at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00, and it can be given to Caroline or the church office. We will bowl for an hour and then return to the Activities Building for dinner. Pickup is at 7:00 p.m. at the Activities Building.

Youth SOS

June 28, July 12 & 19

Details to be announced!

Passport Youth Camp

Lees-McRae College

Banner Elk, North Carolina

June 7-11, 2026

Cost: \$525, Deposit: \$50

Youth Choir

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

Resumes August 9

Youth Sunday Nights

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

Resumes August 9

CHILDREN

Family Day of Service

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m., Community Market

Families and their children (ages 4+) are invited to come for a day of service at the Community Market. We will restock shelves along with other tasks. We will meet at the Community Market at 9:00 a.m. (1606 First Avenue, Opelika, AL 36801). Wear closed-toed shoes. If you are planning on coming, please email Tripp, (tmartin@auburnfbc.org).

Passport Kids Camp

*Rock Eagle
Eatonton, Georgia
July 12-15, 2026
Students 3rd-5th grades
Cost: \$425, Deposit: \$50*

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 August 9*

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Resumes August 9*

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Rise Against Hunger

*Sunday, July 26, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

The youth are hosting a Rise Against Hunger event and are inviting the congregation to join them!

CBF General Assembly

*June 17-19
Jacksonville, Florida*

Register: <https://events.cbf.net/assembly/begin>

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.

Thursday - 4th

VBS Education Building 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

No Evening Bible Study

Saturday - 6th

Family Day of Service.....Community Market 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 7th

Passport Youth Departs.....Gay St. 5:00 a.m.

No Evening Activities

Thursday - 11th

Stewardship Committee.....Library 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

No Evening Bible Study

Sunday - 14th

Youth Committee Meeting.....Activities Building 12:00 p.m.

Youth SOS Good Times 5:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 16th

PrimeTimers.....Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.

Deacons' Meeting.....Seekers Room 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE

Bible Study

*Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)*

Tuesday Night Bible Study

*7:00 p.m., Activities Building
Resumes in August*



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MISSION TRIP

Intergenerational Mission Trip Seed Camp

*Perry County, Alabama
June 28-July 2*

We will be working with Alabama CBF and other congregations for Seed Camp! We are helping to lead a day camp for children. Lodging will be in Marion at a hotel and meals are provided except one night out. Cost depends on room occupancy. (4 person- \$165; 3 person- \$195; 2 person- \$250; Single- \$450). Participants will pay Auburn FBC.

Please email Mark Wilson if you would like to sign up or with questions, mwilson@auburn.edu

SUMMER 2026

Comings & Goings

Passport Youth Camp
June 7-11

Seed Camp
June 28- July 2

Passport Kids Camp
July 12 - July 15

Serving the Month of June

Greeters: Jo Jones, Zach Deal, Belinda Cantrell-Wright

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

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving June 7, 2026

Extended Session: Laine Adams, Jay Spiers

Serving June 14, 2026

Extended Session: Leah Duzy

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