



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

June 21
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Matthew 10:24-39
Romans 6:1b-11

June 28
Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
Matthew 10:40-42
Psalm 13

Lay Worship Leader for June:
Chad Parish

Sheep

By: Tripp Martin

God is described as a shepherd coming to take care of the needs of the sheep. Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd taking care of the flock. We are cared for and tended to by a loving shepherd, where we are led to green pastures, still waters, and protected from our enemies.

In her book, *The Wisdom of Sheep*, Rosamund Young talks about her life on the farm as a shepherd. She has watched and learned about sheep from tending to their needs. We have many assumptions about sheep, which she argues, are not accurate! Sheep are intelligent, resilient, and have personalities.

One aspect of sheep, which we might not assume to true, is that even the unfriendliest sheep, she says, will ask for help. They are aware of their needs, and they are not too proud to seek help. They know the shepherd cares for them, and they will seek the shepherd's assistance.

As we are all aware, asking for help is not easy! It takes bravery and courage to seek assistance from others, and from God. It requires humility and vulnerability, which are even harder to muster when we are in need. But sheep know when it is time to ask for this help! We can learn from them.

There are several statements, which are hard to say, but we do well to say them freely. We should not hesitate to utter them, even when it is hard to do so. We need to constantly learn how to say freely:

"I appreciate you."

"I love you."

"I am sorry."

"I need help."

These four sentences are always worthwhile, and they foster meaning, hope, and community in our lives!

We can learn from sheep and freely say, "I need help." We can open ourselves up to the kindness of others and the love of God through these words.

REMINDERS

PrimeTimers

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

Office Closed

Monday, June 22
(Recognition of Juneteenth)

Passport Kids Camp

July 12-15, Eatonton, Georgia

Rise Against Hunger

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

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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](https://www.instagram.com/auburnfirstbaptist)



YOUTH

Youth Pickleball

Sunday, June 28, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Opelika Sportsplex

BBQ dinner provided

Hosted by the Coxwells

Youth Pool Party

Sunday, July 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,

Grove Hill Pool

Hosted by the Sabos

Youth SOS

July 19

Details to be announced!

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

Youth Bibles

Our Youth Bibles are an important part of our youth ministry at AFBC. Youth receive a new Bible when they enter the sixth grade. They use these Bibles throughout their time in the youth ministry, studying them during Sunday School and Youth Sunday Nights, while also taking them to camps and retreats. When students graduate from high school, they are presented with their Youth Bibles to take with them as they continue their journey of faith.

As we approach a new school year, we invite our family of faith to purchase Bibles for the new group of students joining our youth ministry. The Bibles will be bonded leather and have the student's name on the front cover. Total cost is \$35.00 per Bible. Please consider providing a Bible for one of our youth.

Email financials@auburnfbc.org if you would like to purchase a Bible!

Names for the Bibles:

Charlie Beth Crosby

Elliot White

CHILDREN

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*

VBS

VBS Thank You!

We had a tremendous week at Snowball Mountain Challenge! The kiddos learned how to find their strength in God, no matter what challenges they face. They heard how they can share their gifts to help others, like Joseph. They learned from Esther how to be brave and do hard things. They learned how they can give their all from the story of the widow's two coins. And they learned how to pray like Jesus. There were "snowball" fights and "skiing" relay races, square bubbles, prayer wreaths, and origami crowns. We learned new songs and made new friends!

To all our wonderful volunteers, we literally could not make VBS happen without each and every one of you. Thank you for sharing **your** gifts - of your time, your many talents, and your service.

-Emily Wilkins and Maggie Hudson, Co-Directors

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 night and are inviting the congregation to join them!

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.

Tuesday - 16th

PrimeTimers.....Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting.....Seekers Room 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - 18th

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

No Evening Bible Study

Sunday - 21st

College Committee.....Activities Building 12:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Monday - 22nd

Church Office Closed (Recognition of Juneteenth)

Thursday - 25th

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

No Evening Bible Study

Saturday - 27th

College Whitewater Rafting.....Gay St. Lot 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 28th

Youth Pickleball.....Lake Wilmore 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE

College Whitewater Rafting

Saturday, June 27, 9:00 a.m., Gay St. Lot

We will raft from 11:00-1:30 p.m. (EDT) at Whitewater Express. The cost is \$25. We will return late afternoon. Sign up at college@auburnfbc.org or during Sunday morning Bible Study. Deadline is June 21st. More information is at whitewaterexpress.com.

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

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 21, 2026

Extended Session: TBA

Serving June 28, 2026

Extended Session: TBA

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